



June 16, 2025
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Kristie Laub, Council District 2
Darren Alloway, Council District 3, Council President
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Bill White, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:15 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hartman asked for comments or questions from the audience pertaining to the agenda items. None

The minutes from the June 2nd meeting were presented. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

City Planner Andrew Provines presented annual CF-1 reports from Therma-Tru, Forest River, Multimatic and Colormaster. He reported that he reached out to each of the companies and requested that they send representative to this meeting to answer questions that the Council may have. Forest River was the only one who sent a representative, Eric Howell.



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Mr. Howell stated that he has taken over for Mike Stump, who has retired. He reported that Forest River is still committed to growing in Butler. The RV market is still a little turbulent, but they do have plans in the work for expansions.

Mr. Provines asked what money Forest River has given to the Butler area in the past year. Mr. Howell replied that he does not have that information yet, but he will obtain it. There was then discussion on what Forest River had supported in the area over the past several years.

Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the CF1 reports from Forest River with Council Member Ryan seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Provines pulled up the Colormaster CF1 reports. They did send him the amount of \$124,290 in community giving for 2024. There was discussion. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the CF1 Reports for Colormaster and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The CF1 for Multimatic was next. They provided the amount of \$9,000 in total giving for 2024. There was discussion on how low that number was. The Council would like a representative to come to a meeting to explain that figure. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve their CF1 for this year because the Council does not meet again before the deadline. Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The CF1s for Therma-Tru were last. Their employment numbers are significantly below their projections. There was discussion. The Council would like a representative from Therma-Tru to attend an upcoming Council meeting to explain these discrepancies. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve their CF1 for this year because the deadline does not allow the Council to hold another meeting. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Police Chief Matt Traster reported that the Annual Butler Night Out will be held on June 25th at Maxton Park, from 4 to 7 pm.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that letters about parking have been sent to everyone living within the city limits. He estimated the total cost of sending the letters out to be \$1,393.79.

Mr. Mutzfeld is now working on high grass and the best process for writing tickets.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that DeKalb County is paving County Road 71 between County Road 28 and County Road 30. He also reported that INDOT will begin work on the stop light Wednesday.

Mr. Cline also reported that there have been problems with Frontier working on Sundays. They have now been instructed that they are not allowed to work on Sundays.



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Mr. Cline asked Mayor Hartman if the Street Department needed to continue mowing the empty lots that were sold to a developer. Mayor Hartman replied that they did need to continue to mow. He expects the sale to be finalized around July 18th.

IT Specialist Braxton Minkey reported that there are ongoing issues with the internet connection the city has with Auburn Essential Services. They are saying that the radios need to be replaced. Mr. Minkey doesn't want to go through that expense when we are so close to obtaining fiber service from either Surf or Frontier.

Mr. Minkey is still working on getting everything moved over to a dot gov domain. There have been some problems with Allstar not getting items completed in a timely manner, which has drastically slowed down the process.

Mr. Minkey explained that he is doing a test run of livestreaming the meetings this evening. All public meetings are required to livestream by July 1st. The City of Butler will be livestreaming on YouTube.

Water Superintendent Andy Cintron reported that he is working on getting all of the locates caught up.

Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that there was a water main break on Meadowmere on June 4th. Some of the street curbing will need to be replaced at the same location. They also repaired a water leak at Maxton Park today.

He also reported a CSO Event (Combined Sewer Overflow) on June 5th when the City received 2.1 inches of rain in a very short time.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented some changes to the Utility Customer Handbook to reflect that water leaks and leak adjustment requests need to be addressed in a timely manner. There was discussion concerning the fact that the handbook doesn't clearly reflect the fact that a homeowner is allowed to make their own repairs. She will make the requested wording changes and present it again at the July 7th meeting.

Council Member Ryan asked if the city would be able to do anything about the lack of lighting at the intersection of State Road 1 and County Road 40. There was discussion.

Council Member Laub presented more questions to Clerk-Treasurer Eck about the error found in large industrial billing. Clerk-Treasurer Eck explained how the errors will be avoided in future billings.

Mayor Hartman reported that the City of Butler has an agreement with Steel Dynamics that gives SDI a reduced rate for the first 210,000 gallons of wastewater that they produce in a day. This agreement will expire in September of this year. There was discussion on how to proceed.



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Mayor Hartman reported that the Northern Indiana's Mayor Roundtable will meet at the International Monster Truck Museum on June 27th. He also reported that the Bobcat Youth League will hold an Open House on June 21st at 2 pm to celebrate the opening of four new ball diamonds behind Butler Elementary.

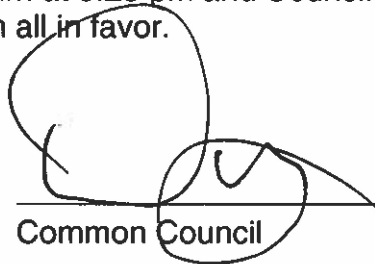
Mayor Hartman asked the Council if they were still in agreement to give the restricted Opioid Funds that the City receives to DeKalb County. If so, he has a new agreement that needs to be signed. County Commission Mike Watson had started the process, but he passed away before everything could be signed. Council Member Alloway made a motion authorizing Mayor Hartman to sign the Opioid Agreement with DeKalb County and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman reported that poison Hemlock was found at the Cemetery, Lagoons and Water Plant. He found someone that could spray it for about \$1,000. He asked that if anyone sees it anywhere else, to please let him know.

Council Member Ryan made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer