



March 17, 2025
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Kristie Laub, Council District 2
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Bill White, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent

Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Darren Alloway, Council District 3, Council President
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7 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 March 3rd meeting were presented. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1801, Re-Establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund**, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance 1801 on its second reading by title and council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1802, Re-Establish the Fire Equipment Replacement Fund**, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve



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Ordinance 1802 on its second reading by title with Council Member Ryan seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1803, the 42nd Update to the Code of Ordinances**, was presented for its first reading by title. Council Member White made a motion to approve Ordinance 1803 on its first reading by title and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Resolution 25-667, Resolution Opposing Property Tax Cuts Without a Corresponding Replacement Revenue Stream**, was introduced. Council Member Ryan asked for more time to consider this because he has missed the last several times and needs time to carefully consider it. Resolution 25-667 tabled until the April 7th meeting.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller reported that the Fire Department has scheduled a series of work details at their training center to work on getting several props made for upcoming training. Chief Mausteller stated that if any of the Council Members would like to do a ride-along with him, to just let him know.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that the Plan Commission will be holding a Public Hearing to consider a rezoning request. The rezoning request will then be presented to the Council in April.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that he and Andrew will be looking at different driveways and parking options through the City.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that his department will be doing a brush pickup for wind damage on Wednesday. Cut brush will not be picked up until the first Monday of the new month, as by policy. He is also working on cemetery cleanup.

IT Specialist Braxton Minkey reported that Facebook comments have not been turned off yet. He is waiting until a replacement option for contacting the City is in place, which he is still working on.

Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that there was a 4-inch watermain break last Friday, which required a boil water advisory. There was also a boil water advisory issued earlier in the week for the area around The Laurels.

Lastly, Mr. Aden reported that Premier Boring hit the main sewer line on North Broadway. They will be working with INDOT for the proper permits in order to fix it.

City Attorney Don Stuckey presented a Resolution to allow Mayor Hartman to sign documents necessary to complete the real estate sale to Mark Baysden. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve the Resolution and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Clerk-Treasurer Eck stated that she put updates to the Municipal Officials Handbook in the Council Member's mailboxes.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented highlights from the Annual Financial Report for 2024, with comparisons to 2023. Attachment 1

Council Member Laub asked if anyone knew why the barricades were set up so crazy in the 100 Block of West Main. Street Superintendent Mark Cline stated that INDOT is the one who put them there. He will provide Council Member Laub with contact information for them after the meeting.

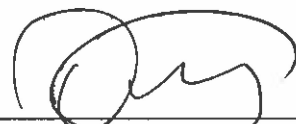
Janie Johnson from 205 W. Oak asked what steps needed to be taken to have the Council reconsider allowing chickens in town. There was discussion. Mayor Hartman stated that she needs to get other residents on board with her. A petition would be possible, just make sure that only City residents sign it. Mayor Hartman also requested that she get copies of ordinance allowing chickens from other communities.

Lois Myers from 300 Meadowmere stated that the Council would also need to keep in mind that chickens do carry diseases.

Council Member Laub made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer