



May 5, 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
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent

Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
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

Michael O'Keefe and Todd Payne from Frontier presented information on Frontier's plans to begin installing a fiber network in Butler. They plan on using existing utility poles in most cases. Seventy percent of the build will be aerial. The plan includes 1300 residential customer locations, with up to 7 Gig in speeds. They will make repairs to their existing aerial equipment and the poles as they go through the build process. They propose to start the build in June and have it last about three months. There was discussion.

The minutes from the April 21st meeting were presented. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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City Planner Andrew Provines reported that he and Chris Gaumer are still working with the County Commissioners on a local permitting agreement. They will be presenting more information to the Commissioners on May 12th.

Assistant Police Chief Cory Rowe reported that Officer Jason Creech started the Police Academy today and will graduate in August.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld presented more information to the Council about the codes that he sees as the highest priority for updating. Attachment 1

There was discussion on parking problems around the City. Mr. Mutzfeld has already begun working with people that have cars in their yards. Mr. Provines will send the Council a link that will allow them to look up various City codes.

Mr. Provines suggested that the Council pick an item from Mr. Mutzfeld's list and focus on it. Then move onto the next item once a resolution has been reached. Mayor Hartman would like the Council to address the Parking limitations first. It has been in discussion for over two years. Mr. Provines stated that he is currently working on a thoroughfare plan to help the parking problems.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that his department worked on monthly brush pickup today. They will finish up tomorrow. He also stated that brush pickup will be done for the month of May unless there is another storm, then storm damage pickup will be three days after a storm.

IT Specialist Braxton Minkey reported that he is waiting on Townweb to finish setting up 311 before stopping comments on the City's Facebook page. He also reported that the City will begin moving away from Google this month and transitioning over to Microsoft Outlook. He will meet with each department and train them on how Outlook will work.

Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that his department did pass the 6th WET Test. That means the Wastewater Facility will go into a 12-month Compliance Demonstration Test Period. They will need to pass WET test in October and April of 2026 to exit the TRE Process.

Mr. Aden reported that they will begin flushing hydrants next week and will be hosting an Alliance class later this week.

Council Member Alloway thanked the City employees for the work that was done at South Side Park. The improvements were well worth the money and it is being used every day.

Mayor Hartman reported that Indiana Brownfield will be performing soil bore tests at Susie Park on May 6th and 7th.

Mayor Hartman also reported that he attended an RDA meeting in Wabash a couple of weeks ago. The RDA gave a verbal approval of a \$2.2 million grant, but there are a few things that need to be



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worked out first. The RDA would like to have a potential occupier for the Bohn property identified and committed.

Mayor Hartman added that the RDA's next meeting will be in Butler later this month.

Mayor Hartman reported that damage invoices have been sent to Directline for the damages that were caused during the Surf installation. The bills total a little over \$8,000.

Tracey Robideau from Butler Main Street reported that 71 banners honoring Butler's Veterans will be on display from Memorial Day to Veterans Day.

Mayor Hartman thanked Tracey Robideau, Seth Gump, Mike Wasson and Connie Bungard for all of the work that they put into the Military Banner Project.

Council Member Alloway made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer