



May 19, 2025
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Bill White, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Kristie Laub, Council District 2
Darren Alloway, Council District 3, Council President
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent

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

Clerk-Treasurer Eck swore in new Reserve Police Officer Dakota Snyder.

The minutes from the May 5th meeting were presented. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller reported that all of the Storz connections for the fire hydrants will be delivered Tuesday. He also reported that the DeKalb County Redevelopment Commission



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approved the purchase of a new Tanker Truck and Brush Truck for the department. Hose testing will be completed on Wednesday and they will be using the hydrant at the Fire Station.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that the Council will need to approve an Interlocal Agreement with DeKalb County for the permitting software and storing the data on it. Once everything is complete, residents will be able to go online to request permits.

Mr. Provines reported that he received CF-1s from Multimatic, Forest River and Colormaster. The Council will now have 45 days to review and approve them.

Police Chief Matt Traster thanked the Council and Mayor for their support during his surgery and recovery.

Chief Traster reported that Butler Night Out will be held on June 25th. He also reported that his department will start a community outreach program next week called Project Slow Down! Residents can request yard signs from the PD.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld requested that the Council begin discussion on Parking Limitations this evening. He made the following points:

- *Council Member White did visit the office for discussion and was thanked.

- *Just this morning, Mr. Mutzfeld took pictures of every parking violation that he saw. There were 64 pictures and several had more than one violation in them. Judge Obendorf would not be happy to have 64 parking tickets turned in today.

- *Parking Violations have gone on for so long with no enforcement that it will be difficult to stop them.

Council Member White stated that he would like to see warnings given before any tickets are issued.

Mr. Provines stated that the City could do a Facebook campaign about parking and tell everyone that they have until X date to comply. If a resident is unable to comply, he would like them to reach out to the City.

There was more discussion on an actual marketing campaign, including mailers to the residents.

There was discussion on finding where infrastructure is being damaged by unlawful parking.

The Council agreed that a marketing campaign needs to be done before any tickets can be issued.

Council Member Ryan also would like the Plan Commission to finalize and approve the parking regulations.

Mayor Hartman reminded the Council that if a deadline for parking compliance is set, they should not extend the deadline.



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Mayor Hartman reported from Street Superintendent Mark Cline that the new John Deere tractor was delivered last Friday.

It Specialist Braxton Minkey reported that he has purchased an owl camera for the Council Chambers. He plans on testing the livestreaming process at a meeting in June. The meetings will be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. This will meet the July 1st deadline given by the State of Indiana that all City and Town meetings be livestreamed.

City Attorney Don Stuckey reported that he did prosecute two tickets last week and that both tickets have not been paid.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that the 30-day Remonstrance Period for residents to object to the re-establishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund and the Fire Equipment Replacement Fund expired on May 16th.

She also reported that the City of Butler will receive additional revenue from the Local Option Income Tax for this year. \$113,779 for the General Fund, \$34,968 for Public Safety and \$34,502 for CEDIT.

Lastly, she received the 2025 Circuit Breaker Report earlier in the day. The City will not receive a total of \$15,010.32 in property taxes this year due to circuit breakers.

Mayor Hartman reported that most of the Military Veteran Banners have been hung. He also reminded the Council that a Budget Training meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on June 18th at 4:15.

Mayor Hartman reported that the Regional Redevelopment Authority held their meeting here on May 13th. They have now verbally approved to granting \$2.3 million for the Bohn site cleanup and demolition. The only item missing now is a contract with the actual end user of the site. He has a deadline of April 2026 to get that in place.

Mayor Hartman stated that SES found three different tanks buried at the former R&R Fitness site. They have been removed and are now waiting on testing to be completed.

Mayor Hartman received a call from Wilmington Township about water issues in their building. Water is coming from 108 East Oak and ruining their ceiling. Mayor Hartman is having trouble getting the owner of 108 to return his calls so that the issues can be addressed. He stated that if communication remains a problem, the Unsafe Building may need to meet to address the building.

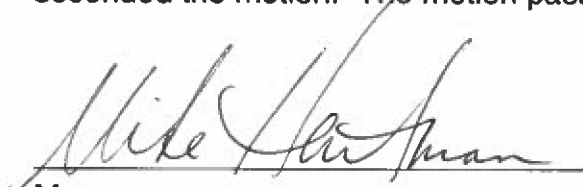
A resident reported that he had items stolen out of his boat last week and has now found the items at various locations on his property. He did not report the incident because he didn't think it would happen again. He found out today that his neighbor across the street had the same thing happen.



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Chief Traster reminded him and the audience that all incidents like that should be reported. The police have no idea that they have happened unless they are reported and that there could be similar incidents occurring. The police can watch out for things as they happen.

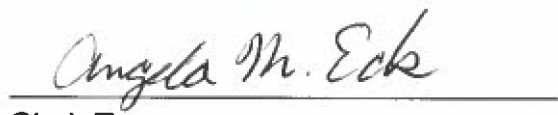
Council Member Ryan made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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