



November 17, 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  
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer  
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent  
Andy Cintron, Water 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**

Bill White, Council at Large  
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent

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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 November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were presented. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Mayor Hartman announced that the Ordinance Committee would hold their first meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. He asked that the Council perform first reading for the ordinances on the agenda and that the committee review them on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Proposed Ordinance 1812, Update Fees for False Fire Alarms and Hazardous Material Responses**, was presented for its first reading by title. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1812 on its first reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Proposed Ordinance 1813, Update Fire Cost Recovery Fund**, was presented for its first reading by title. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1813 on its first reading and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 1378, pertaining to South Shore Mobile Home Park**, were presented for their first reading. Mayor Hartman reported that he and City Planner Andrew Provines met with the owner of South Shore, Britton Post, to discuss the fees that the current ordinance states will be added once the Park reaches 40 units. The number 40 does not make it cost-effective for Mr. Post to go over that amount and more housing units are needed within the City. Mayor Hartman would like to amend the Ordinance to state that the additional fees don't go into effect until the Park reaches 60 units.

There was discussion on the capacity of the Park and speed limit signage. Mr. Post stated that the capacity is between 75 and 100 units.

Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the amendments and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Resolution 25-671, Updates to the Credit Card Policy** was presented. Clerk-Treasurer Eck asked Mayor Hartman if he wanted the Ordinance Committee to review the resolution before passage because resolutions only need one reading for full passage. Council Member Alloway made a motion to table Resolution 25-671 so that the Ordinance Committee could review it. Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller reported that work has begun at the Fire Station on the approved water and electrical upgrades. He thinks that they will be done by the end of the week.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutfeld is continuing to write more parking tickets. He is also starting to look at housing conditions as winter approaches.

IT Specialist Braxton Minkey reported that he hopes to have the City's internet provider switched over to Surf on Thursday.



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Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that his department has winterized the storm facility and that the UV system is also shut down and winterized. The camera truck is back up and operating and the annual Industrial Inspections were completed on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented proposed changes to the Travel Policy found in the Employee Handbook. Clarifications need to be made. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve the updated to the Travel Policy and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Hawkins asked if the new house in the 300 block of North Broadway had been notified that they should not be parking with vehicles sticking out into the street and blocking the sidewalk. Mr. Mutzfeld reported that he has spoken with them on several occasions about the parking regulations. Police Chief Traster stated that if anyone notices it happening again to please notify the Police Department immediately and they will be issued a ticket.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that the Department of Local Government Finance has sent the 1782 Notice for the City's 2026 Budget. No reductions are required at this time.

Mayor Hartman reported that he spoke with INDOT today about the US 6 Closure. INDOT will be reopening the road after Thanksgiving. He also reported that Bill White arrived safely in Utah yesterday. Lastly, he reported that the Monster Truck Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony occurred over the weekend and there were over 300 people in attendance. They came from 27 different states, Mexico and Canada.

Mayor Hartman opened the **Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan** at 7:30 PM. He turned the Public Hearing over to City Planner Andrew Provines.

Mr. Provines stated that the Comprehensive Plan had not been updated since 2001 and that it is now required to include a Future Land Use Map. There were also many updates that needed to be made. He explained that extra-territorial jurisdiction only means that zoning requests in that jurisdiction need to be started at the City level instead of the County level. This does NOT change property taxes in any way, shape, or form and is also NOT an annexation. City Ordinances also do not apply in the extra-territorial jurisdiction. The Butler Police Department and Code Enforcement will not be enforcing any ordinance or code violations outside the City limits.

Mrs. Perkins from 6744 County Road 32 asked if they will still be able to have farm animals. Mr. Provines stated that yes, they will because they are zoned as agricultural and that City Codes do not apply to her address.



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Mr. Higley from 3341 State Road 1 asked if he needed to come to the City for building permits. Mr. Provines replied that he will, but that DeKalb County will still perform the actual inspections.

Mr. Higley then asked why Butler needs to even have an extra-territorial jurisdiction (buffer zone). Mr. Provines replied that it allows the City to know what is going on around them. Council Member Alloway also stated coming to the City for permits instead of the County should make it easier for the residents.

Mr. Higley replied that he doesn't get to vote in the City. Mr. Provines stated that the extra-territorial jurisdiction doesn't have anything to do with the tax structure. Mayor Hartman stated that he does have the right to vote in the county and that the county still controls the tax structure in the extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Dean Malcom from 7157 County Road 34 asked if he will be able to use his hog house if he decides to. It can hold 400 to 500 head. Mr. Provines stated that it is an existing business and doesn't see it being a problem. City Attorney Don Stuckey stated that it only becomes an issue if he wants to make it so large that it would be considered a Confined Feeding Operations, which is an entirely different issue.

Mr. Malcom then asked if he calls 911 and the County isn't able to get to him, will the Butler Police Department respond. Chief Traster replied that they already do that if they are not on a separate incident or call.

Mr. Malcom next asked why he had to pay for a library card when he lives in Wilmington Township. Clerk-Treasurer Eck replied that the Butler Library is a separate taxing unit that only covers the City of Butler. He would need to speak with his township trustee to see if the township would be willing to join the library taxing district.

Mayor Hartman closed the Public Hearing at 8:02 PM. He asked that the Council make a motion to accept the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the 2025 Comprehensive Plan with Council Member Ryan seconding. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman opened the **Public Hearing for the Inter-Local Agreement with DeKalb County Regarding Planning, Zoning, Subdivision Control, Permitting and Enforcement Jurisdiction** at 8:04 PM.

Mr. Provines summarized the agreement and stated that the City did add language stating that it will not force people to connect to City Utilities if it doesn't make sense or is too costly.



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Hearing no questions or concerns about the Inter-Local Agreement, Mayor Hartman closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 pm.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the Inter-Local Agreement and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Provines reported that the County Plan Commission will discuss and vote on these same topics on Wednesday. It will then be sent to the County Commissioners.

Council Member Alloway made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

  
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