



October 6, 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
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Don Stuckey, City Attorney

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Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:10 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hartman opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2026 Budget. He asked for comments or questions pertaining to the proposed budget. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 7:11 pm.

Mayor Hartman opened the Public Hearing for proposed Additional Appropriations. He asked for questions or comments pertaining to the additional appropriation. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 7:12 pm.

Mayor Hartman announced that Ron Mausteller is the new Full-Time Fire Chief for the City of Butler and the Butler-Wilmington Fire Territory.



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

The minutes from the September 15th meeting were presented. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1807, Authorizing and Stating Methods of Payment Accepted by the City of Butler**, was presented for its second reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1807 and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1808, Additional Appropriations**, was presented for its second reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1808 and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1809, Proposed Budget for 2026**, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance 1809 and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1805, Employee Salaries for 2026**, was presented for its first reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1805 as amended and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1806, Elected and Appointed Salaries for 2026**, was presented for its first reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1806 and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1810, Community Cats Program**, was presented for its first reading. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1810 and Council Member White seconded the motion. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1810 on its second reading with Council Member White seconding. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to suspend the rules and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1810 on its third reading and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1797, Amendment 2 for Revisions to the Fire Chief Salary** was presented for its first reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the amendments to Ordinance 1797 and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the Amendment on its second reading and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Alloway made a motion to suspend the rules and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve



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the revision on its third reading with Council Member Laub seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Resolution 25-669, Interlocal Agreement Between Butler City Court and Town of Ashley, Indiana**, was presented. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the Resolution and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld requested that the Council decide how they would like him to proceed with residents who are leaving garbage and recycling cans sit at the street beyond what is allowed by ordinance. Some cans are just continually left at the street. He asked that each Council Member discuss this issue with him.

IT Specialist Braxton Minkey reported that the DeKalb County Government IT infrastructure was recently hacked and a lot of their services are down. He and Advanced IT have gone through all of the City of Butler systems and made sure that our data is secure. He reminded everyone to be very careful with emails and asked that if anything looks questionable to send it to him.

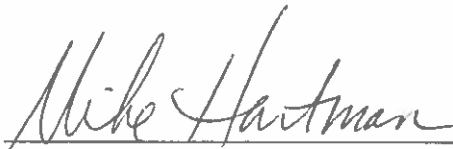
The Council discussed moving Door to Door Trick or Treating back to October 31st. Mayor Hartman stated that there were many Facebook comments about having it on the 25th that were not favorable.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to move Trick or Treating to October 31st, from 5 to 7 pm and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman reminded everyone that the Harvest Festival is this weekend.

Mayor Hartman is re-forming the Ordinance and Resolution Committee. Stuart Mutzfeld, Kristie Laub, Martin Wood, Braxton Minkey and Mayor Hartman are members. Mayor Hartman is looking for two citizens who would also like to be on this committee that will meet once a month.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer