



December 15, 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
Gerald Eldridge, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Stuart Mutfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent:

Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk-Treasurer Eck swore in Gerald Eldridge as the new Councilman At Large.

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

The minutes from the December 1st meeting were presented. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Proposed **Ordinance 1378, South Shore Mobile Home Park amended**, was presented for its second reading by title. Mayor Hartman stated that the Ordinance Committee has reviewed it and approve the changes. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance 1378 on its second reading by title with Council Member Eldridge seconding. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance 1378 on its third reading by title and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Resolution 25-672, Annual Banking Resolution, was presented. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Resolution 25-672 and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Resolution 25-673, Transfers from One Fund to Another, was presented. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Resolution 25-673 and Council Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Resolution 25-674, Transfers of Appropriation, was presented. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve Resolution 25-674 and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Resolution 25-675, Encumbrances for 2026, was presented. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve Resolution 25-675 and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller thanked everyone for the help with making the changes at the Fire Station a success this year.

Police Chief Matt Traster reported that his department completed Shop With A Cop last week and assisted 14 families with 21 children.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld presented his annual report. He issued 54 warnings and 5 written tickets. Written tickets do require a court appearance. He also reported that next summer he plans to work some evenings so that he can reach out to people who are at work during the day.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that the DeKalb County Commissioners did approve the interlocal agreement for extraterritorial jurisdiction last week.

Street Superintendent Kris Tadsen thanked Mayor Hartman for giving him the opportunity to be the Superintendent.

Mayor Hartman presented a report from Braxton Minkey that detailed the work that he and Advanced IT did over the weekend. They made a lot of progress in cleaning up the City Hall IT closet and installing the new switches.



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Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that the SDI Lift Station overflowed again. His department also worked on an industrial force main break and an air release valve.

Council Member Ryan thanked Council Member Laub for running the Fire Board Meeting last week. She did a good job.

Council Member Alloway reported that he is proud of the things that have been accomplished this year and thinks that everything is heading the right direction into the future.

Council Member Laub stated that she was going to say the same thing as Council Member Alloway. She thanked everyone for their dedication and thanked the mayor for all the hours that he is working. She thinks making the position full-time was a good move.

Mayor Hartman thanked Ace Monument for righting and resetting the monuments that were knocked over by a vehicle last week. They did this at no charge.

Mayor Hartman thanked the department heads for all of the hard work that they have put in this year. He stated that all of them put in over 80 hours for the last pay period.

Mayor Hartman also thanked Jim Davis for attending Council meetings consistently and spreading the word that people should attend.

Council Member Alloway thanked Andrew Provines for volunteering at every event this year, even though he is only a part-time employee.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer