



January 5, 2026  
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor  
Kristie Laub, Council District 2  
Darren Alloway, Council District 3, Council President  
Gale Ryan, Council District 4  
Gerald Eldridge, Council as Large  
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer  
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent  
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent  
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief  
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist  
Stuart Mutfeld, Code Enforcement  
Andrew Provines, City Planner  
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney  
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent:

Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1  
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent

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Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:09 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hartman presented Jimmie Eck with an award for over 30 years of service with the Butler Fire Department. Mr. Eck started as a reserve firefighter in 1992 and was a fire officer for a majority of his years with the department, ranging from Captain, Assistant Chief and Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller thanked Mr. Eck for assisting him with the department's transition to a paid fire chief.

Council Member Alloway thanked Mr. Eck for his service and stated that the Eck family has been involved in the community since he was a child.



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Mr. Eck replied that with his son Josiah joining the department, there have been five generations of Eck's on the Butler Fire Department.

Mandy Cline thanked Mr. Eck and his family for many years of service. She knows firsthand how difficult it can be on the family with missed parties and events because of fire calls.

Police Chief Matt Traster also thanked Mr. Eck for his service and his assistance with the police department.

Mayor Hartman stated that the Butler Fire Department will hold a retirement party for Jimmie at the American Legion Post 202 on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited.

Mayor Hartman asked for nominations for Council President.

Council Member Alloway nominated Kristie Laub for Council President. Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The nominations for Council President were closed. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

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

Resolution 26-676, Transfer of Appropriations, was presented for reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the resolution with Council Member Ryan seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller reported that the larger water line has been installed at the fire station. It is nice to have good water pressure. He also reported that he is working with the air pack committee on getting air packs ordered.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that he will begin working on getting the permitting software up and running. He is also looking at old planning ordinances to see if anything needs to be removed or updated.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that most people seem to be parking correctly now. He intends to move his focus to garbage cans and large item pickups now.



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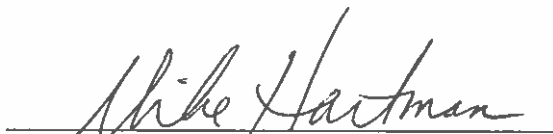
IT Specialist Braxton Minkey reported that he is still working on updating the city's network. Firewall replacement is next on his list.

Council Member Alloway asked if anything could be done about the potholes at the corner of Federal and Main. Mayor Hartman stated that he will reach out to INDOT about them and see if they could be filled. Council Member Alloway also reported that the 500 block of West Liberty is a muddy mess. City Planner Andrew Provines reported that he will reach out to the contractor building the new house and tell them that they need to clean up the mess.

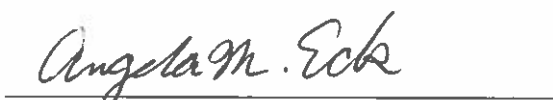
Council Member Laub also thanked Mr. Eck for his service on the fire department.

Mayor Hartman reported that Kendall Sheline is performing very well in her wastewater classes. She is second in her class with a 98.3% grade average.

Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

  
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Mayor

  
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