



February 2, 2026
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Kristie Laub, Council District 2, 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
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent

Absent:

Darren Alloway, Council District 3
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Matt Traster, Police Chief

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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 January 19th meeting were presented. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1812, Updating the Fees for False Fire Alarms & Hazardous Materials Responses**, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member Eldridge made a



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motion to approve Ordinance 1812 on its second reading with Council Member Ryan seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

City Attorney Don Stuckey reported that this Ordinance will need to be published before the third reading.

Proposed Ordinance 1814, Amending Water Rates for the Fire Department, was presented for its first reading by title. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve Ordinance 1814 on its first reading with Council Member Eldridge seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve Ordinance 1814 on its second reading and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller reported that he is working with several companies in Butler about getting their fire alarm systems back up to code. Fire Alarm Codes are set by State Statute.

Water Superintendent Andy Cintron thanked everyone for their support during the water outage.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented the following Surety Bonds for approval:

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| i. Samantha Baker, Police Clerk | \$15,000 |
| ii. Connie Bungard, Court Clerk | \$15,000 |
| iii. Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer | \$300,000 |
| iv. Colleen Hennessey, Utility Clerk | \$115,000 |
| v. Lisa LaLonde, Assistant Clerk | \$15,000 |
| vi. Diana Mutzfeld, Court Clerk | \$15,000 |
| vii. Richard Obendorf, Judge | \$15,000 |
| viii. Redevelopment Commissioners: Robert Beck, Cris Clevenger, Dwight Myers, and Justin Smith | \$15,000 each |

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve all of the surety bonds and Council Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Hawkins stated that she is happy to receive text alerts about problems with the water. They were timely and very helpful.

Council Member Hawkins asked Mayor Hartman if there are any plans to extend the sidewalk on West Main out to Dollar General. Mayor Hartman stated that the City may be able to do something. The last time he spoke to INDOT about it they stated that they would need to acquire more right of way in order for them to do it.



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Council Member Eldridge thanked everyone for their work on the water main break. He also appreciated the text messages. He also asked everyone to start thinking about Butler's 200-year anniversary. It is now 15 years away.

Council Member Ryan commended everyone who actually physically worked on the water main break. He also asked if the Water Department has materials on hand for more repairs if needed.

Water Superintendent Cintron stated that the department is well stocked and that the surrounding communities would assist us if needed.

Council Member Laub thanked everyone as well. She also stated that something needs to be done about High School students not obeying traffic laws when school releases at 3:20, especially on Liberty Street. There was discussion.

Street Superintendent Kris Tadsen stated that he will be installing speed indicator signs when the weather is better.

Mayor Hartman reported that DeKalb Homeland Security will be facilitating a "Lunch and Learn" for us tomorrow. We will be discussing the water main break.

Mayor Hartman also thanked Auburn Mayor Clark for coming over with three of his employees to assist with the water main break. He also reported that Garrett and Edgerton also reached out to him to see if they could assist us in any way.

No comments from the audience.

Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer

