



February 16, 2026
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Kristie Laub, Council District 2, Council President
Darren Alloway, Council District 3
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 Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent:

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Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:11 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 February 2nd meeting were presented. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

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



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City Planner Andrew Provines reported that the Plan Commission will be holding several Public Hearings to make a series of zoning ordinance changes.

Police Chief Matt Traster reported that the new Mural Lights were changed to show support for the girls' basketball team. He also reported that his department's Facebook post about Valentines Day received a lot of attention.

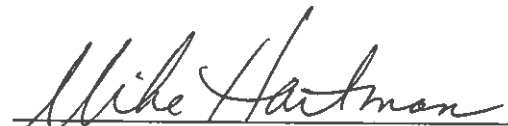
Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that the Code Committee will be discussing garbage and garbage cans and will be brining recommendations to the Council. There was discussion.

Council Member Ryan reported that he is happy to see that this year's festival will include carnival rides. He asked Mayor Hartman about volunteering opportunities for the festival.

Council Member Alloway asked Chief Traster how close cars are allowed to park to intersections. There was discussion about parking at both ends of Walnut. There was discussion about the current parking ordinances and the proposed Thoroughfare Plan. It was decided that the Ordinance Committee should meet and come up with a proposal on how to correct the parking issues on Walnut Street first.

Mr. Mutzfeld requested that if anyone sees a parking issue or problem, let him know immediately so that he can take pictures to document the problem.

Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer