



March 16, 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
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Colleen Hennessey, Utility Clerk
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutfeld, Code Enforcement
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent:

Darren Alloway, Council District 3
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent

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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

Mayor Hartman swore in Adam Wies as the new Division Chief for the Butler Fire Department.

The minutes from the March 2nd meeting were presented. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Mayor Hartman opened the **Public Hearing** for Updating Fees for False Fire Alarms & Hazardous Materials Responses at 7:15. He asked for comments or questions from the audience. Hearing none, he declared the public hearing closed.

Proposed **Ordinance 1812, Fees for False Fire Alarms and Hazardous Materials Responses**, was presented for its third reading by title. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve Ordinance 1812 on its third reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

Proposed **Ordinance 1814, Amending Section 50.021**, was presented for its third reading by title. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1814 and Council Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller reported that the vendor that supplies all of their electronic medical equipment, Stryker, was hacked recently. They have not experienced any issues with their equipment.

Police Chief Matt Traster reported that his department is now offering a "Birthday With a Badge" for children 13 years old and under.

Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that the wastewater plant passed the WET Test in February. They now only have one more to pass to be declared compliant and pass out to the TRE Study. That last test will be performed sometime between May and October.

Utility Clerk Colleen Hennessey presented a Surety Bond for the Fire Department Secretary, Taylor Kistel, in the amount of \$15,000. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the surety bond and council member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Eldridge asked if any events were happening in Butler in reference to the United States 250th Anniversary. Stuart Mutfeld stated that the Butler Community Church would have a gathering with carry in food, games (no fireworks) on July 4th. Mayor Hartman also replied that the DeKalb County Historical Society is planning a dinner/fundraising event that could include music and food in the Marshall Building and tours of the Historical Society Building.

Council Member Laub asked if the Police Department had any internship positions available. Chief Traster stated that they do not, but the Impact Institute has a Criminal Justice Program.




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Mayor Hartman stated that the members of the Board of Works and Council needed to stay after this meeting to have new pictures for the City's website taken. Photos for the Department Heads will be taken at a later date.

US 6 and CR 61

Mayor Hartman also reported that new streetlights had been installed on ~~County Road 59~~ at the SDI complex and that they improve visibility there.


Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer

