



City of Butler, Indiana

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**COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA
MEETING ON MAY 4, 2026
7:00 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Questions or Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items Only
3. Minutes of previous meeting – April 20th
4. Proposed Ordinances and Resolutions
 - a. Proposed Ord 1816, Amend the Zoning for 116 E. Willow Street
5. Department Reports
 - a. Fire
 - b. Planning
 - c. Police
 - d. Code Enforcement
 - e. Streets
 - f. Parks
 - g. Information Technology
 - h. Water
 - i. Wastewater
6. City Attorney
7. Clerk-Treasurer
8. Council Members
 - a. Parking Limitations
 - b. Garbage Cans
 - c. Power Chairs & E-Bikes
 - d. Leashing of dogs
 - e. Feral Cats
 - f. Minimum Housing Standards
 - g. Snow Removal
9. Mayor
10. Audience and/or Public Comments
11. Adjourn



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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
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent:

Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
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

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

The minutes from the April 6th meeting were presented. Council Member Eldridge 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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Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld introduced a proposed ordinance to amend the Collection of Garbage (51.01 (B) in the Butler City Code). There was discussion on whether or not to perform first reading of the proposed changes. The Council moved forward with performing the first reading. The proposed changes include guidelines for tiny home communities and trailer parks.

Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve **An Ordinance Amending §51.01(B) Collection of Garbage of the City of Butler, Indiana, Code of Ordinances**. Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve the ordinance on its second reading by title and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Alloway made a motion to suspend the rules with Council Member Eldridge seconding. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the ordinance on its third reading by title and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Mutzfeld thanked the Council and stated that information about these updates will be put on the City's Facebook page and notifications will be sent out.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that the Plan Commission will be working on rezoning 116 Willow Street. It is currently zoned heavy industrial and is actually an occupied home. It should be Old Town Residential.

Police Chief Matt Traster reported that he has two new reserve police officers and Butler Night Out will be held on June 24th.

Mr. Mutzfeld asked the Council if they consider parking in the driveway should include all four tires. If only one tire is on the driveway, it is violating the parking ordinance. There was discussion. The Council feels that the rule means all four tires need to be on the driveway.

Mr. Mutzfeld reported that he will begin working on the feral cat problem very soon. There was discussion on what feral cats are and how "Trap and Neuter Release" works. Mayor Hartman stated that there is \$2,500 in this year's budget for this program. He is working with Courtney Butler on finding a vet to perform the surgeries.

Council Member Eldridge asked if there was an ordinance against mowing grass into the street. Street Superintendent Kris Tadsen stated that the Storm Water Ordinance covers that and that information is being put on Facebook about this.

Council Member Hawkins asked if Northcrest Trailer Court falls under all city ordinances. She stated that there are trailers that need to be condemned and that there are problems with garbage and noise. Mr. Mutzfeld stated that it does fall under the city ordinances and that he will stop by the management office and provide them with the ordinances on noise and garbage.



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Mayor Hartman stated that he is looking for volunteers for Butler Days.

Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor

Common Council

Angela M. Eche

Clerk-Treasurer

ORDINANCE NO. 1816

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAPS
OF THE CITY OF BUTLER, INDIANA

WHEREAS, Adriana Gibson filed a Petition with the City Of Butler Plan Commission in Case Number ZMA-2026-01 requesting that the zoning maps be amended from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Old Town Residential (OTR) regarding the following described real estate in Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana:

A part of he West one-half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Thirty-four (34) North, Range Fourteen (14) East, DeKalb County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at a point which is 7 chains South 4 chains and 50 links East from a point where the West line of said Section 12 intersects the South boundary line of the right of way of the New York Central Railroad; thence East 66 feet; thence North 132 feet; thence West 66 feet; thence South 132 feet to the place of beginning.

Commonly known as 116 East Willow Street, Butler, Indiana 46721.

Parcel Number: 23-07-12-151-006.

WHEREAS, the Butler City Plan Commission gave a unanimous favorable recommendation to have the property maps amended to show that the subject real estate be rezoned from Heavy Industrial to Old Town Residential; and,

WHEREAS, Butler City Council agrees with and confirms the recommendation of the Butler City Plan Commission.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Butler City Council that the zoning maps of the City of Butler, Indiana, be amended to show

the above-described real estate as Old Town Residential and no longer as Heavy Industrial.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon passage by the Butler City Council.

DATED: _____

Butler City Council

Tracey Hawkins

Kristie Laub

Darren Alloway

Gale Ryan

Gerald Eldridge

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF BUTLER

Mike Hartman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela M. Eck, Clerk-Treasurer