



May 4, 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
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutfeld, Code Enforcement
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent

Absent:

Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
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 April 20th 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.

Proposed Ordinance 1816, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning at 116 East Willow Street, was presented for its first reading. City Planner Andrew Provines reported that this home was recently



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sold and it was discovered that it had somehow been zoned heavy industrial. It should be Old Town Residential. City Attorney Don Stuckey added that this is the only type of ordinance that cannot be passed in one meeting. The State of Indiana requires that passage occurs over two meetings. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve proposed Ordinance 1816 with Council Member Eldridge seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Provines reported that the Plan Commission held a Public Hearing last month to hear a Development Plan from AutoZone. The Plan Commission did approve the Development Plan and also gave a waiver for the installation of a second driveway. He expects construction to start mid to late summer.

Street Superintendent Kris Tadsen reported that street sweeping started last week. He hopes to sweep again this week, weather permitting.

Water Superintendent Andy Cintron provided the Council with information on how Boil Water Advisories work and why the City of Butler will almost always issue a Boil Water Advisory after repairing a water main break. There was discussion.

Mr. Cintron reported that the Water Audit for 2025 has been completed. Butler has historically showed a large loss of water each year on paper. The loss for 2025 sets at just under 12 million gallons. He reported that this loss is due to aging meters that are not reading correctly, either the meters on the well pumps or the residential utility meters. He will start work on determining which it is and is also going to schedule an actual calibration of the meters at the Water Plant. There was discussion. Residential meters have a typical life expectancy of about 10 years. Most of Butler's are around 8 years old.

Mr. Cintron also reported that he and Dan will begin investigating possible lead service lines in the next couple of weeks and will also be flushing hydrants.

Mayor Hartman reiterated that the City of Butler will always err on the side of caution and issue Boil Water Advisories.

Council Member Eldridge reminded everyone that tomorrow is Primary Election Day and encouraged everyone to go vote. He also asked Mayor Hartman if he could provide more information about the grocery store closing.

Mayor Hartman stated that he has reached out to other area grocery stores about it. Most of them are not interested in taking it over. He estimated that a new 8,000 square foot grocery store would require a \$1.2 million investment.

Council Member Laub asked Mayor Hartman if it is true that Dairy Queen will be building a store in Butler. He stated that he cannot answer that question at this time.



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Council Member Laub then asked if IT Specialist Braxton Minkey could provide the number of people that are watching the City of Butler on YouTube. He said that it is currently at 0. There was then discussion about citizens having concerns and then not attending any meetings to have those concerns addressed.

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck announced that she will not be seeking re-election in 2027. She is announcing early so that there is plenty of time to find a replacement. This is not a position that would be easy to fill walking into blind. She expects a period of transition while training is provided to the new clerk-treasurer.


Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer