



City of Butler, Indiana

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**COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA
MEETING ON MAY 18, 2026
7:00 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Questions or Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items Only
3. Minutes of previous meeting – May 4th
4. Proposed Ordinances and Resolutions
 - a. Proposed Ord 1816, Amend the Zoning for 116 E. Willow Street – 2nd Reading
 - b. Proposed Ord 1817, Amend Parking on Walnut Street – 1st Reading
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
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, 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

Common Council

Angela M. Eck

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1817

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BY ADDITION
CHAPTER 71 SCHEDULE III, PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES

WHEREAS, it has been determined that for the benefit and safety of the citizens of Butler, Indiana, that parking be prohibited on the north side of West Walnut Street between Federal Avenue and Western Avenue;

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Butler City Council that Chapter 71, Traffic Schedules III be amended by adding the following:

STREET: West Walnut Street Restricted Zone between Federal Avenue and Western Avenue.

SIDE: North.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon passage and publication according to law.

DATED: June _____, 2026.

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