



April 6, 2026
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Kristie Laub, Council District 2, Council President
Darren Alloway, Council District 3
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
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent:

Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

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Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:10 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 March 16th 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.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that the Plan Commission would be holding several Public Hearings this month.



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Police Chief Matt Traster reported that the Birthday with a Badge Application is now online and up and running. He is also receiving multiple requests to present his Fraud and Scam Seminar at various locations.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld handed out information on possible changes to garbage collection and bin placement, Attachment 1 He is also considering landlord registration for all rental properties. He asked for comments and or questions.

Council Member Eldridge asked what happens with overflowing garbage cans and bags on the ground. Mr. Mutzfeld stated that GFL will only empty the cans and that the driver is not permitted to exit the truck to pick up items on the ground. The only time bags will be picked up is during the large item collection at the beginning of each month.

Mr. Mutzfeld stated that the garbage ordinance was written in 1951. It is more than due for an overhaul.

IT Specialist Braxton Minkey requested that all computer users be vigilant with their email and to not open anything that is even just a little suspicious. Please forward that email to him and he will determine if they are legitimate or not.

Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that Butler received 3.5 inches of rain in the last 5 days. The wastewater plant has been running at full capacity.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck present the 2025 Annual Report Summary. Attachment 2.

Council Member Eldridge reported that he received lots of favorable comments about the Easter Egg Hunt. He also reminded the Council that Butler's 200th Anniversary is coming up in 15 years and that he found out that Waynedale is already working on their anniversary that happens in 2040. He would like to see work begin on it now.

Mr. Eldridge also asked about Butler's 5- and 10-Year Plans. He is being asked about it from the Community and wants those plans made available to the public.

Mayor Hartman reported that SES Environmental will be performing an ECM Geophysical Survey at Susie Park next week. They need to determine where the former City Dump is actually located.

Mayor Hartman also reported that Indiana Brownfield only found naphthalene at the former R&R Fitness site. They will not be placing any use restrictions on the property because anything that is put there will be required to be on City water. They will be issuing a No Further Action Letter for the site in the near future.

Mayor Hartman also reported that DeKalb County was awarded a grant for environmental survey work. They have selected the former Butler Company site to see if it could be used for housing,



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this includes a Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental study. This survey will be performed at no cost to the City.

Mayor Hartman announced that a potential America 250 event could be held at the Marshall Building and could include a pop-up music venue. He is working with a group from Detroit and wants to tie the event to the DeKalb County Historical Museum as a fundraiser. This same group will possibly be purchasing the Marshall Building and have a business up and running in 2028, which is the 100-year anniversary of the Marshall Company.

Mayor Hartman announced that he will be announcing several growth projects, including a housing development within the next 30 to 45 days.

Mayor Hartman requested that the minutes from the March 16th meeting be amended. The location of the new streetlights is actually at the US 6 and County Road 61 intersection. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve the amendment and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer