



April 20, 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  
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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

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.

  
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