



June 1, 2026
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Kristie Laub, Council District 2, Council President
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
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
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent:

Darren Alloway, Council District 3
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent
Matt Traster, Police Chief

This meeting is being Livestreamed and can be found at www.youtube.com/@CityofButlerIN. These meetings will be available for viewing for at least 90 days past the date of the recording.

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:02 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance



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

The minutes from the May 18th meeting were presented. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1819, Shop With a First Responder Fund**, was presented for its first reading by title. Clerk-Treasurer Eck requested that the Council approve this proposal in full tonight because she has funds that she needs to deposit into it. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1819 on its first reading and Council Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve Ordinance 1819 on its second reading and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to suspend the rules and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve Ordinance 1819 on its third reading and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Hawkins stated that she may not be present for the July 6th meeting.

Council Member Eldridge asked Mayor Hartman if he had any updates on the grocery store.

Mayor Hartman stated that he has met with several different interested parties. They have the option of buying it now and taking on any outstanding debt or waiting until the foreclosure is completed.

Mayor Hartman reported that Butler's event to celebrate the United States 250th anniversary will be held June 27th at the Marshall Building. There will be live music, a silent auction and a "Taste of DeKalb". A cash bar will be provided by Door 13. This will be a fundraising event for the Historical Society. They are looking for more sponsorship. Tickets can be purchased at the Olive Twist or on Event Brite.

Council Member Laub read aloud a Facebook post from Barb & Jeff who had a layover in Butler over Memorial Day. They enjoyed their visit. Mayor Hartman stated that he actually met them on Sunday and that they are from Michigan. They were here waiting for their camper to be repaired.



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Mayor Hartman reported that there are 5 new houses being built in Butler right now by two different builders. He also has another builder that is looking at a larger project in the next couple of years. There will also be a new business opening downtown soon.

The Plan Commission will be discussing a new project at their meeting in two weeks.

Mayor Hartman was in communication with Norfolk Southern last week about a train that was stopped for over 4 hours at the southern crossing. Norfolk Southern stated that it was because of an accident. He then contacted DeKalb County Dispatch and asked if they knew about this. They did, but they never passed on the information to anyone else. Dispatch will address this issue.

Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.


Mike Hartman
Mayor


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Angela M. Eck
Clerk-Treasurer

