



June 15, 2026
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
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
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent

Absent:

Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Matt Traster, Police Chief
Cory Rowe, Assistant 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



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

The minutes from the June 1st 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.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that the Council will be holding a Public hearing on July 6th for a Rezoning Request that has already been approved by the Plan Commission.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that he issued 72 written warnings and 1 ticket so far this year. He also reported that 3 projects have been completed this year and that 6 yards have been tagged for high grass, of which the City mowed 3.

Council Member Ryan asked if it was possible to enforce anyone to do landscaping maintenance. Mr. Mutzfeld replied that the only thing he can do is issue a warning when the weeds get too high. Landscaping cannot be enforced.

Water Superintendent Andy Cintron reported that the annual Consumer Confidence Report is now available. Individuals wanting paper copies can stop by the Utility Office and pick one up. They will not be mailed this year.

Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that the new SDI control panel has been delivered. He is now working on scheduling a day when SDI will be shut down and American Pump can do the actual installation.

Mr. Aden also reported a problem that was discovered at 407 North Broadway. The owner had been having trouble with backups on a line that was replaced as part of the North Broadway Reconstruction Project. The sewer lateral had been installed incorrectly. The Wastewater Department was able to reroute the sewer lateral to alleviate the issue. There may be several other homes on the east side that have the same issue.

Mayor Hartman has been in contact with both Bowen Engineering and ERI Engineering to obtain pictures taken of the installation. Unfortunately, the picture files were not available from ERI.



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Mr. Aden is putting together the cost for his department correcting the issue and will request that Bowen and ERI reimburse the City for the cost.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented the calendar for the 2027 Budget Approval Process. She requested that the Council inform her or Mayor Hartman immediately if they are unable to be at one of the scheduled meetings.

Council Member Eldridge asked Mayor Hartman to provide information about the article in The Star pertaining to the loss of the grant for the former Bohn Aluminum Site.

Mayor Hartman stated that the owners of the property refused to donate the property to the City at the last minute. They requested payment of \$750,000 and/or to be awarded the demolition bid. That just isn't possible.

Mayor Hartman went on to report that Code Enforcement will be issuing them a ticket tomorrow for multiple code violations. Mayor Hartman will also be signing a Demolition Order next week at a special Unsafe Building Meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday the 23rd at 5 pm?

Mayor Hartman also reported that the owners of the property will be asked to reimburse the City of Butler, JPR and Indiana Brownfield for their work on the potential project. He also said that the Redevelopment Authority told him that they should have another opportunity for at least part of the project down the road. They said it is still the best project they have for the 11-county area.

Council Member Alloway asked about the steel beams that are laying across the entrance to the former R&R Fitness building. He saw kids playing on them the other day and said that they are not safe. Mayor Hartman stated that they were put there to deter drivers from driving through. This led to discussion about children playing too close to the street in several locations. Mayor Hartman will ask the Police Department to determine where it's happening and reach out to adults in the area.

Mayor Hartman presented a letter from a child that was hung at the Butler Library. It was a nicely hand printed letter requesting that the City provide more indoor activities for children. Attachment 1.



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Mayor Hartman reported that he met with the new owners of the grocery store, which is an investment group. When they gained access to the building, they found that the coolers were full of meat and that the electricity had been shut off. There are also dried goods remaining in the store that will be donated to the local food pantries.

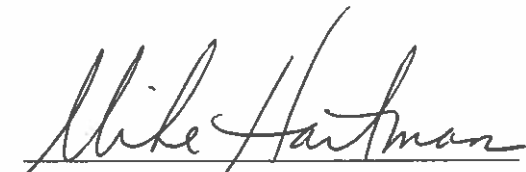
In his discussion with them they stated that the broker wants them to put storage units in the Building. Mayor Hartman told them that doesn't work for the community, we really need a grocery store. Mayor Hartman has put them in touch with several groups that may be interested in putting a grocery store back in.

Mayor Hartman added that even though this investment group has purchased the note, it still needs to go through the foreclosure and sheriff's sale process. It will be another 60 to 90 days before the Sheriff's sale.

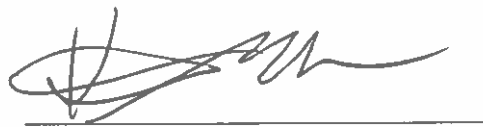
Mayor Hartman reported that the event planned at the Marshall Building for June 27th has been postponed until October 17th. They started their planning too late and decided it would be better to postpone it than to keep the original date.

Lastly, Mayor Hartman reported that a group of side-by-side drivers have approached him about revising the perimeter of the area they can ride in. This would be for ORVs only. They will attend one of the meetings in July.

Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer

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P.S. I would like to push this thought, to A Plan!

Let's Keep going with making Butler A good Place by adding more things for Kids to do! Why Travel many miles, when we could have it in our Community? Kids need more indoor things, besides School. That can have things open 24/7. DON'T let good space go abandon! Why add (not far distance) A indoor cinema? OR A Trampoline Park, indoor Pool, Arcade, ETC! A better chance of less time and a gain of Junior/

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