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# COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA
# MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2026
# 7:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Questions or Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items Only
3. Minutes of previous meeting – November 2nd
4. Proposed Ordinances and Resolutions
5. Department Reports
    a. Fire
    b. Police
    c. Code Enforcement
    d. Streets
    e. Parks
    f. Information Technology
    g. Water
    h. Wastewater
6. City Attorney
7. Clerk-Treasurer
8. Council Members
    a. Power Chairs & E-Bikes
    b. Leashing of dogs
9. Mayor
10. Audience and/or Public Comments
11. Adjourn

November 2, 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
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent:

Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief

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Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:19 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hartman asked for comments or questions from the audience pertaining to the agenda items.

Mitch Hopkins from South Broadway had several questions about Flock Cameras. He stated that several people in town are upset about them and want them taken down.

Mayor Hartman informed him that no one has approached either he or Chief Traster about this. He encouraged Mr. Hopkins to inform these individuals that his door is always open and that they should come to see him so that their concerns can be addressed.

The minutes from the October 19th meeting were presented. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1821, Elected and Appointed Salaries for 2027**, was presented for its second reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1821 on its second reading and Council Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1821 on its third reading and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1828, Utility Budgets for 2027**, was presented for its second reading. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve Ordinance 1828 on its second reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve Ordinance 1828 on its third reading and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1829, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to include Electronic Information Processing Facility, Limited as Permitted & Special Exception Uses as well as Development Standards**, was presented for its second reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1829 on its second reading and Council Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve Ordinance 1829 on its third reading and Council Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1830, 43rd Codebook Update**, was presented for its first reading. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1830 on its first reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to approve Ordinance 1830 on its second reading with

Council Member Laub seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Eldridge made a motion to suspend the rules and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1830 on its third reading and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that he is working on ordinance language for the leashing of dogs. He is also working on regulations for e-bikes.

Water Superintendent Andy Cintron is working with 120 Water concerning lead service lines. Letters will be going out to residents around November 13th about this.

City Attorney Don Stuckey reported that a tentative purchase agreement has been reached with PHSH, the owners of the Bohn Aluminum site. It looks like the purchase price will be $50,000 and that PHSH will have a certain number of days to remove machinery and other items from the property.

Mayor Hartman reported that he has reached out to the Redevelopment Authority about possible grant money. He is currently working on a Soil Management Plan and the grant funds from are coming from the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership grant.

Mr. Stuckey stated that part of the potential agreement would be that the City would waive collecting any fines since PHSH came down on the purchase price.

The Council agreed that the Boo Bash went well. Mayor Hartman estimated the attendance at between 1500 to 2000 people.

Mayor Hartman announced that Amos Lengacher purchased the former grocery store. They hope to have it open around Christmas time and also have a store in Grabill, A & M Family Grocery.

Mayor Hartman reported that the DeKalb County Historical Society fundraiser at the Marshall Building is this Saturday and that they have sold 110 tickets for the event.

Mayor Hartman reported that he received a letter from Brent Miller stating that the City should not be charging fees to license an ORV. This is done through the State. There was discussion.

Mr. Stuckey stated that the City's ordinance was probably written before the State updated their ORV law in 2022. He will look into it.

Council Member Eldridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor

Common Council

Angela M. Eck
Clerk-Treasurer