

## REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – September 9, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Richard Strick gave the invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Strick called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order.

**ROLL CALL:** Common Council Members present: Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, Paul Pike, and Andrew Rensberger.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Strick opened the public hearing on Ordinance 16-C-25: An Additional Appropriation, for Wheel Tax fund of \$142,000 for street widening project on Ash Street. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Council Member Johnson moved to approve Council's August 26, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS:** Council Member Chapman reported on the Combined Dispatch meeting. The change from AT&T to Digital for the provider has been completed and they are finalizing the move to fiber lines. No other reports were given.

**PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Member Chapman made a motion to **approve on first reading Ordinance 16-C-25: "Additional Appropriation" (Wheel Tax Fund)**, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Brautigam made a motion to **suspend the rules and allow second reading on Ordinance 16-C-25: "Additional Appropriation" (Wheel Tax Fund)**, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Felton made a motion to **adopt on second and final reading Ordinance 16-C-25: "Additional Appropriation" (Wheel Tax Fund)**, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance signed.

Council Member Felton made a motion to **approve on first reading Ordinance 20-C-25: "DORA Ordinance 9-C-25 amendment" (adding additional establishments)**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Blue Collar Bar owner, Art Easterday requested to join the DORA, Erin Kuehl, owner of Legends Sports Bar changed their LLC name and requested the amendment on the DORA Ordinance. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Johnson made a motion to **suspend the rules and allow second reading on Ordinance 20-C-25: "DORA Ordinance 9-C-25 amendment" (adding additional establishments)**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Felton made a motion to **adopt on second and final reading**

**Ordinance 20-C-25: “DORA Ordinance 9-C-25 amendment” (adding additional establishments)**, seconded by Council Member Pike. Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance signed.

City Department Heads and the administration presented the **2026 City of Huntington Budget to the Common Council for review**. Council Member questions were asked and answered. A 3% salary increase was submitted across all departments.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the August monthly budget report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0.

APPROVED:

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Richard Strick As Mayor

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Dwight Brautigam As Member

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Charles Chapman As Council  
President

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Dave Funk As Member

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PJ Felton As Member

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Todd Johnson As Member

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Andrew Rensberger As Member

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Paul Pike As Member

Attest:

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Christi A. McElhaney As Clerk-Treasurer