

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – October 14, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 14th day of October 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, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, and Andrew Rensberger. Absent: PJ Felton and Paul Pike.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Johnson moved to approve Council's September 30, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Johnson reported that Huntington County United Economic Development Corporation has received 30 applicants to replace the recently retired Executive Director, Mark Wickersham.

That Viking Thing President, Graden Fields, reported that the members are putting together a google form survey. They would like to get as many high school students' thoughts as possible on what they are looking for to improve the quality of life in Huntington.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Chapman moved to **approve on second reading Ordinance 17-C-25: "2026 Salary Ordinance,"** seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-0. Ordinance signed.

Council Member Rensberger moved to **approve on second and final reading Ordinance 18-C-25: "2026 Elected Official Salary Ordinance,"** seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Ordinance signed.

Council Member Brautigam moved to **approve on second and final reading Ordinance 19-C-25: "2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance,"** seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0. Ordinance signed.

Form 4 Budget Adoption form was signed and will be uploaded to Gateway.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Chapman moved to **approve on first reading Ordinance 21-C-25: "An Ordinance of the City of Huntington, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Pay for Infrastructure Improvements, the Acquisition of Certain Equipment of the City and Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bonds,"** seconded by Council Member Brautigam. After some discussion and questions, the motion passed 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS: Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the September 2025 Monthly Budget Report.

Mayor Strick stated it was brought to his attention there is a conflicting event for Council on the date of the next Council meeting, October 28, 2025. He said he would entertain a motion to cancel that meeting. Council Member Johnson made a motion to **cancel the October 28, 2025 Council meeting**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0.

Council Member Johnson would like to **honor the city employees who are veterans this year with a commemorative coin**. He asked the **department heads to get a list of employees, who have served or who are serving our Country**, to him by next week. He will find a sponsor for the purchasing of the coin. Council Members expressed their appreciation for him taking on and finding nonpublic funding for that project.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED:

Richard Strick As Mayor

Dwight Brautigam As Member

Charles Chapman As Council President

Dave Funk As Member

PJ Felton As Member

Todd Johnson As Member

Andrew Rensberger As Member

Paul Pike As Member

Attest:

Christi A. McElhaney As Clerk-Treasurer