

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – January 13, 2026

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 13th day of January 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Council President Chapman gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Chapman called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order.

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Johnson moved to approve Council's December 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Rensberger. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council President Chapman reported on public safety dispatch: their goal is to have the director position filled by March as the previous director, Tim Allen, left to go to Allen County Dispatch. There were no other reports.

Council President Chapman distributed a proposed list of Common Council appointments. Council Member Brautigam made a motion to approve the **2026 Common Council Appointments** as: President and Public Safety Dispatch: Chapman; Plan Commission: Funk; Redevelopment Commission: Rensberger and Johnson; HCUED: Johnson; Solid Waste Board: Felton; Local Emergency Planning and Lime City Economic Development: Brautigam; and CEDIT Advisory: Pike, seconded by Council Member Pike. Motion passed 7-0.

Director Keplinger presented the Mayor's **Historic Review Board appointments** which must be confirmed by Council. Council Member Felton made a motion to confirm the appointment of Monte Davis and Caroline Runyan for 3-year terms, seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Motion passed 7-0.

Director Keplinger presented the **Plan Commission appointment** of Adam Cuttriss for a 4-year term. Director Keplinger said Council must fill another appointment with a City employee or a member of a City elected or appointed board, commission, or council. Council Member Felton made a motion to confirm the **plan commission appointment of Adam Cuttriss**, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Brautigam nominated Council Member **Rensberger as the second appointment to the Plan Commission**, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 7-0.

Director Keplinger presented the **Board of Zoning Appeals appointment** of Christoffer Penny, with a term that expires in January 2028. Council Member Pike made a motion to confirm the appointment of Christoffer Penny to Board of Zoning Appeals, seconded by Felton. Motion passed 7-0.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISCELLANEOUS: Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the December 2025 Monthly Budget Report. Council had no questions.

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

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