

MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL

January 5, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

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The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:00pm. In the Common Council Chambers at 20. N 6th Street.

President Nargi called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

The Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Klinker, Snyder, Reynolds, Brown, Ahlersmeyer, Weast-Williamson, Downing, Nargi

Absent: Hession Weiss,

City Clerk Cindy Murray and City Attorney Jacque Chosnek were present.

Election of officers

Councilmember Downing moved to nominate Councilmember Weast-Williamson as President of the Common Council for the year 2026, Councilmember Ahlersmeyer seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Thereafter, Councilmember Weast-Williamson presided over the meeting. Councilmember Downing moved to nominate Councilmember Ahlersmeyer as President Pro-Tem for the year 2026, Councilmember Snyder seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing

Councilmember Reynolds moved to recess for a public hearing on Resolution 2025-22 (A Resolution Declaring the Designation of Certain Real Estate as an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) and Approving the Application for Property Tax Abatement) Councilmember Brown seconded. No public comment was heard. Councilmember Ahlersmeyer moved to reconvene the regular meeting; Councilmember Klinker seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval Of Minutes

Councilmember Reynolds moved to approve the minutes of the December 1st, 2025 meeting. Councilmember Nargi seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There were no Disposal of Claims, Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated the following reports are available in the City Clerk's Office:

Fleet Maintenance Monthly-November
Renew Department Monthly-November
Water Works Department Monthly-November

No Ordinances for Second Reading

No Ordinances for First Reading

Resolutions

The Clerk read Resolution 2026-01 (A Resolution Confirming The Designation Of Certain Real Estate As An Economic Revitalization Area (Era) And Approval Of An Application For Property Tax Abatement) by title on second and final reading. Councilmember Ahlersmeyer moved for passage; Councilmember Downing seconded. Dennis Carson, Economic Development Director, spoke regarding this resolution. Resolution 2026-01 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote for first and final reading.

The Clerk read Resolution 2026-02 (A Resolution Approving The Detail Of The 2026 Water And Renew (Wastewater) Department Budgets) by title on second and final reading. Councilmember Reynolds moved for passage; Councilmember Klinker seconded. Jeremy Diehl, Controller, presented to the Council and recommended approval for the Resolution Approving the Detail of the 2026 Water and Renew (Wastewater) Department Budgets. Mr. Diehl gave a brief explanation of the overall utility budget for each of the operating funds. Mr. Diehl stated the key element of the resolution is the 3% pay increase for employees. Mr. Diehl stated that the insurance health costs for 2026 will remain unchanged. Resolution 2026-02 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote for first and final reading

Miscellaneous and New Business

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Special Committees

No Reports by the Mayor

Reports of Councilmen: Councilmember Klinker thanked Cindy Murray, City Clerk, for another great Christmas Parade.

Public Comment:

Michael Blaze, no given address, spoke regarding the right to travel freely.

Councilmember Klinker moved to adjourn. Councilmember Brown seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Minutes prepared by Cindy Murray, City Clerk

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