

**COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2020**

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 101 W. Main Street.

Mayor Courtney opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Thevenow, Creech, Rampy, Chatham, Bartlett, D. Dattilo, L. Dattilo (7-0).

MINUTES:

Chatham made a motion to approve the February 18, 2020 minutes, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Courtney swore in John Wallace as the new Madison Police Chief and Ben McKay as the new Major.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Courtney read a proclamation recognizing February 24-28 as EMA Appreciation Week. Troy Morgan, Robert Black and Jennifer Shelton presided.

RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:

BILLS ON FIRST READING:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2 (CREECH)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
AMENDING CITY OF MADISON PARK HOURS AND APPROVING
THE CITY OF MADISON FACILITY USE FORM**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Council President Rampy made a motion to approve Amanda Creech as a member of the Animal Shelter Board, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Ken Washer reported that the fire department had 39 calls in February. 12 were service calls and 27 medical related. The department logged 75 hours of training. Washer reported that they have a partnership with Lowes to provide smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to area citizens. 35 smoke detectors and 4 carbon monoxide detectors were installed last month. The department is working on advancing their messaging ability to get the word out of what services the department has to offer and to get detector requests.

New Police Chief Wallace stated that it is an honor to be back at the helm in the department for the city. Wallace had special thanks for Major McKay in making his transition run very smoothly. Wallace had a meeting with the force at 2:00 PM the Monday before and is excited about reuniting with the Veterans and getting to know the new officers. There were 858 calls in February with 57 arrests. The stats can be viewed on the city website. Wallace stated that one initiative he is pursuing is body cams for every officer. He feels they were very beneficial in the sheriff's department. They need 30 at a cost of about \$10,000.00.

Brian Martin reported that there were 7 building permits issued in February. Some of the many projects going on in the city are the renovation of Colonial Flowers, the Pines building becoming a Mexican Restaurant, Tapatios moving in to the Dark Horse building, Autumn Trace, Tower Tack entering the dry wall phase, Gran Brazil expansion, the MCHS additions, Friendship State Bank, Red on Main restaurant and the Cotton Mill construction beginning soon. John Schuring took 11 nuisance calls in February and both are looking for positive outcomes with the blight situations in the city. The proposed expansion of the PACE program should help greatly. Martin is reaching out to contractors and homeowners to make the department more user friendly. The Victoria Inn situation continues to be addressed. Martin recently completed a 3 day training on the national electric code. The department is also working closely with Hannah Fagen and Louann Waller to improve website presence and communication.

Mayor Courtney reported for Brian Jackson that the trash rate study is underway with Sherman, Barber, & Mullikin.

Dave Stucker reported that youth basketball ended on February 17th. Little league baseball and softball registration is underway. The deadline for signup is March 27. There will be practices in April and games starting in May. Spring Men's basketball started this past Sunday. There are 10 teams. The crew in the department is currently working on all the sport fields. The weather has been mild this winter and Stucker anticipates the fields being in very good shape. Little league football planning is ongoing. Scott Davidson and Debbie Crawford have been working together to get the word out.

Nicole Schell reported that the Historic Board of Review met on February 24th. They had two applications and both were approved. The office reviewed a front façade and iron fence application at 214-216 W. Second Street and two aluminum signs for 220 W. Main Street. All were approved. The PACE Review Committee recently approved 9 applications. There was a good quarterly meeting with INDOT on the Clifty Drive Stellar sidewalk project. The stage 1 design should be completed by the engineer by the end of the month. The Board of Works approved the Sedam Construction bid for offsite improvements at Tower Tack. Work continues with the Crystal Beach, Ohio Theater and Georgetown Park Stellar projects. The department hopes to have an open house and public hearing on the projects in early April.

Matt Wirth reported that there is a purchase agreement with the owners of the Madison Plaza. Wirth's office remains very busy with projects such as the Cotton Mill project and the Tower Tack revitalization to senior living. Wirth continues to meet with local industries about growth

and expansions. Attorney Jenner mentioned that the process is starting to get the Madison Plaza in as part of the Redevelopment Zone.

Hannah Fagen reported that her work is ongoing to improve the City's social media and transparency presence. One of Fagen's main goals is to get online payments to the city up and running. The department is waiting on quotes from hosts to get this all set up. Fagen hopes to know by the end of the month. Some upcoming city events include the Movies in the Park, Fireworks show and Regatta Parade.

Chief of Staff Mindy McGee reported that the additional appropriations request is complete and approved by the DLGF. Her office is addressing cyber security and vulnerability issues. Insurance policy reviews are ongoing to make sure coverage is appropriated correctly and deductibles make sense and as a way for the city to save money where possible. McGee stated that the construction in City Hall is going very well and thanked city workers for their efforts in greatly reducing the cost to the city versus having all the work outsourced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Citizen Bob Hartsaw expressed concern that the potential trash rate increases would have an adverse effect on lower income people.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Courtney reported that work continues with the county in an inter-local agreement concerning the Public Safety Revenues shared by the city and the county. Courtney reiterated the need to address cyber security and thanked Troy Morgan and his team for help with resources. Tomorrow night at 6:30 there will be a public meeting regarding the 2 mile buffer zone in City Hall. Three representatives from INDOT will be coming this Thursday to discuss shared visions for the future with the city.

Next council meeting is Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

D. Dattilo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rampy. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

APPROVED:

President Pro Tempore,

Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer