

## **COMMON COUNCIL MAY 5, 2020**

For historical purposes, this is the third Common Council meeting held by Zoom Technology due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall with the Council and officials by Zoom, 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, L. Dattilo, Bartlett, D. Dattilo and Chatham (7-0).

### **MINUTES:**

Creech made a motion to approve the April 21, 2020 minutes, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Courtney made a pronouncement honoring our teachers and gave a thank you from the City to all of them.

Courtney announced the opening of City Hall on May 4. He specified the importance of personal responsibility as the City begins to open up. The City will be monitoring the situation in conjunction with the County and the Jefferson County Board of Health.

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL CURTIS HILL ADDRESS:**

Attorney General Curtis Hill gave an overview of a new substance abuse program administered within the confines of prison. The JCAP (Jail Chemical Addiction Program) has shown early promise in counties such as Fountain and Warren. Classes on anger management and other life skills, counseling sessions, basic first aid courses and CPR training are part of the therapy towards rehabilitation. This is a 90 day voluntary program. Until now the recidivism rate for abuse upon release has been devastating. Through the JCAP program defendants begin recovery while in jail. Courtney and the Council shared enthusiasm with Hill that the program could be administered soon in Jefferson County. Commissioner Bramer was also in attendance and shared his enthusiasm as well.

### **RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:**

#### **INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY TAX SHARING**

Courtney had given the council an overview explaining all aspects of the City and County's coordination of the use of the public safety tax funding. Chatham made a motion to approve the agreement and to designate Mayor Courtney as the official signer of the document for the

City, seconded by Creech. Roll call vote: L. Dattilo – Y, Rampy – Y, Chatham – Y, Bartlett – Y, Creech – Y, Thevenow – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. The inter-local agreement is approved (7-0).

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

Chief of Staff McGee gave a report on the anticipated shortfall of the property tax distribution from the Spring taxes. The deadline for paying the tax has moved from the May deadline to the end of July due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The City anticipates only getting a fraction of the normal Spring disbursement until the second one comes in August. As a way to mitigate the potential shortfall of funding McGee is applying for a short term loan through the Indiana Bond Bank of approximately one million dollars that would be paid off once the full amount of property tax is collected later in the Summer.

All other department reports were given in writing.

**BILLS ON THIRD READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-6 (CHATHAM)  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA  
REPEALING AND REPLACING CITY ORDINANCE  
35.16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Roll call vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Thevenow – Y, Creech – Y, Bartlett – Y, Chatham – Y, Rampy – Y, L. Dattilo – Y. Ordinance No. 2020-6 is passed (7-0).

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Rampy asked what the status of the parks program was. Courtney answered that extensive reorganizing and planning is currently underway. Dr. Gail Spaulding has conducted an overview of parks needs and wants, personnel and potential shortfalls. This Summer's programs will most likely be an abbreviated one. There is still some hope of Crystal Beach opening.

Chatham talked about the status of the early warning system and the protocol of sounding the sirens. Courtney and Chatham are both involved with gathering community input and coming up with a solution to the confusion.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Courtney reported that Governor Holcomb has issued 25 executive orders so far regarding the pandemic. Last Friday order 20-26 extended most restrictions to May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The City will adapt to the openings. There are 5 stages to the reopening and we are currently in stage 2. City Hall is open as of Monday the 4th by the front door. Next week bars and restaurants will begin to open with restrictions. Courtney stated his great appreciation for all the City staff and employees for their hard work in these trying times. A "Mobilize Madison" document was presented with 10 data points to move Madison forward.

Next Council meeting is Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall or by Zoom if necessary.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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President Pro Tempore,

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Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer