

**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 17, 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, L. Dattilo, Rumpy, Chatham, Bartlett, D. Dattilo (7-0).

Attorney Jenner and Mayor Courtney gave an overview of the new guidelines regarding public meetings. As mandated by Governor Halcomb there are to be no more than 10 citizens permitted into the council chambers. The chairs were arranged so as to keep a safe distance between everyone. City Hall doors are locked to the citizenry and bills can be paid at the drive-up window. Citizens may come in by appointment only. All restaurants and bars have been closed to sit down customers. Both stated they will keep the council apprised as situations develop.

**MINUTES:**

Thevenow made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 minutes, seconded by Creech. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Courtney read a proclamation declaring March 24, 2020 as National Agriculture Day.

Mayor Courtney read a proclamation from Governor Halcomb declaring the week of March 15-21 as Indiana Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

**RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-3 (BARTLETT)**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC**  
**SAFETY LOCAL INCOME TAX FUND**

Bartlett made a motion to suspend the rules and move to the second reading, seconded by Chatham. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**BILLS ON SECOND READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-3 (BARTLETT)**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC**  
**SAFETY LOCAL INCOME TAX FUND**

Bartlett made a motion to suspend the rules and move to the third reading, seconded by Rampy. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**BILLS ON THIRD READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-3 (BARTLETT)  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC  
SAFETY LOCAL INCOME TAX FUND**

Roll call vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Chatham – Y, Rampy – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Creech – Y, Thevenow – Y. Ordinance No. 2020-3 is approved (7-0).

**BILLS ON FIRST READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-4 (RAMPY)  
AN AMENDMENT TO CITY ORDINANCE 35-22, PRESERVATION  
AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (PACE)  
NONREVERTING FUND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-5 (CHATHAM)  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 SALARY ORDINANCE  
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA**

Dattilo made a motion to suspend the rules and move to the second reading, seconded by Creech. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**BILLS ON SECOND READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-5 (CHATHAM)  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 SALARY ORDINANCE  
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA**

Chief of staff McGee came before the council to explain the changes and to answer any questions. Due to the situation with the Covid-19 virus this ordinance would provide for extra pay for employees in emergency situations. Pay may also be provided for those employees directed to refrain from coming to work. Those employees that can work from home may be directed to do so at regular pay. Certain employees may be considered to be “on call” and must return to work within two hours of notice from their supervisor or the mayor. The employee may not work or receive compensation from any outside source while working from home. Emergency stay home sick pay or from exposure may be granted by the department head or the mayor. This pay is not to exceed two weeks unless approved by the council. There was no comment from the public. Dattilo made a motion to suspend the rules and move to the third reading, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**BILLS ON THIRD READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-5 (CHATHAM)  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 SALARY ORDINANCE**

**OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA**

Roll call vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Rampy – Y, Thevenow – Y, Creech – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Chatham – Y. Ordinance No. 2020-5 is approved (7-0).

**RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-2020 (BARTLETT)  
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA  
APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF THE DECLARATORY  
RESOLUTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
FOR THE NORTH MADISON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA**

Creech made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-2020, seconded by Bartlett. Matt Wirth came before the council to explain the resolution and answer questions. The resolution deals with the development of the Madison Plaza on Michigan Road. Roll call vote: Rampy – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Creech – Y, Thevenow – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Chatham – Y. Resolution No. 24-2020 is approved (7-0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-2020 (RAMPY)  
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA  
FOR THE CREATION OF P.A.C.E. NEIGHBORHOOD  
REVITALIZATION TARGET AREAS**

Nicole Schell came before the council and presented an overview of the purpose of the resolution to target specific areas for the PACE revitalization. These areas include the Cragmont St. target area, the Walnut St. target area and the Main St. East target area. These targeted areas do not preclude PACE grants to other areas of town. Rampy made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-2020, seconded by Chatham. Roll call vote: Chatham – Y, Rampy – Y, Creech – Y, Thevenow – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. Resolution No. 25-2020 is approved (7-0).

**BILLS ON SECOND 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**

Dave Stucker came before the board for the above ordinance. Discussion ensued. Chatham wondered about the \$100.00 a day providing for an electrician in the use form and what the liability would be. Stucker stated that it is his hope the electrician would not be helping vendors on an individual basis although he does know of situations where it could and has happened.

Courtney stated that perhaps the Council should consider making the City's responsibility to just provide the outlets and meters and that anything beyond that should be the organizers responsibility. Jenner stated that the section on providing an electrician should be taken out and that the city just provide an outlet. Creech made a motion to amend the form and remove the \$100.00 a day for an electrician from the wording, seconded by Bartlett. Roll call vote: Thevenow – Y, Creech – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Rampy – Y, Chatham – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. The amendment passes (7-0). Rampy then suggested that there should possibly be two documents. One for small gatherings that don't require a fee and one for the larger gatherings that do. Jenner and Courtney expressed that breaking this down becomes very difficult. Courtney stated that the big event structuring is lacking and he is working with Stucker, Bill DeVries, Tawana Thomas and others to make it work. Courtney suggested adding "unless otherwise approved by the City of Madison" to that section of the form that states "the applicant assumes all responsibility for proper conduct as outlined above including assuring there is no consumption of alcoholic beverages". Rampy made a motion to amend the guideline in the form to include the phrase "unless otherwise approved by the City of Madison", seconded by Thevenow. Roll call vote: L. Dattilo – Y, Rampy – Y, Creech – Y, Thevenow – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Chatham – Y. The amendment passes (7-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Citizen Rick Reuss expressed concern over the severe weather siren service and that it should be for tornadoes only.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Courtney stated that there was a press conference that morning with City and County officials and how they are dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. They are following all the governor's directives. The Board of Public Works approved the contract with Rumpke beginning April 1. Rumpke has invested ¾ of a million dollars in the transfer station. The Council may need to consider the trash pickup rates after an upcoming rate study. The work with the Commissioners on the buffer zone continues. The work on the interlocal agreement with the County on jail fund cost sharing is ongoing. The office continues to work with the governor on business assistance with the pandemic crisis. The mayor offered thoughts and prayers for Jeff Daghir who is still in critical condition.

Next council meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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President Pro Tempore,

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Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer