

**COMMON COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 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, Rampy, Chatham, Bartlett and D. Dattilo (7-0).

MINUTES:

Bartlett made a motion to approve the September 22, 2020 minutes, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Mayor Courtney honored, on behalf of the Council and Community, Mary Kay McCubbin, Susan Ohlendorf, Kathy Crafton and Laurie Dorsey for their efforts in establishing the new Sports Court at the old Country Club on the west end of town. Each received a Certificate of Commendation.

RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-56
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
CREATING SUB FUNDS WITHIN ORDINANCE 35.18, NON-REVERTING
OPERATING FUND FOR PARK PURPOSES**

Discussion ensued and there appeared to be general agreement as Chief of Staff McGee gave a general overview of the need for the administration to get more control of the costs to run such divisions of the park department like Sunrise Golf Course and to figure a way to make them more profitable plus to make it easier to track income and expenses. Mayor Courtney noted that funding for certain parks where passes or fees are involved will stay with that park or program rather than reverting back to the general fund at the end of the year. Rampy made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-56, seconded by Chatham. Roll call vote: Chatham – Y, Rampy – Y, Creech – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Thevenow – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y. All in favor, Resolution No. 2020-56 is passed (7-0).

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Hannah Fagen reported that the contract for the City website should be finalized by January and operational. Several city events are still in the works for this year including Music in the Park, the City Drive-In with one event left, the City Halloween celebration including games and a petting zoo. The Christmas Parade is in the works for December 5 at 11:00 AM. Fagen hopes

to make this parade the biggest ever. Light up Madison is scheduled for November 27 and fundraising for Christmas lights is ongoing. The portal for volunteers has been added to the website.

Brent Spry reported that the Airshow was a big success. A record number of people attended and enough was raised to cover all of the costs. The fence project is ongoing. The posts are all in and the chain link is going up. The airport is getting ready for a new approach that has been cleared to use.

Matt Woolard reported that the park operates with an approximate \$1.6 million budget. A complete financial analysis is being done to learn the best use of park funds. The newly established non-reverting funds for Sunrise, Rucker, Crystal Beach and the City Campground will help greatly in tracking funding and profit/loss. Adult softball for the Fall is underway with 6 teams. Youth flag football started this past Saturday and will continue for the next four weeks. Youth volleyball begins this week with 8 teams. At Sunrise two people can ride in carts now. A new sign is being developed for the dog park. The community is giving ideas for the design and it will culminate by a community vote.

BILLS ON THIRD READING:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18 (THEVENOW)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
AMENDING THE METER DEPOSIT ORDINANCE**

Roll call vote: Rampy – N, Bartlett – N, L. Dattilo – N, Chatham – N, Creech – N, Thevenow – Y, D. Dattilo – N. Ordinance No. 2020-18 is struck down (6-1).

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Courtney reported that Indiana is now under stage 5 of the Governor’s plan and will be reevaluated in two weeks. Jefferson County continues to have one of the lowest Covid 19 infection rates in the state. The free Covid testing will continue until October 31 and free testing is also being provided by Kings Daughters Hospital. The City is close to finalizing the small business economic assistance program through OCRA. \$300,000.00 will be available with \$5-\$10,000 for each business that applies. The open house at the Cotton Mill is this weekend as well as the National Night Out/National Fire Prevention week kickoff this Saturday. The Water ball competition is from 3-4:00 PM on Saturday. A music festival on Mulberry Street south of Main to the alley will be this Saturday from noon until midnight.

Next Council meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

APPROVED:

President Pro Tempore,

Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer