

COMMON COUNCIL APRIL 21, 2020

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

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, L. Dattilo, Bartlett, D. Dattilo and Chatham (7-0).

MINUTES:

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

RECOGNITION OF 911 DISPATCH:

The week of April 12th through April 18th is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Mayor Courtney made a statement to honor all the heroes behind the scenes, the 911 dispatchers and operators that answer our calls in times of crisis.

CONGRESSMAN GREG PENCE ADDRESS:

6th District Indiana Congressman Greg Pence addressed the public and the Council on the Federal Government's response to the Covid 19 situation. Pence spent approximately 40 minutes addressing the issues and taking questions from the Council and city government.

INDOT ROAD TRANSFER AMENDMENT:

Mayor Courtney showed a video from June 24, 2014 which showed Mayor Welch laying out his vision for the Bridge Approach Project moving forward. Courtney also honored all previous Mayor's involved with the project. The amendments include the increased costs from approximately \$14 million to \$15.1 million dollars. A portion of East 2nd Street just East of Harrison to Highway 56 is transferred to the State. A specific culvert heading East toward Hanover Hill will be repaired by INDOT due to some extensive wear.

The city will apply for grants in 2021 or 2022 to get funds to resurface the 6 mile stretch from Main Street to the top of Hanover Hill. Bartlett made a motion to suspend the rules and not require City Attorney Jenner to read the lengthy agreement, seconded by Creech. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). Dattilo made a motion to approve the amended agreement, seconded by Bartlett. Roll call vote: Chatham – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – y, Creech -Y, Rampy - Y, Thevenow – Y. The agreement is passed (7-0).

RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-2020 (THEVENOW)
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA APPROVING THE
ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL GRANT FUNDING**

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, \$30,000.00 has been presented to the Madison Municipal Airport with no matching funds required. Those funds will supplement lost revenue due to the virus shutdown. Thevenow made a motion to approve Resolution No. 27-2020, seconded by Rampy. Roll call vote: Rampy – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Creech – Y, Bartlett – Y, Thevenow – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Chatham – Y. Resolution No. 27-2020 is passed (7-0).

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Courtney announced the two nominated Council appointments to the Loan Review Committee, Bill Hensler and Mark Goley. Rampy made a motion to approve the two Council appointments, seconded by Creech. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

BILLS ON THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-4 (RAMPY)

**AN AMENDMENT TO CITY ORDINANCE 35-22,
PRESERVATION AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
(PACE) NON-REVERTING FUND**

Nicole Schell introduced an amendment to the Ordinance to change the wording from *the committee will meet on a quarterly basis* to *the committee will meet and make grants "at least" on a quarterly basis*. D. Dattilo made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Chatham. Roll call vote on the amendment: L. Dattilo – Y, Chatham – Y, Thevenow – Y, Creech – Y, Rampy – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. The amendment is passed (7-0). Roll call vote on the Ordinance: D. Dattilo-y, Creech-y, Thevenow-y, L. Dattilo-y, Rampy-y, Bartlett-y, Chatham-y. Ordinance No. 2020-4 is passed (7-0).

BILLS ON SECOND 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**

No comment. Ordinance No. 2020-6 will move to the third reading at the next Council meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Chief of Staff McGee gave an overview of the City's response to the Covid-19 crisis. The city is hiring 35 temporary employees which are local people who have lost their jobs. McGee thanked Cara Fox who is coordinating the hiring. Since the City has lost services of the DOC, many of these hires are going to the street department. Work is also being done on archiving documents. Five people are doing community outreach and helping those people that may be in distress or need grocery pickup, etc. Approximately 3500 help cards have been delivered throughout the community that citizens can hang on their door to alert others they need help.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Courtney added that much of the help from the distress cards is coming from neighbor to neighbor than from just the City. The City continues to monitor the progress on an eventual reopening of the economy locally. More testing is becoming available. A letter from Molly Dodge was read that stated drive-thru testing will be available at Ivy Tech for those with symptoms. An interlocal agreement with the County should be available for review at the next Council meeting. Work is continuing with the County on the two mile buffer zone. Economic development is still a big focus and the project for the hilltop shopping center continues to move forward. Work on the small business rescue fund is also in progress.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

APPROVED:

President Pro Tempore,

Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer