

## **COMMON COUNCIL MAY 19, 2020**

For historical purposes, this was the fourth 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 and 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, L. Dattilo, Chatham, Rampy, Bartlett, and D. Dattilo (7-0).

### **MINUTES:**

Rampy made a motion to approve the May 5, 2020 minutes, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Courtney made a Proclamation honoring National EMS week for May 17-23, 2020.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

D. Dattilo reported that this coming weekend the Fair Play Fire Company is having their fish fry from noon until 4:00 PM and it will be for carryout only for safety reasons. The proceeds will be used to support local businesses.

Mayor Courtney mentioned that the Salvation Army will be having their second food drive this Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM. They have approximately 800 boxes of food to give away.

Chatham reported that the Jefferson County Board of Tourism is forming a sports commission to work throughout the city and in coordination with the county and Hanover College to promote all of our sports facilities and to work in conjunction with Visit Madison moving forward. This will market Madison and its tournament capabilities.

Clerk Treasurer Berry mentioned that the Main Street program is taking donations to help downtown businesses with their rent and that the Venture Out Business Center has a similar program for the hilltop.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Courtney reported that there were no public comments submitted for this meeting. The inter-local agreement with the County was passed in its final phase of approval with the County Council last Wednesday regarding the cooperative usage of the new public safety tax fund. Courtney has as one of his goals a substance abuse program with the fund as well as historic preservation and economic development. At the Board of Public Works meeting on Monday the

board approved 18 PACE Grant applications totaling \$208,436.00. This was by far the largest quarterly payout in the history of PACE. This included 7 dilapidated structures that have been in disrepair for some time. Courtney thanked the board for all their hard work on the many applications. He also singled out Nicole Schell for praise. The Board of Works approved a bid by Pittsburg Tank and Tower Group for the inspection of the city's storage tanks for drinking water. It has been about 16 years since the last inspection. The utility department continues moving forward with an asset management plan. Seth Pennington will officially become the city's new Parks Director. Courtney thanked Gayle Spaulding for her comprehensive evaluation of the parks department. The City continues to follow the governor's guidelines on reopening to normal business. The City is in stage 2 of the 5 phase "Back on Track" reopening. Stage 3 is set to begin on Sunday. The next Council meeting should be back as normal in Council Chambers on Wednesday June 3. There is still much work to do to determine how the City's sports programs and the potential opening of Crystal Beach will move forward.

Next Council meeting is Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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President Pro Tempore,

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Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer