

**COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Rampy, Chatham, L. Dattilo, Bartlett and D. Dattilo (7-0).

MINUTES:

Thevenow made a motion to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes, seconded by Rampy. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Courtney read a proclamation for Constitution Week for September 17-23. Marilyn Hutchison presided.

Mayor Courtney read a proclamation for National Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month. Keith Howard presided.

RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:

BILLS ON FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17 (RAMPY)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
REPEALING THE MICRO-LOAN PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF MADISON AND
TRANSFERRING THE BALANCE OF THE REMAINING FUNDS TO THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18 (THEVENOW)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
AMENDING THE METER DEPOSIT ORDINANCE**

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Matt Woolard reported that adult softball is almost over. Youth volleyball has 46 kids signed up. The department is still in the need for 2 coaches. The Sunrise Golf Course held the Hanover College benefit scramble. The numbers were somewhat lower and probably due to the virus. The Friends of Sunrise have plans for new bathrooms at the golf course. Woolard thanked them. The parks department switched to Rec Desk for their new software program. The new Sport Court had their grand opening. The pool was open until Labor Day.

Matt Wirth gave a power point presentation on the Mobilize Madison Small Business Rescue Fund. The City received a \$250,000.00 grant from OCRA that can be utilized to help small business in the City to create and retain low/moderate income jobs that may be impacted by Covid 19. The City matched the grant with \$50,000.00. Wirth went through all of the guidelines to apply. Businesses are eligible for \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Wirth said to feel free to contact him for more information.

Chief Wallace reported there were 81 arrests and 41 citations written in August along with several warning citations. There were 106 case reports and 32 accidents. Training for officers is ongoing at Muscatatuck. Wallace announced a big number of some 16 arrests of people for solicitation of a minor. Wallace stated that while proud of the operation he was dismayed that there are so many predators out there. Wallace praised his officers for all the very hard work.

BILLS ON SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12 (RAMPY) ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND TAX RATES

Jan Vetrhus, as a member of the Cable Board, questioned channel 15's allocation in the budget and feels the cable channel should be getting a larger share of the franchise fees the city receives. Vetrhus would also like to see the channel have its own non-reverting fund created. Mayor Courtney stated that he has studied this situation over the last several months and can find no such ordinance or resolution that ties the City into appropriating a certain amount to the cable channel. Thevenow wondered about the lump sum of money allocated for the non-profits and economic impact investment. Chief of Staff McGee explained they are focusing on three groups-seniors, veterans, and at-risk youth. There is no intention to reduce the amounts that are currently allocated to groups but the future focus will be on the three previously named areas. The administration is trying to gather more information on each organization, what they do with the dollars, and what their goals are. The economic impact investment will be a similar process. Thevenow also questioned whether the full \$18,000.00 is needed for the new park website startup. He stated if not, he wished for what is left over to go to the Heritage Trail. McGee said she would check that out as Matt Woolard was no longer present.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13 (RAMPY) AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14 (RAMPY) AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2021

McGee stated that she had caught a mistake and that the Council members pay should be 10% of the Mayor's salary. As previously figured it was slightly under that amount. Dattilo made a motion to amend the amount in the budget to pay Council members 10% of the mayor's salary,

seconded by Rampy. Thevenow said he felt a 5% increase for the mayor and the council was inappropriate given the economic climate we are in. Roll call vote: D. Dattilo – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Chatham – Y, Rampy – Y, Creech – Y, Thevenow – N. Amendment passes (6-1).

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15 (THEVENOW)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MADISON, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-3, FLOOD HAZARD AREAS**

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

BILLS ON THIRD READING:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15 (THEVENOW)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MADISON, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-3, FLOOD HAZARD AREAS**

Roll call vote: Chatham – Y, Bartlett – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Creech – Y, Rampy – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Thevenow – Y. Ordinance passed (7-0).

BILLS ON SECOND READING:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16 (CHATHAM)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MADISON, INDIANA AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE CITY
OF MADISON TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AS FOUND IN CHAPTER 70 OF THE
CITY OF MADISON MUNICIPAL CODE**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Courtney reported that the dedication of the new flagpole will be this Saturday, September 19. The City Covid-19 testing is still ongoing until October 2nd. There have been over 1500 tested so far at the City location. Jefferson County continues to show one of the lowest infection rates. The Board of Public Works passed a resolution to put a stop sign at Green Road and Maple. The new contract for work done along St. Michaels and Vaughn Drive was awarded to Sedam Construction. The City has secured a purchase agreement for the Peak Properties around the bridge approach so the City can control what happens with this important area.

Next council meeting is Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

APPROVED:

President Pro Tempore,

Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer