

**COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 22, 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, Bartlett, Chatham, and D. Dattilo (7-0).

MINUTES:

D. Dattilo made a motion to approve the September 8, 2020 minutes, seconded by L. Dattilo. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

MEMORIALS:

Citizen Frank Hayes read a memorial dedication to Mayor Damon Welch and for all of his service to the Community, his family and church. September 25th will mark the one year anniversary of Welch's death.

RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 50-2020
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
ESTABLISHING "COTTAGE LANE"**

Thevenow made a motion to approve Resolution No. 50-2020, seconded by Bartlett. Roll call vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Rampy – Y, Creech – Y, Chatham – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Thevenow – Y. Resolution No. 50-2020 is passed (7-0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 54-2020
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
APPROVING APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING**

This is a grant being applied for from the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources not to exceed \$35,000.00 with a city match not to exceed \$23,000.00. These funds are for design guideline updates for the Madison Historic District Residential and Commercial Guidelines. Rampy made a motion to approve Resolution No. 54-2020, seconded by D. Dattilo. Roll call vote: Creech – Y, Chatham – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Thevenow – Y, Rampy – Y. Resolution No. 54-2020 is passed (7-0).

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Chief of Staff McGee reported that she is working on infrastructure projects. The city parking lot is being finished up with added trash cans and landscaping. The city paving project has begun. Much of the concrete work has been completed and milling on the hilltop is underway. All Star paving has been granted an extension for completion until October 30th from the original deadline of the end of September. The city is reapplying for Federal Highway Grants to maintain Main Street to the top of Hanover Hill. The curbs and sidewalks at Riverside Tower Lofts are complete. Sedam Construction has begun construction along St. Michaels and Vaughn Drive with the Cotton Mill project. A capital improvement plan is being developed. The surplus auction went very well and netted the city approximately \$50,000.00-\$60,000.00.

Tony Sorrells reported that he had left a list of the street pavings in the council packets. Leaf pickup season is coming up soon. There will not be DOC girls working this year so Sorrells asks the public to be patient. Sorrells asked the public to put leaves in compost bags when possible. The flag pole was installed at Bicentennial Park and grass mowing is slowing down with the cooler weather.

Nicole Schell reported that the Historic Board of Review had 6 applications of which two were denied and the other four were approved. The HDBR staff approved eleven applications for various home improvements. The HDBR staff is working on a grant through the Indiana Department of National Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology to complete the process to update the Madison Historic District Guidelines. At the September 15 meeting the PACE committee approved seven applications. There is one round left of applications being accepted for 2020 and the deadline for submission is October 12. Sedam has completed the off-site improvements at the Tower Tack Factory. Plans are to have residents begin moving in on October 1st. The rest of the project should be done by the end of the year. The Crystal Beach and Clifty Drive Stellar projects are continuing to be worked on. The architectural plans for the Friends of the Ohio Theatre project are completed. Work is being done through the RFP to select a contractor and formalize the costs. The Redevelopment Commission has been approached to pay for the costs.

Brian Jackson reported that upgrades on the sewer lines along the alley between West and Mulberry, South of Main, is underway. Pittsburgh Tank and Tower has completed the study of the city's water storage tanks. The report will come out in about a week. Whatever repairs are needed will be included in the rate study. There were 84 disconnect notices downtown of which only 7 had to be followed through on. There were 104 on the hilltop of which 11 were followed through on.

BILLS ON THIRD READING:

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

Roll call vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Chatham – Y, Rampy – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Creech – Y, Thevenow – Y. Ordinance No. 2020-12 is passed (7-0).

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

Roll call vote: Chatham – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Rampy – Y, Creech – Y, Thevenow – Y. Ordinance No. 2020-13 is passed (7-0).

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

Roll call vote: Rampy – Y, Bartlett – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Chatham – Y, Creech – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Thevenow – N. Ordinance No. 2020-14 is passed (6-1).

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

Roll call vote: Thevenow – Y, Creech – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Rampy – Y, Chatham – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. Ordinance No. 2020-16 is passes (7-0).

BILLS ON SECOND 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

Matt Wirth came before the council and explained that this ordinance would streamline the process and was something the Economic Development Loan Board had been wanting for some time. Bartlett made a motion to suspend the rules and move to the third reading, seconded by Rampy. Roll call vote to suspend: L. Dattilo – Y, Rampy – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Creech – Y, Thevenow – Y, Chatham – Y. Ordinance No. 2020-17 moves to third reading.

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Roll call vote: Thevenow – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Creech – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Chatham – Y, Bartlett – Y, Rampy – Y. Ordinance No. 2020-17 is passed (7-0).

BILLS ON SECOND READING:

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

Thevenow explained that he hoped the ordinance would provide some clarity as to how delinquent bills would be paid out of the meter deposit funds. He explained that under the present policy the property owner or landlord bears all the risk with none on the renter. The proposal changes the order of collection to pay delinquencies to 1. Wastewater/sewage, 2. Water, and 3. Sanitation from the current 1. Water, 2. Sanitation, 3. Wastewater/sewage. Brian Jackson had provided a written response in opposition to the ordinance by basically saying that if the city cannot apply the deposits initially to the water bills it could affect the rates all citizens have to pay while shielding the landlords. Several years ago the meter deposit was raised from \$50.00 to \$150.00. This increase helped not only the billing office but the landlords as well. Jackson noted that landlords already have methods of protecting themselves outside of city policy. Jackson also noted that as of January 1, 2019 the delinquent shut off period was changed from 60 days to 30 days which he felt was a benefit to all who stay current. Discussion ensued with some in the public in support of the new ordinance and some against. Ordinance 2020-18 will move to the third reading at the next council meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Rampy made a motion to approve Todd Boone as a council appointee to the Board of Tourism, seconded by Chatham. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Matt Wirth came forward to announce that October 2nd is National Manufacturing Day. Wirth noted that there are 61 manufacturers in the county that employ over 3000 people. Mayor Courtney noted that unemployment in the county and city continues to drop rapidly.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Courtney welcomed the \$2.5 million dollar investment from a new outside distributor that will be located in the industrial zone. The wages for employees will be above average. Courtney also thanked the organizers for the 5 to the 5 event. It was well attended. The Airshow at the Madison Municipal Airport is this coming weekend. Much planning for 2021 is already taking place. This Friday, September 25, is the inaugural Damon Welch 5K Run. The money raised for this event benefits a scholarship in Mayor Welch's name. Halloween is on in the city for October 31, from 6:00-8:00 PM. The city is planning on applying for a second round of Community Crossing money. We are still under stage 4.5 of the Governor's reopening plan. This is in effect until September 25. The new plan by Holcomb will be outlined tomorrow. Jefferson County continues to be one of the lowest affected counties in the state with Covid.

The free Covid testing has been extended by the city to October 30. 1700+ have been tested at that facility so far. Kings Daughters Hospital has opened a free testing center as well.

Next council meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 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 6:58 P.M.

APPROVED:

President Pro Tempore,

Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer