

**CITY OF MADISON  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 19, 2022**

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana, met 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: Krebs, L. Dattilo, Schafer, D. Dattilo, Bartlett, and Chatham (6-0). Approved absences: Thevenow

**MINUTES:**

Schafer made a motion to approve the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes, seconded by L. Dattilo. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, REMONSTRANCE'S,  
INTRODUCTION OF MOTION & GUESTS:**

Chief John Wallace and Mayor Courtney presented all officers involved with the Walnut Street fire, Life Saving Awards for their efforts in saving multiple lives.

**RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION 28C-2022**

Mayor Courtney presented Printis Shelton with the John Menke Award for military service and a shell casing from a service honoring Jon Menke. State Representative Randy Frye also presented Printis Shelton with a flag flown at the Indiana State House.

**Bills on First Reading:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Clerk Treasurer Rampy stated that the City of Madison Airport received a wildlife fence grant in 2019. After reviewing the application, it is required that the city appropriate funds to track expenses associated with this grant in order to meet federal compliance guidelines. The City received funds in the amount of \$44,830.98: \$2,490.61 from INDOT and \$2490.61 matching funds from the city. These funds were not appropriated during the 2022 budget process. This will have no effect on general levy or the city's rates.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA ESTABLISHING THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT  
NONREVERTING FUND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE**

**CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA ESTABLISHING THE PLANNING, PRESERVATION,  
& DESIGN NONREVERTING FUND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-14**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA AMENDING 96.99 OF THE CITY OF MADISON  
NUISANCES, HEALTH, AND SAFETY; 98.06 OF THE CITY OF MADISON STREETS  
AND SIDEWALKS; 150.24 OF THE CITY OF MADISON BUILDING REGULATIONS;  
153 OF THE CITY OF MADISON SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; AND 155 SECTION  
11.60 OF THE CITY OF MADISON ZONING ORDINANCE**

**REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS FROM  
STANDING/SELECT COMMITTEES OF CITY COUNCIL: None**

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

Madison Police Chief: John Wallace presented a monthly report. Traffic stops continue to remain up and general thefts saw a significant drop from forty to three in a month. Mayor Courtney and Chief Wallace met with the Madison School Board to discuss school safety and procedures. Active shooter trainings are scheduled to take place July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and all area law enforcement are invited to participate. New body cams have been purchased through a grant in the amount of \$21,000 from Indiana Homeland Security. Two part time officer applications have been approved and they will be working with the Emergency Response Team.

Director of Economic Development: Tony Steinhardt presented an update on Sunrise Crossing. Construction has begun on the project and provided Council a layout of that project. A 42-inch line will be added in that area that will help move stormwater into the retention pond. The City has received the approval of dollars from READI. About 18 percent of the RDA's dollars approved will be funding two major Jefferson County projects. This first project is the joint venture between Ivy Tech and Hanover College to start a veterinary science program. They received \$5.9 million dollars in funding. Classes will begin in August 2024. Destination Madison received 65 percent of their requests which total about \$2.6 million. Those funds will be allocated to Gateway improvements, Mural Arts Corridor, and the Mulberry Street parking lot enhancements. The remaining project includes improvements at the Bicentennial Park amphitheater p that will begin design this September. The city will continue to support Madison Music Movement and construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2023. Funding for this project will come from various grants through the Redevelopment Commission.

Associate Director of Economic Development: Alyssa Foltz presented to Council a riverfront liquor license request from the Ohio Theatre. They have met the minimum requirements for the guidelines. The theatre attracts many tourists through their shows and live performances, and plan to continue their marketing endeavors by working on their website and social media accounts. This venue will be used for film festivals, live music, and many more events. Currently, there are four to ten events monthly and they have raised \$300,000 of their \$1 million that is needed for renovations. The city supported the theatre with funding for stabilization and exterior renovations and full-time employees will be hired once renovations are complete. Elizabeth Auxier thanked council for being flexible with the theatre regarding the license. A Beatles Tribute Band concert was recently held, and guests came from over twenty-two different counties. Darren Means created a film event called Horror at the Ohio, that will take place the



weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Filmmakers can submit short or long films and there have been 700 submissions from forty different countries. Ohio Theatre has received support from Stellar Madison and the Community Foundation. Lastly, they are trying to expand and diversify their events to attract a bigger audience.

D. Dattlio made a motion to approve the riverfront liquor license for the Ohio Theatre, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Courtney thanked everyone for attending the groundbreaking at Sunrise Crossing, and more vendors will be announced in a few weeks. Mayor Courtney and Tony Steinhardt have been meeting with other investors who are interested in investing in Madison. Hannah Fagen is planning the annual National Night Out that will take place in August. Chief Wallace discussed the recently approved part time officers who will work closely with the Emergency Response Team. Multiple PACE grants were recently approved, and Mayor Courtney is pleased with the investment among these neighborhoods. Nicole Schell, through the Historic District Board of Review, is working on the updated historic survey as well as, public comment for new guidelines for Historic District Board of Review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jill Carlin, who is currently a New Albany, IN resident fell in love with Madison when she came for a visit. She informed Council that she is looking at purchasing 526 Walnut Street in order to rehabilitate the historic property. She would like to make it a completely self-sustaining property in memory of her late husband, whom she called the founder of sustainable housing.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday August 2, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Bartlett motioned to adjourn, seconded by L. Dattilo. All in favor (6-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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President Pro Tempore,



  
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Kathleen M. Rampy, Clerk-Treasurer

