

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: March 21, 2023

MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall - Council Chambers

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 101 W. Main St.

Mayor Courtney opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Thevenow, J. Bartlett, D. Dattilo, J. Schafer, and Krebs. L. Dattilo and Chatham were both absent and excused. (5-2).

Minutes: Thevenow moved to approve March 7, 2023, minutes, seconded by Krebs. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests:

Proclamation for Safe Place Week: Mayor Courtney recited a proclamation for Safe Place Week to the council and to the public. Safe Place Week will be recognized during the week of March 19, 2023, to March 25, 2023. National Safe Place is a nationally recognized youth outreach and prevention program that provides immediate help and safety to young people in crisis. Mayor Courtney presented the Safe Place Week Proclamation to Darrell Amburgey, the Safe Place Coordinator for Jefferson County.

Proclamation for Women's History Month: Mayor Courtney recited a proclamation for Women's History Month to the council and to the public. The month of March 2023 will be proclaimed and recognized as Women's History Month. Mayor Courtney presented the Women's History Month Proclamation to the City of Madison's Council President, Carla Krebs.

Resolutions or bills: None.

Reports, recommendations, and other business from standing/select committees of City Council: None.

Report of city officials: Tony Steinhardt, the City of Madison's Economic Development Director, introduced Emily McKinney to the council. Emily is the new Associate Director of Economic Development for the City of Madison. Tony also presented the council with the state reporting process for the Madison Redevelopment Commission. The AV was up over 10%, the revenue was up, as well as the cash balance. All the while making record investments and helping with the capital stack of multiple projects throughout the community. While the city is about 54th in the state in population and ranks 43rd in the state counties for a GDP of about \$1.5 billion a year. The Madison Port Authority and the railroad are key economic development and redevelopment assets. They will be investing nearly \$20,000,000.00 in new infrastructure improvements. This past year, 3 new rail-dependent manufacturers moved here or are opening businesses here, which will create about 42 new jobs in Madison. The city is projecting \$600,000,000.00 worth of new capital investment to be made by the industries here in town over the next 4 years. That plan will create nearly 675 new jobs over the next 4 years in the community. Tourism brings in nearly \$22,000,000.00 in additional revenue. With the new Placer data system, the city was able to quantify that Madison brought in over 365,000 visitors last year. Hobby Lobby will be breaking ground

soon for their facility, and it will go up quickly. The storm sewers as well as a number of road projects are underway.

Bills on third reading: None.

Bills on second reading:

ORDINANCE 3-2023: VACATING ALLEY AT 117 FERRY ST.

Following their meeting on February 21, 2023, BPW recommends the Common Council adopts an ordinance regarding the vacation of the ally at 117 Ferry Street.

Thevenow made a motion to suspend the rules and move to third reading, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Roll Call Vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Krebs – Y, Thevenow – Y, Schafer – Y (5-0). Motion Carried. Third Reading Roll Call Vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Krebs – Y, Thevenow – Y, Schafer – Y (5-0). Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 4-2023: ESTABLISHING THE AVIATION ROTARY FUND

The City of Madison previously adopted an ordinance creating a Board of Aviation Commissioners for oversight and governance of the City of Madison Municipal Airport. The airport currently provides and sells aviation-related fuel and lubricants. The airport now desires to create an Aviation Rotary Fund under IC 8-22-2-7(c). All funds received from the sale of fuels and lubricants purchased with funds from the Aviation Rotary Fund will be turned over at least once a month to the Clerk-Treasurer to remain in the Fund and to be checked by the Board of Aviation Commissioners for the sole purpose of purchasing fuels and lubricants for sale to the public in the operation of the airport. The whole purpose is to track fuel sales and to determine what the profits are.

Krebs made a motion to suspend the rules and move to third reading, seconded by Bartlett.

Roll Call Vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Krebs – Y, Thevenow – Y, Schafer – Y (5-0). Motion Carried.

Third Reading Roll Call Vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Krebs – Y, Thevenow – Y, Schafer – Y (5-0). Motion Carried.

Public comment: Lisa Ferguson, 718 E Second St, presented the council with a request to line Vaughn Drive with the proper-sized American flags. Mike Greco, 1106 E St, wanted to thank the mayor and council for the efforts to keep the flood mitigation up to date with recent weather in the community. He also wanted to thank the MPD for catching the perpetrators of recent vandalism on the riverfront and having rectified the problem within 24 hours. Michael and Kathy Fox, 1119 Wells Dr, attended a council meeting at the beginning of February regarding a drainage and water issue in their yard. After investing their own money to fix the problem, the drainage issue was resolved, but the water issue was not. The city water department staff came out to their property to inspect and ended up finding an old city pipe that was causing a water leak. Mr. Fox wanted to make the Mayor and council aware that if the city had found the issue sooner and resolved it, they would not have had to invest their own money into resolving the issue.

Councilman Jim Bartlett made the comment to the mayor and to the public that there are a lot of events and things going on in Madison, especially in the spring, summer, and fall. Bartlett wanted to encourage everyone to volunteer for some of the events and things that take place throughout the year.

Mayor's comments: Mayor Courtney updated council and the public on a few INDOT-related matters. There will be a public hearing, Monday, March 27, 2023, regarding Michigan Rd and Clifty Drive

improvements. The city also received notification of a slide repair on Hanging Rock Hill. This will cause Hanging Rock to be closed from June 2023 to the end of October 2023. There is also a lot of electricity work with INDOT happening on Ferry St. At yesterday's BPW meeting, there was a hearing held in regard to several unsafe structures on N Walnut St. That concluded in the BPW issuing an order for 7 mobile homes at Moody Park to be either removed or demolished because of the unsafe and inhabitable nature. In Indianapolis last week, Mayor Courtney was able to meet with the contractor for the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park. They executed the construction contract for the replacement of the pool. Last Friday, the city was awarded 3 more READI grants totaling over \$900,000.00. All 3 are private/public partnerships for the Ohio Theater, the Hanover-Madison Connector Trail, and the Indiana Music City Bicentennial Park improvements.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, @ 5:30 pm in City Hall.

Adjourn: D. Dattilo moved to adjourn, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor (5-0).

Attested:

President Pro Tempore

Kathleen M. Rampy, Clerk-Treasurer