



# MADISON *Indiana*

## Board of Public Works and Safety Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** March 6, 2023, at 11:30 AM

**MEETING PLACE:** City Hall- Council Chambers

The Board of Public Works and Safety, City of Madison, Indiana, met at 11:30 AM in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

**Calling of roll and notice of absentees:** Eaglin and Courtney were present. Carlow was absent and excused (2-0).

**Approval of Minutes:** Eaglin moved to approve February 21, 2023, minutes, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**Claims:** Eaglin moved to approve the claims as submitted, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**Adjustments:** None.

**Unfinished business:** Fire Department Changes to SOPs tabled from 1/3, 1/17, 2/6, and 2/21.

**Fire Department changes to SOPs:** Remains tabled until the March 20, 2023, BPW meeting.

### New business:

**Water Project SRF Disbursement Requests #12, 13, 14:** The city's Utilities Supervisor, Brian Jackson, presented the board with 3 requests for SRF disbursements. Request #12 for Dave O'Mara Contractors, who are conducting work at the water treatment plant. The total amount of the invoice was \$74,460.00 and the retainage amount was \$3,723.00. The amount to be paid to Dave O'Mara Contractors by the SRF will be \$70,737.00. Request #13 for MW Cole Construction, who are conducting work on the water storage tank. The total amount of the invoice was \$90,450.00 and the retainage amount was \$4,523.00. The amount to be paid to MW Cole Construction by the SRF will be \$85,928.00. Request #14 for Brackney Inc, which is conducting work on the water main replacements. The total amount of the invoice was \$1,268,924.47 and the retainage amount was \$63,446.00. The amount to be paid to Brackney Inc. by the SRF will be \$1,205,478.00.

**Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve the SRF Disbursement Requests #12, 13, and 14, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**Requests for Sr. Firefighter Status:** Kenny Washer, the city's Fire Chief, requested that two firefighters, one from Station 5 and one from station 2, be moved to senior status. The firefighters both meet the standards for senior status.

**Motion:** Eaglin moved to accept the promotions to Sr. Firefighters, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 6B-2023: STREET CLOSURE FOR CHANDLER HOTEL GRAND OPENING:** Matt Chandler, on behalf of the Chandler Hotel, requests a street closing mentioned in Resolution No. 6B-2023, in connection with the Hotel's Grand Opening activities to be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the Chandler Hotel Grand Opening Street Closure Request, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 7B-2023: STREET CLOSURE FOR JC PUBLIC LIBRARY TOUCH A TRUCK:**

Kara Motsinger, on behalf of the Jefferson County Public Library, requests a street closing mentioned in Resolution No. 7B-2023, in connection with their Touch a Truck Summer Reading Kick-Off to be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 4:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the JC Public Library Street Closure Request, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 8B-2023: STREET CLOSURE FOR LIFE CHOICES WALK OF LIFE:**

Lisa Perry, on behalf of the Life Choices Clinic, requests a street closing mentioned in Resolution No. 8B-2023, in connection with the Life Choices Clinic Walk for Life, to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the Walk of Life Street Closure Request, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**Request for Handicapped Parking Space at Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> & Cragmont:** John Wallace, the City of Madison's Chief of Police, presented the board with a request for a handicapped parking space at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Cragmont. There are currently no handicapped parking spots on the back side of the apartments, but there are some on the front side (2<sup>nd</sup> St). Courtney suggested tabling the request and taking it under advisement until the next meeting. Then the board and Chief Wallace could work with the Planning Commission and evaluate the plan that is on file for parking at Riverside Tower Lofts and determine if this would impact that plan at all.

**Motion:** Eaglin moved to table the request until the next scheduled BPW meeting, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**Hearing on Order to Demolish/Remove Multiple Unsafe Structures on Moody Park Ln:** Landon Ralston and Duey O'Neal, the city's building inspector and code enforcement officer, gave a presentation on multiple unsafe structures on Moody Park Ln. The hearing and presentation included pictures and citing of all violations of multiple structures. The addresses of the unsafe structures included 401, 407, 408, 413, 414, 419, and 420 Moody Park Ln. 408 and 413 are vacant structures. The violations Landon and Duey saw during their inspections included the following: exposed electrical cables, insufficient service panel clearance, open-faced receptacles, inadequate water supplies, inadequate sewage disposal, improper connections to the sewer system, inadequate smoke detectors, blocked exits, improper maintenance, improper use of extension cords, improper water heater installations, and missing GFCI in bathrooms and kitchens. The unsafe structures determination is from the Unsafe Building chapter in the city code. On February 23, Landon and Duey completed the unsafe structure notice violations and mailed them out for the hearing today, March 6, 2023. The request made is demolition and removal of the entire unsafe structure and vacating the unsafe structure.

Gayle Cunningham represented her husband, James Cunningham's wife. She explained four of the mobile homes were owned by her and that none of the warrants had her name on them. The Cunninghams did not want to be on today's agenda, as they have not had time to go over things with their lawyer, Carl Becker, who has been out of the office due to being hospitalized. Gayle and James Cunningham are requesting more time to review all documents given to them by the City of Madison regarding the order to demolish/remove multiple unsafe structures on Moody Park Ln.

Debbie Beemon, Walnut St., addressed the board to voice her concerns over the condition of the trailer park. She believes that the condition has only worsened since she has lived there. She does not believe it is a safe place for people to live or to want to live there. Debbie believes this is a problem for people who own places and property and do not want to put money into them.

Resident Harold Geyer, 401 Moody Park Ln, addressed the board to explain he has been in the process of upgrading his trailer, and that his outlet violation was not connected to anything in the trailer. He states he has redone the trailer's floors, walls, and plumbing and he is not a licensed contractor.

Gordon Van Vleck, who is going to be a resident of 407 Moody Park Ln, explained the bucket that was shown in the presentation was from them cleaning out the bathroom and plumbing.

Mike Greco, investment property on Walnut St., agreed that the board has the right to enforce laws, regulations, and ordinances. Mr. Greco requested the board look at the ordinances and policies and hold the owners accountable, even if it means removing the unsafe structures.

**Motion:** Courtney moved to have BPW action be moved to March 20, 2023, regarding the demolition and removal order, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**READI Contracts:** Nicole Schell, the city's Director of Planning, presented the board with 3 contracts regarding READI projects – Hanover-Madison Connector Trail, Indiana Music City Amphitheater Parking Improvements, and the Ohio Theater. This contract is for the city to receive a grant from the Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority through the READI Initiative. All contracts are the same except for the amounts. The city would receive \$440,000.00 for the Hanover-Madison Connector Trail, \$230,874.00 for the Indiana Music City Amphitheater Parking Improvements, and \$250,000.00 for the Ohio Theater. Nicole is requesting approval from the board to enter into these sub-grant contracts. These are all a part of the Destination Madison plans.

**Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve the 3 READI Grant Contracts, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**PACE Extension:** 1205 W Main, Scott Murphy, on behalf of Harvest Properties, is requesting an extension of 12 months. This was a dilapidated structure, but he had not received any of the \$25,000.00 that was awarded to him. Scott has already started work but needs an extension to complete it. The new deadline would be May 10, 2024. Public comment was opened up by Courtney. Lucy Dattilo, 1048 W Main explained to the board that this property is in her district and would ask that the owner maintain the exterior of the property if it is being extended out another year.

**Motion:** Courtney amended his previous motion and moved to approve the PACE extension subject to maintaining the exterior appearance of the property, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**Reviewing Streets/Sidewalks Chapter 98 subsection 98.20:** Courtney invited Deputy Mayor, Mindy McGee, to summarize the review of the ordinance relating to chapter 98 – streets and sidewalks. Mindy explained that the city would like to review permit fees, bonding requirements, etc. referenced from a 1966 ordinance. They would like to take a look at it, make some recommendations, and come back at the next BPW meeting for how the city would like to see the process worked through the Planning Office.



**Mayor's comments:** The mayor announced there was some work happening on Hanover Hill today and tomorrow, March 7, 2023, with possible lane closures. The City of Madison State of the City Address will be Thursday, March 9, 2023, at the Fairfield Inn, and the mayor invited everyone in the community to attend to hear about the achievements from 2022 and also where the city is going in 2023. The mayor asked Mindy McGee about any updates regarding CCMG. Mindy explained the city submitted its application for the spring work and ended up with a \$1.2 million application. There should be updates on the application either late this month or early April. Tomorrow night, March 7, 2023, at the City Council meeting, the city will be swearing in 2 new Madison Police Department officers. On March 18, 2023, the Walnut St. 150-year Celebration will be taking place, and it is open to the public.

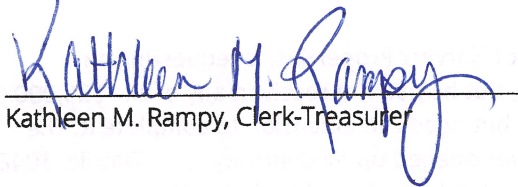
**Public comment:** Paul Lee, 1033 W Main, wanted to bring a situation to the board's attention. The property at 1037 W Main has been vacant for a few months, and some new things have affected the property since the recent severe storm and the roof has blown off the property. Paul is requesting an inspection of the property to be taken by the building inspector. The owner of 1037 W Main is Dale Wells. Shawn Pennington, 1035 W Main, expressed the same concerns as well.

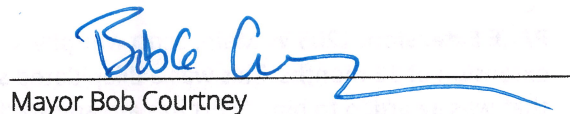
**Next meeting:** Monday, March 20, 2023, at 11:30 AM

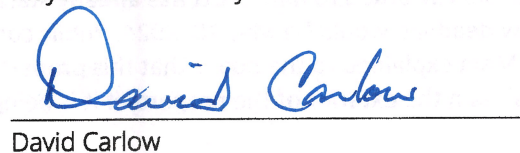
**Adjourn:** Eaglin moved to adjourn, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

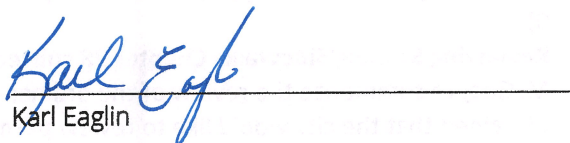


Attested:

  
Kathleen M. Rampy, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Mayor Bob Courtney

  
David Carlow

  
Karl Eaglin