

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2023

MEETING PLACE: Crystal Beach Hunter Baldwin Hall - Madison, IN

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at Crystal Beach Hunter Baldwin Hall, 400 W Vaughn Dr, Madison, IN 47250.

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

Present: Thevenow, L. Dattilo, J. Bartlett, Krebs, D. Dattilo, Chatham. J. Schafer was absent and excused. (6-1).

Minutes: Krebs moved to approve January 17, 2023, minutes, seconded by L. Dattilo. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

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

Proclamation for Black History Month: Mayor Bob Courtney introduced Pastor Harvey Leggett Jr. to sing a song for the council and the public before the proclamation. Sue Livers was invited up along with Pastor Leggett, and the mayor read the proclamation for Black History Month. Sue and Pastor Leggett informed the public of events happening in the community to celebrate Black History Month.

Captain Dan Slygh Retirement Acknowledgment: Police Chief, John I. Wallace, was present at the meeting to acknowledge Captain Dan Slygh's career as a part of the Madison Police Department. Slygh has served the citizens of Madison for over 22 years. The mayor, on behalf of the community, presented Slygh with a Service Award from the City of Madison.

Crystal Beach Aquatic Park Project: Mayor Courtney opened this portion of the council meeting with some background on the Crystal Beach Pool and the progress in restoration that has taken place over the past few years. The mayor also announced that the Board of Public Works and Safety awarded a construction contract to RL Turner for construction that will begin almost immediately for the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park. Mayor Courtney introduced Commissioner Bobby Little to announce the county's commitment to Crystal Beach. The Commissioners agreed to a one-time payment of \$70,000.00 from the ARPA fund and \$25,000.00 per year for 20 years out of the historic restoration fund, subject to county council approval. Darlene Connelly, from the Bethany Legacy Foundation, was introduced to the public and the council to make a special announcement for the celebration of Crystal Beach Aquatic Park. Darlene gave the public and the council some background on the Bethany Legacy Foundation's history and their mission. Darlene introduced the Bethany Legacy Foundation's CEO and President, Dora Anim, where she awarded the City of Madison with a donation of \$2,000,000.00 towards the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park project on behalf of the Bethany Legacy Foundation. A portion of this grant will be set aside to make sure that those who cannot afford to can participate in the pool. Mayor Courtney then invited the City of Madison's Economic Development Director, Tony Steinhardt, to address the public and the council. He presented the final drawings of the pool. Crystal Beach Aquatic Park will be open in

the summer of 2024. Matt Woolard addressed the council and let the public know that in 2023, the City of Madison entered into an agreement with Madison Consolidated Schools to utilize their facilities for swim lesson programming. The city is also working with several organizations on the steps to take to make the pool more accessible for everyone. In 2022, the city partnered with OVO to ensure kids under the age of 18 of low-income families could receive access to Clifty Falls State Park and its pool while it is under construction. Conversations are taking place to expand on initiatives like those.

Resolutions or bills: None.

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

Report of city officials: None.

Bills on third reading: None.

Bills on second reading:

ORDINANCE 2023 - 1: ESTABLISHING PAUL BRUHN GRANT NONREVERTING FUND

Bartlett made a motion to suspend the rules and move to third reading, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carries (6-0).

Third Reading Roll Call Vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Chatham – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Krebs – Y, Thevenow – Y (6-0). Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 2023 – 2: AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR 3122 AND 3134 CLIFTY DR.

Thevenow made a motion to suspend the rules and move to third reading, seconded by Krebs. All in favor, motion carries (6-0).

Third Reading Roll Call Vote: D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Chatham – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Krebs – Y, Thevenow – Y (6-0). Motion Carried.

Public comment: None.

Mayor's comments: At the PACE meeting, it was announced that another version of the PACE program will be implemented on a pilot basis called Curb Appeal. Soon the community will have more access to funding through partnership and match funding programs across Madison's hilltop initially in designated areas. The mayor also recognized and expressed condolences to the family of Joe Knoebel, who passed away and was laid to rest last week. Joe was a 65-year veteran firefighter in the #1 firehouse and a Madison resident, all his life. The mayor encouraged everyone to be on the lookout for an event hosted by the firefighters of Madison, celebrating Walnut St. Fire Co.'s 150th Anniversary, as well as, a groundbreaking for the Gaines Park improvements on February 22nd at 5:30pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, @ 5:30 pm in City Hall.

Adjourn: Krebs moved to adjourn, seconded by L. Dattilo. All in favor (6-0).



President Pro Tempore

Kathleen M. Rampy, Clerk-Treasurer



