

## **Common Council Minutes**

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

**Minutes:** Bartlett moved to approve February 7, 2023, minutes, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: None.

## Resolutions or bills:

RESOLUTION 2C-2023: APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

The City of Madison has been a plaintiff in multiple types of litigation involving the misuse of opioid drugs both by pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers. The named defendants include Walgreens, Walmart, CVS, Teva, and Allergan. A settlement has been reached with the previously named defendants and the City of Madison will be entitled to a portion of the settlement funds, which are listed in Resolution 2C-2023.

Bartlett moved to approve Resolution 2C-2023, seconded by D. Dattilo. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). **Roll Call Vote:** Bartlett – Y, Chatham – Y, Schafer – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Thevenow – Y, D. Dattilo – Y (6-0). Motion carried.

Reports, recommendations, and other business from standing/select committees of City Council: The mayor recommended one appointment to the Tree Board, Thomas Stark. Stark recently completed a term on the Historic District Board of Review. The mayor requested approval for Thomas Stark to join the Tree Board.

D. Dattilo moved to approve the Tree Board appointment of Thomas Stark, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Report of city officials:** Brian Jackson, the city's Utilities Superintendent, gave council a brief update and review regarding the Water and Sewer Department in 2022. Last year, the department had some changes in its superintendents in the Water Department. In March of 2022, the Water Superintendent at the time, Ron Geyman retired. Mr. Geyman was replaced with an existing employee, Jay Mitchell, who has his water license and was the certified operator for a significant amount of time. Mitchell has been with the water depart since 2007. In the Wastewater Department, the Wastewater Superintendent, Jay Thompson, resigned in October of 2022. He was replaced several months later by

Rebecca Frakes, who is a class 4 operator and was the prior Wastewater Superintendent for the town of Edinburgh, IN.

Jackson also updated council on the Capital improvements water project. For Division A, supply and water treatment improvements- O'Mara has done an initial assessment and some preliminary work but is still waiting on materials that were ordered. For Division B, tank improvements plans on beginning work the second week in March. Division C has already begun working on East Street and Flint Street.

Bills on third reading: None.

Bills on second reading: None.

**Public comment**: Annalisa Strickland, Mulberry Street, asked a question regarding the chemical spill in Palestine, Ohio. She asked if the city was actively testing our water or if we were in contact with Cincinnati to see if anything has come through their water systems. Brian Jackson was brought up to address the question. Jackson is having a conference call Wednesday, February 22, 2023, to go over this. Jackson explained that the chemical spill does not affect us at all. They have done testing in Cincinnati too and by the time it gets to Madison, the chemicals would be so diluted and well below EPA standards. The City of Madison tests water daily.

**Mayor's comments:** Mayor Courtney wanted to acknowledge EMA week and Troy Morgan and team. Courtney thanked Troy and his staff for all the great services they provide throughout the community. A proclamation was read from Gov. Holcomb regarding emergency staff. The mayor also read Gov. Holcomb's proclamation for the FFA, as it is also FFA week. The city resubmitted a couple of plans for Destination Madison for READI 1.5 which could result in additional project funding. The city will know in May if there are additional monies to be returned to the RDA for reallocation. The groundbreaking for Gaines Park will be Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, @ 5:30 pm in City Hall.

gourn: Thevenow moved to adjourn, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor (6-0).

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Attested:

President Pro Tempore

Kathleen M. Rampy, Clerk-Treasurer