



MADISON *Indiana*

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: May 8, 2024

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

Present: Schafer, Wilber, Bartlett, Dattilo, Krebs, and Thevenow were present. Storm was **absent** (6-1).

Minutes: Thevenow moved to approve April 16, 2024, minutes, seconded by Wilber. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Proclamation for Mental Health Month: Mayor Courtney presented the Proclamation recognizing May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month. The City of Madison and Jefferson County have a multitude of resources available for those struggling with mental health. Dora Anim, CEO of Bethany Legacy Foundation, was presented with the proclamation and spoke on the lack of resources Jefferson County has regarding mental health and substance abuse and calling for collective action.

Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month: Mayor Courtney presented the Proclamation recognizing May 2024 as National Historic Preservation Month. "People Saving Places" is the theme for National Historic Preservation Month 2024, a great example of which includes the City's PACE investment incentive program, private investment, and national quality historic district investments by Historic Madison, Inc., and Cornerstone Society. Merritt Alcorn of Alcorn, Sage, Schwartz, and Magrath, was presented with the proclamation and gave a few words explaining the background of historic preservation in Madison and the value preservation has made on the quality of life for our city.

Resolutions or bills: Resolution 2024-5C: Amending Resolution 2023-9C Naming a Recently Acquired Parcel from Francis Costigan Park to Ohio River Legacy Park (Sp. Dattilo): A parcel of land addressed as 116 Poplar Street, was deeded to the City of Madison through a generous donation from Historic Madison Foundation, Inc. The city agreed to improve and develop said lot and the surrounding area as a city park. On December 19, 2023, Common Council adopted Resolution 2023-9C naming the new park "Francis Costigan Park." As the improvements are nearing completion which highlight Madison's unique history and Architecture and Industry, and its role in the Underground Railroad, the Mayor and Common Council believe it is fitting to rename the park "Ohio River Legacy Park (Legacy Park)." Legacy Park will highlight the importance of the Ohio River in Madison's history and feature two main figures of the 19th century, Francis Costigan and George DeBaptiste. The park will also pay homage to the city's industrial past and feature space for the city's past, present, and future legacies. Said parcel shall be dedicated and utilized for public use and shall be considered property of the City of Madison, Indiana. The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana agree to designate said property to be utilized as a public park and declares that the name of said park shall be amended to reflect "Ohio River Legacy Park" and shall be added to the city's existing parks inventory. **Motion:** Wilber moved to approve Resolution 2024-5C, seconded by Bartlett. **Roll Call Vote:** Dattilo – Y, Wilber – Y, Bartlett – Y, Schafer – Y, Krebs – Y, and Thevenow – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (6-0).

Reports, recommendations, and other business from standing/select committees of City Council: At the previous meeting, Mayor Courtney activated the New Projects Committee. Krebs, Schafer, Courtney, and Wilber have created a work list of things that they would like to tackle first. The New Projects Committee's intent is to help modernize many of the policies that are **outdated**.

Report of city officials: None.

Bills on third reading: Ordinance 2024-4: Authorizing the Issuance of a Revenue Note to Finance Solid Waste Facilities (Spr: Dattilo and J. Bartlett): Roll Call Vote: Dattilo – Y, Wilber – Y, Bartlett – Y, Schafer – Y, Krebs – Y, and Thevenow – N. Majority rules, ordinance passes (5-1).

Bills on second reading: None.

Miscellaneous: None.

Public comment: None.

Mayor's comments: Congratulations to the City of Madison Main Street organization and the City of Madison for being awarded the 2024 Great American Main Street Award. Mayor Courtney gave recognition to his wife, Tammy Courtney, and her **career** in nursing, as well as all nurses as it is Nurse's Appreciation Week. It is also Teachers Appreciation Week, and Mayor Courtney recognized his first-grade teacher, Mrs. Burch, Principal, Mr. Hensler, and all other **teachers** and administrators who are guiding the kids. There are three major **initiatives** that are **underway**, including stormwater policies, zoning updates, and personnel handbook **updates**. The community is invited to the **Crystal** Beach ribbon cutting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:00 pm, and the grand re-opening Sunday, May 26, 2024.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday**, May 21, 2024, @ 5:30 pm.

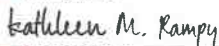
Adjourn: Krebs moved to adjourn, seconded by Schafer. All in favor (6-0).

Attested:



President Pro Tempore

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Kathleen M. Rampy, Clerk-Treasurer

