

MADISON *Indiana*

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: June 4, 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: Wilber, Bartlett, Dattilo, Krebs, and Storm were present. Schafer attended the meeting via Zoom, and Thevenow was absent (6-1).

Minutes: Bartlett moved to approve May 8, 2024, minutes, seconded by Wilber. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

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

Resolutions or bills: Ordinance 2024-5: Establishing the Indiana Destination Development Corporation Control Fund and Approving the Grant Agreement (Sp. Bartlett): The Indiana Development Corporation, a tourism development office that is dedicated to supporting and promoting Indiana's tourism and talent attraction efforts will be making restricted donations for various tourism-related initiatives within the City of Madison. The City of Madison wishes to establish a fund to deposit monies donated from the Indiana Destination Development Corporation to the City of Madison initiatives. A control fund is established to deposit monies donated by the Indiana Destination Development Corporation. The monies will come as restricted donations for a specified purpose through an agreement for each donation which will specify the accepted use of funds. The fund shall be named the Indiana Destination Development Corporation Grant Control Fund. All funds contained in the account shall be expended only for the exclusive purpose detailed in each restricted donation agreement. The Common Council of the City of Madison will review and agree to each donation agreement prior to accepting funds and no further appropriation is required. The express and written approval of the Board of Public Works and Safety shall be obtained prior to the expenditure of funds from the account. For each type of restricted donation, separate, individual accounts shall be monitored to reflect receipts, disbursements, and current balances. The fund shall be non-reverting and exist perpetually unless terminated by a subsequent ordinance enacted by the Common Council. If the fund is terminated by a subsequent ordinance enacted by the Common Council, the remaining balance of the terminated account shall revert to the general budget of the Common Council.

Resolution 2024-6C: Supporting JC Council Ordinance to Raise Innkeeper's Tax (Sp. Bartlett): In July 1987 Jefferson County Council "Council" increased the Jefferson County Innkeeper's Tax from 4% to 5%. In May 2019, Council adopted Ordinance 2019-1 setting forth procedures for local collection of the tax pursuant to IC 6-9-15-6. In September 2021, Council adopted Ordinance 2021-03 which identifies the composition of the seven-member board of managers whose role it is to invest the funds in a manner that promotes the development and growth of convention activity, tourism, and industry in Madison and Jefferson County. In March 2024 the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 238 which became Public Law 121 when signed by Governor Eric J. Holcomb on March 13, 2024. The legislation amends IC 6-9-15-6 to enable Jefferson County and other counties to impose a rate of up to 8% Innkeeper's Tax until December 31, 2045. The investment of innkeeper tax which is assessed on lodging and short-term rentals and supports the quality-of-life strategies,

drives business to our local economies, enhances workforce retention and development, supports small business, provides funding for arts and culture, and funds capital needs across the community. To increase this tax, Jefferson County Council must pass an ordinance adopting the increased amount. The City of Madison has representation on the Jefferson County Board of Tourism and supports Jefferson County Council's effort to pass an ordinance raising the Innkeeper's Tax from 5% to 8%, effective January 1, 2025.

Motion: Bartlett moved to approve Resolution 2024-6C, seconded by Dattilo. **Roll Call:** Dattilo – Y, Wilber – Y, Bartlett – Y, Schafer – Y, Krebs – Y, and Storm – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (6-0).

Reports, recommendations, and other business from standing/select committees of City Council: New Projects Committee: Josh Schafer, a member of the New Projects Committee, presented the committee's current progress to the public and council. They have started by reviewing the Council Rules and Procedures.

Report of city officials: MPD Chief Shawn Scudder: Chief Scudder briefed the council on police call statistics, staffing, the Community Watch Program, and preparations for street traffic calming solutions.

Bills on third reading: None.

Bills on second reading: None.

Miscellaneous: None.

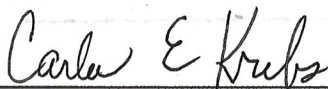
Public comment: Deanna Shelley asked the council questions regarding capital planning, Main Street semi-traffic, street traffic calming solutions, the current road and sidewalk projects, TSO trash rates, and abandoned vehicle ordinances. Jaret Boyd, who lives at 111 East Third Street, congratulated the city on the opening of the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park and also expressed concerns regarding the traffic at the corner of West Street. Elyse Detmer, residing at 104 East Third Street, sought clarification on an abandoned vehicle ordinance.

Mayor's comments: A ribbon cutting will take place on June 11, 2024, to announce the Economic Development initiative with the City of Madison Port Authority. This initiative aims to attract new businesses and make use of railroad transportation. On June 8, 2024, there will be a swearing-in ceremony for Shirley Rynearson, the new Clerk-Treasurer. The city will be conducting a lead line survey, reaching out to each household in the city to assess homes that may have lead lines connecting to the city's water supply. An application will be sent to city residents soon, allowing them to choose the size of their new trash cans.


The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024, @ 5:30 pm.

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

Attested:



President Pro Tempore



Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer

