



# MADISON *Indiana*

## Common Council Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** July 16, 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, Schafer, Krebs, Thevenow, and Dattilo were present, while Storm was absent (6-1).

**Minutes:** Wilber motioned to approve the July 2, 2024, seconded by Schafer. Dattilo abstained from the vote due to her absence at the previous meeting. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: MPD Chief Scudder to administer Oath for new Police Officer, Alex Ball:** Alex Ball took the oath as the newest MPD patrolman recruit. Alex was previously a patrolman with the Switzerland County Sheriff's Department.

**Resolutions or bills:** None.

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

**Report of city officials: Director of Communications – Hannah Mahoney: Intern Recognition:** Hannah introduced the five current summer interns for the City of Madison to the council. The interns include Neel Mistry, who is interning with the Police Department; Thomas Loehr, who is interning with the Economic Development Department; Brayden Ricketts and Carter Hay, who are interning with the Parks Department; and Kristen Thorpe, who is interning with the Communications Department.

**Utilities Superintendent – Brian Jackson:** Brian presented the council with a brief overview and highlights of his department's operations and projects, primarily focusing on Wastewater. Last year the west clarifier, built in 1949, was replaced at a cost of approximately \$75,000.00. Work on the east clarifier began this week and will cost approximately \$82,000.00. The clarifiers are identical, but there was a little more damage on the east clarifier. The refurbishing of the clarifiers should keep up for ten to fifteen years. The Wells Drive lift station is also experiencing upkeep work as well and will address upgrading the lift station in a few years. There were three division of the water project, A, B, and C. In division A – the water treatment plant improvements, all work has been mostly completed on the storage tanks, the three treatment plants, and the booster stations excluding boosters one and three. The west end electrical work is the only outstanding unfinished part of this project. Division B was work on all of the storage tanks. All of the tanks have been completed for the most part, except for when work was taking place on the East million-gallon tank on the hilltop, they discovered a roof problem and repairs will need to take place on that. Division C was repairs and installation of new lines and new hydrants in several subdivisions throughout the city. Those have all been completed.

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shirley Rynearson:** Shirley provided the council with an update on the State Board of Accounts audit for the year of 2023 that is currently being conducted. This is a routine audit that happens every year in every city in the state of Indiana. The audit began June 10, 2024, and is expected to wrap up no later than September 5, 2024. The city is working with the field examiners in the following areas in the year of 2023: bank reconciliation and adjustments; federal grant reporting and contractor requirements.

**Bills on third reading:** None.

**Bills on second reading:** None.

**Miscellaneous:** None.

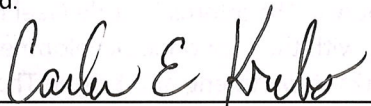
**Public comment:** Mike Greco, 1106 East Street, commented that the East Street paving looks beautiful but is concerned by the transition from asphalt to gravel on Hill Street and the water runoff and the conditions it may cause. Mayor Courtney recommended the Street Department come and check it out. Debbie Beemon, 709 Walnut Street, inquired about when the new garbage cans will be delivered. Citizens can follow the link provided on social media to select the size of trash container they would like. The link will remain open until July 31, 2024. The delivery of the new trash containers will be received by October 2024.

**Mayor's comments:** Thoughts and prayers to the victims of the attempted assassination of former President Trump. This Friday, July 19, 2024, the American Cruise Line will be in town with two ships. The Board of Public Works and Safety has been having multiple discussions regarding transient merchants and their random locations throughout the very busy Main Street Corridor and the issues the city is facing with sidewalk obstructions. New round of PACE Applications were approved at the Board of Public Works meeting for a total of eight dilapidated structures in the downtown area. The ratio of city grant amount to private investment was about 13 to 1. \$175,000.00 of PACE monies were granted and the private investment was over \$2,000,000.00. This round caps off the 2024 awards, and the next cycle will begin in January 2025 with an application due date of December 2, 2024.

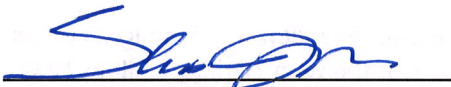
The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, 2024, @ 5:30 pm. \*National Night Out

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

Attested:



**President Pro Tempore**



**Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer**

