



MADISON *Indiana*

Board of Public Works and Safety Minutes

MEETING DATE: Monday, April 21, 2025, at 11:30 AM

MEETING PLACE: City Hall- Council Chambers

The Board of Public Works and Safety, City of Madison, Indiana, met at 11:30 AM in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Calling of roll and notice of absentees: Eaglin, Courtney, and Carlow were present (3-0).

Approval of Minutes: Eaglin moved to approve the April 7, 2025, minutes, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Claims—General/Payroll: Carlow moved to approve the general and payroll claims as submitted, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Adjustments: None.

Unfinished Business: Petition for Removal of Speed Bumps on First Street (Tabled from 4/7):

Motion: Carlow moved to take the petition off the table, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0). At the previous meeting, the Board received a petition signed by 14 residents requesting the removal of speed bumps in the East First Street neighborhood.

Patrick Thevenow, 106 East Third Street, mentioned that since the last meeting, he has heard from four residents in the neighborhood who wish to have the speed bumps remain. Charles Bersch, a resident of the neighborhood, spoke in opposition to the removal of the speed bumps, expressing his concerns about the impact it could have. Jan Vetrhus, of 701 East Street, asked the Board to consider keeping the speed bump located between Baltimore Street and St. Michael's Avenue. MPD Chief Scudder did not recommend retaining the speed bumps on a side street, noting that comparable areas in the city do not have them in place. Jim Olsen, 610 East Second Street, recommended keeping the western speed bump for safety from traffic.

Petition for Removal of Speed Bumps on First Street: Motion: Courtney moved to authorize the removal of the speed bumps on East First Street, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Cert. of Subs. Comp. Water Projects Division B MW Cole Contracting Cert. of Subs. Completion (Tabled 3/3) – Utilities Superintendent Brian Jackson: Motion: Courtney moved to take the Certificate of Substantial Completion off the table, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0). The date of substantial completion will be today, April 21, 2025. The certificate has been inspected by the authorized representative, the owner, the contractor, and the engineer and is substantially complete. **Motion:** Courtney moved to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion upon recommendation by Commonwealth and the Utilities Superintendent, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

New business:

Water Project Division B – MW Cole Change Order #3 – Utilities Superintendent Brian Jackson:

Change Order No. 3 for the Water Project – Division “B” with MW Cole Contracting was presented, removing the ladder installation from the project, and resulting in a credit of \$17,000, dated April 21, 2025. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve Change Order #3, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Contract for BYB Events Services – Sr. Center and Events Coordinator Brett Ricketts: This contract is for the inflatable rentals for the Christmas celebration. The inflatables are typically fully sponsored each year. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the contract with BYB Event Services, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Retire K-9 Officer handled by Trent Smith – MPD Chief Scudder: Trent Smith recently accepted a position with another agency. He served as the K-9 handler for Colt, a dog the department has had since 2018. Colt is now approximately 8.5 years old, which is considered near retirement age for a working dog. Given Colt’s age and Trent’s departure, the department prefers not to invest in training a new handler for him. As a result, Chief Scudder is requesting that Colt be officially retired and released to Trent Smith’s care. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve the retirement of K-9 Officer Colt, contingent upon the finalization of the retirement agreement, and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

INDOT Construction CO #005 – Director of Streets, Facilities, & Solid Waste: This change order pertains to the ongoing Clifty Drive project and specifically addresses the unexpected asbestos abatement required for piping discovered throughout the worksite. The City is responsible for covering the abatement costs. As part of the change, the price per linear foot has been reduced from the original \$300.00 to approximately \$250–\$252.00. Additionally, the change order authorizes up to 1,000 additional feet of abatement as the project progresses. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the INDOT Construction Change Order #005, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Guardrail Removal on Portion of Michigan Rd. – Deputy Mayor Tony Steinhardt: John Demaree, a property owner along Michigan Road, is exploring the opportunity to construct two homes on the golf course. He has requested the City’s consideration to reconstruct the existing guardrail—at his own expense—in a way that would allow for a new egress point to the property. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the guardrail removal on a portion of Michigan Rd with the coordination with the Director of Streets, Chris Hale, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Resolution 2025-13B: Freedom Center’s Mindful Connections: A request was filed by Emily Applegate on behalf of the Freedom Center to reserve 14 parking spaces along the north side of Vaughn Drive, south of Bicentennial Park, for food truck parking in connection with the 2025 Mindful Connections event. The proposed reservation would be in effect from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on May 17, 2025. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve Resolution 2025-13B, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Resolution 2025-14B: Public Library's Touch a Truck Summer Reading Kick-Off Event: A request was filed by Kara Motsinger on behalf of the Jefferson County Public Library for a street closure in connection with the Touch-A-Truck Summer Reading Kick-Off event, scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2025. The proposed closure would affect both southbound and northbound lanes of Broadway Street, from the north side of Main Street to the south side of Third Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve Resolution 2025-14B, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Resolution 2025-15B: 2nd Annual Pride Festival: A request was filed by Thomas Stark for a street closure in connection with the 2nd Annual Pride Festival, scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2025. The proposed closure would affect Vine Street between First Street and Second Street from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on that day. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve Resolution 2025-15B, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Resolution 2025-16B: Ribberfest: A request was filed by Jim Bartlett on behalf of the Madison Ribberfest BBQ & Blues Committee for multiple street and parking closures in connection with the Madison Ribberfest BBQ & Blues Festival, scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2025, through Saturday, August 16, 2025. The proposed closures would take place from 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 11, 2025, through 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025, and include: Vaughn Drive from the east side of Mill Street to the west side of Jefferson Street; Vine, Elm, Broadway, Poplar, Central, and West Streets, all south from First Street to Vaughn Drive; parking spaces on the north and south sides of First Street between West Street and Central Avenue; the grassy lot north of Chillbilly Treats and south of the alley between West and Mulberry Streets; and the parking lot located at the northeast corner of Jefferson Street and Vaughn Drive. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve Resolution 2025-16B, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Airstream Urban Rally June 2026: An Airstream urban rally is a gathering of Airstream owners and enthusiasts held in a downtown or urban setting, where participants typically park their Airstreams along city streets or in public areas and take part in organized events and activities. Artie Martin, the event organizer, attended the meeting to provide background information and share what the community can expect from an event of this nature. The event is proposed to take place over the weekend of June 11, 2026. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve reserving the proposed weekend for the Airstream Urban Rally, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

PACE Final: 1 West Sixth Street – Historic Preservationist Brenna Haley: This was a rehabilitation grant for the full \$7,500.00. The owners are requesting the full disbursement. Work included tuckpointing and the replacement of historic brick with appropriate replacements. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the PACE Finals, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Mayor's Comments: Thank you to the City team, contractors, vendors, and all supporters for their efforts in responding to the recent severe weather and assisting with flood clean-up. We also hope everyone had a great Easter. Tomorrow night at the City Council meeting, the Police Department will officially swear in four new hires. Regarding the Transfer Station Rehabilitation Project, design work is now complete. A pre-bid conference is scheduled for April 23, 2025, with the bid opening set for May 1. Bid approval and contract signing are anticipated at the Board meeting on May 5, 2025. The goal is to mobilize by the end of May, with a substantial completion date by October.

Public comment: None.

Next meeting: Monday; May 5, 2025, at 11:30 AM.

Adjourn: Courtney moved to adjourn, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

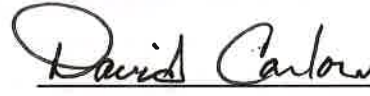
Attested:


Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer


Karl Eaglin




Mayor Bob Courtney


David Carlow

