



# MADISON *Indiana*

## Common Council Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 5:30 PM

**MEETING PLACE:** City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

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

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

**Minutes:** Wilber moved to approve the April 8, 2025, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Proclamation for National Travel and Tourism Week: May 4-10, 2025:** Mayor Bob G. Courtney proclaims May 4-10, 2025, as National Travel and Tourism Week in Madison & Jefferson County, Indiana, recognizing the travel industry's vital role in the local and national economy. The proclamation highlights tourism's economic impact, job support, contributions to essential services, and growth in visitor numbers. It emphasizes that travel supports various industries, enhances community well-being, and is key to future prosperity. Andrew Forrester, Executive Director at VMI, thanked the Mayor and City Council and shared remarks about tourism in Madison, including the launch of new programs during National Travel and Tourism Week.

**Swearing In of New MPD Officers: Charles Alton, Coley Arvin, Jeremiah Douglas, Nathen Hobbs:** Police Chief Shawn Scudder introduced the four newest members of the MPD — Charles Alton, Coley Arvin, Jeremiah Douglass, and Nathen Hobbs — who were officially sworn in by Mayor Bob Courtney. The officers will begin their training at the police academy on May 5, 2025.

**Resolutions or bills: Resolution 2025-5C: Supporting 2025 Flood Recovery Efforts:** *Provides free removal of solid waste and debris for those impacted by the flood.* **Motion:** Thevenow moved to approve Resolution 2025-5C, seconded by Krebs. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (6-0).

**Resolution 2025-6C: Park NRO Balance Correction:** *Transfers amounts between positive/negative park funds.* **Motion:** Krebs moved to approve Resolution 2025-6C, seconded by Bartlett. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (6-0).

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

**Report of city officials: Economic Development Associate Director – Emily McKinney: Riverfront Liquor License Renewals: Red on Main, Rivertown Grill, Ohio Theatre, Red Bicycle Hall:** Through this program, the Council authorizes the Economic Development Department to issue up to 10 Riverfront Liquor Licenses. Three licenses are reserved for cultural experience venues, and all three have been allocated. The remaining seven licenses are designated for restaurants, with three currently in use and four still available. Applications for renewal under the Riverfront Liquor License program were submitted by Red on Main, Rivertown Grill, Ohio Theatre, and

Red Bicycle Hall. Each establishment met the necessary requirements for their respective category. Additionally, both restaurants exceeded the financial performance expectations established for their third year and beyond.

**Motion:** Bartlett moved to approve the renewals as presented, seconded by Wilber. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, motion passes (6-0).

**Bills on second reading: Ordinance 2025-5: Repeal and Replace Section 70.04 Code Regarding Golf Cart**

**Regulations:** *Updates ordinance to clarify definitions and where golf carts, LSVs, and ORVs are allowed. A replacement ordinance has been included to reflect proposed amendments as recommended by the Special Projects Committee.* Tabled 4/8/25. **Motion:** Wilber moved to take the ordinance off the table, seconded by Bartlett. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. Majority rules, motion passes (6-0).

Councilman Schafer provided a brief overview of the Council's proposed replacement amendment and the efforts to consolidate previous amendments discussed with the Special Projects Committee. **Motion:** Schafer moved to amend and replace the previously proposed ordinance with the replacement version that has been presented, seconded by Wilber. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – N, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. Majority rules, motion passes (5-1).

Councilmembers discussed where the boundaries should be for allowing golf carts to travel on Main Street and where they would be permitted to cross it.

**Public Comment re. Ordinance 2025-5:** Debby Anderson, of 417 Presbyterian Avenue, expressed her opposition to the "grandfathered" provision for golf carts, stating that all residents should be treated equally. Mayor Courtney addressed this comment. Shirley and Jeff Rynearson, City Clerk-Treasurer, explained that if the Council amends the radius for where golf carts are permitted, it will leave her residence landlocked and unable to access designated areas by golf cart. Champ Claussen, 722 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St, discussed some of the traffic issues in that specific corridor. Heather Coderre, representing Cruisin' Powersports, described the difference between golf carts and LSVs (low-speed vehicles).

**Motion:** Thevenow moved to amend on page 2, section D, where it states, "*Main Street in downtown Madison, running from Jefferson Street to Cragmont Street*" to say "*Cragmont Street to Wall Street.*" Motion dies for lack of a second.

**Motion:** Thevenow moved to remove section E on page 2, regarding "grandfathering" low-speed vehicles. Motion dies for lack of a second.

**Motion:** Bartlett moved to amend section D, part 4, after Orchard Street, replace "and" with a comma, and add a comma after Green Road, then add West Third Street and Delta Lane, seconded by Wilber. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – N, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. Majority rules, motion passes (5-1).

**Ordinance 2025-5: Repeal and Replace Section 70.04 Code Regarding Golf Cart Regulations: Roll Call Vote:**

Thevenow – N, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. Majority rules, motion passes (5-1).

**Miscellaneous:** None.

**Public comment (per sign-up sheet):** Debby Anderson, 417 Presbyterian Avenue, requested clarification on the motion for Ordinance 2025-5 regarding "grandfathered" low-speed vehicles. DeAnna Copley, 1534 Clifty Drive, shared some concerns regarding the Jefferson House moving into the church next door to her property.

**Mayor's comments:** Flags are currently at half-staff in honor of the Pope's passing. At the next Council meeting, proposed changes to the traffic regulations on West Main Street will be presented. Additionally, Senate Bill One has passed both the House and Senate and has been signed into law.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 6, 2025, @ 5:30 pm.

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

Attested:

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**Mayor**

Carla E Krebs

**President Pro Tempore**

Shirley Ryneerson

**Shirley Ryneerson, Clerk-Treasurer**

