

Board of Public Works and Safety Minutes

MEETING DATE: Monday, June 2, 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 May 19, 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: None.

New business:

Contract Earth Shaping, LLC - Director of Streets, Facilities, & Solid Waste - Chris Hale: A proposed agreement between the City of Madison and Earth Shaping, LLC outlines a one-year term in which the company would grind and haul materials from the City's Transfer Station compost yard up to two times per year, unless additional services are pre-approved. The proposed cost is \$12,500 per instance of grinding and hauling. The agreement would grant Earth Shaping, LLC exclusive rights to perform this service, contingent upon mutually agreeable terms. The City would also have the option to extend the agreement for an additional five years at the same rate, provided the extension is executed before the end of the initial contract term. Motion: Eaglin moved to approve the contract with Earth Shaping, LLC, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Traffic Safety Initiative & Other Items – Chief of Police – Shawn Scudder: Beginning May 1, the Madison Police Department launched a city-wide traffic enforcement initiative aimed at increasing officer visibility and reducing traffic accidents. As a result, approximately 800 traffic stops were conducted in May, a significant increase from the 70 stops recorded in April. When comparing accident data from May 2024 to May 2025, the number of reported accidents has decreased by 12%, indicating early signs of success from the enhanced enforcement efforts. In addition to addressing common traffic violations, officers—particularly those working third shift when road traffic is lighter—have also been focusing on enforcing parking regulations.

At the next council meeting, Chief Scudder will be recognizing three officers, one with MPD and two with the county, who responded to a violent call.

PACE Applications – Historic Preservationist, Brenna Haley: The property at 611 W Second Street is seeking a \$7,500 rehabilitation grant for window replacement, tuckpointing, and repainting of the tuckpointed brick. This application was previously submitted in connection with an already approved fund transfer and is now being formally presented to the board for official review. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the PACE Application, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Resolution 2025-32B: Easement Vacation, 1200+ Clifty Drive: The Board of Public Works was presented with a proposed vacation of a previously obtained water line easement (described in Exhibit A of the resolution). No water line or related infrastructure was ever installed, and the easement is no longer needed for municipal purposes. The proposed vacation would support ongoing development on the property. The presentation included authorization for the Mayor to execute and record the necessary documents if the vacation is approved at a later time. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve Resolution 2025-32B, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Mayor's Comments: Memorial Day weekend in Madison was a success. Sincere thanks go out to all City of Madison teams for their dedicated efforts over the past seven weeks to restore the riverfront following the recent flood disaster. With the July 4th weekend on the horizon, the city is now fully gearing up for the height of festival season. Thanks to the library for hosting the Touch-a-Truck event in collaboration with the city.

Public comment: Lisa Ferguson, of 718 East Second Street, requested that the City consider holding the June 16, 2025, Plan Commission meeting at the Brown Gym. Jan Vethrus, of 701 East Second Street, echoed Lisa's comment.

Next meeting: Monday, June 16, 2025, at 11:30 AM.

Adjourn: Eaglin 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