

## **Common Council Minutes**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 3, 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, Schafer, Storm, Dattilo, and Bartlett were present. Wilber was absent (6-1).

**Minutes:** Storm moved to approve the May 20, 2025, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, motion carried (5-0-1). Dattilo abstained from voting, noting that she was not present at the previous council meeting.

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Spear Aquatics: Brian Spear – Crystal Beach Aquatic Park National Award: Spear Aquatic, one of the contractors involved in the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park project, is a member of the Aqua Group—a national network of approximately 350 builders and contractors. Each year, the Aqua Group hosts its Awards of Distinction, recognizing excellence in aquatic design and construction. This year, the City of Madison's Crystal Beach Aquatic Park was entered in the Large Commercial category and received the prestigious Gold Award. It was also named Pool of the Year for large-scale aquatic facilities. Brian presented the award and commemorative plaque to the City of Madison in recognition of this achievement.

Resolutions or Bills: Resolution 2025-9C: Transferring Appropriations between Departments within Same Fund: Transferring appropriations within the Parks-Sunrise Golf Course NRO for the 2025 Budget. Motion: Krebs moved to approve Resolution 2025-9C, seconded by Thevenow. Roll Call Vote: Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y. Dattilo – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (6-0).

Resolution 2025-10C: Reducing Budget Appropriations and Making Fund to Fund Transfers: Reduces budget appropriations and transfers funds to repay the temporary loan transfer made on behalf of Parks from the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund. Motion: Bartlett moved to approve Resolution 2025-10C, seconded by Krebs. Roll Call Vote: Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y. Dattilo – 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: MPD Chief of Police & Jefferson County Sheriff – Shawn Scudder & Ben Flint: Recognition for Acts of Bravery:** The City recognized three officers for their bravery during a tragic incident on April 25. That night, an isolated act of violence led to the heartbreaking loss of a life, and our thoughts remain with the victim's family and friends. When officers arrived on the

scene, three individuals were still barricaded inside while the suspect was actively trying to reach them. Patrolman Andrew Gibbs (Madison Police Department), Deputy Cameron Napier, and Sergeant Devlin McMindes (Jefferson County Sheriff's Department) responded quickly and bravely. Thanks to their actions, the suspect was safely taken into custody, and no further harm was done. In appreciation of their quick thinking and courage, all three were awarded the Life-Saving Award. The City shared its gratitude for their dedication and recognized how fortunate we are to have officers who are ready to step up when it matters most.

Bills on second reading: None.

Miscellaneous: None.

**Public comment (per sign-up sheet):** Charles Ricketts of 707 W. First Street inquired about whether a public information session would still be held for the four proposed projects, including the housing development on Vaughn Drive, prior to the upcoming Plan Commission meeting. Mayor Courtney explained that, due to the workload and time constraints faced by the Planning and Economic Development Departments, a separate public session will not be held. Instead, a detailed presentation—along with updated renderings—will be provided during the Plan Commission meeting on June 16, 2025. Deanna Shelley of 120 Wall Street asked when the upcoming Plan Commission meeting would be held and whether the date had been moved earlier or later than originally scheduled. She also asked if any council members had heard from residents who support the proposed housing development on Vaughn Drive.

**Mayor's comments:** Thanks to the strong collaboration between the EMA, County Commissioners and their teams, City Council, and city staff, both the city and county were able to recover quickly and effectively from the recent flood disaster. Their coordinated emergency response efforts were critical in getting operations back on track. The City and its contractors did an outstanding job restoring the riverfront and pool to normal conditions in a short time. Hargan-Matthews Park, which suffered significant flood damage, is expected to reopen in approximately three weeks.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2025, @ 5:30 pm.

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

Mayor

Attester

**President Pro Tempore** 

Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer