



MADISON *Indiana*

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 4, 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, Wilber, Schafer, and Bartlett were present. Storm was absent (6-1).

Minutes: Wilber moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Condolences were noted for the passing of former Vice President Dick Cheney. A moment of silence was observed in his honor, and flags will be flown at half-staff.

Resolutions or Bills: Resolution 2025-16C: Transfer between Appropriation Categories: (*Transfers funds between categories within MPD budget*). Chief of Police Rick Mundt was available to answer any questions the council had regarding the transfers. **Motion:** Bartlett moved to approve Resolution 2025-16C, 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 2025-17C: Transfer between Funds: (*Transfers funds from the BLF Control Account*) **Motion:** Thevenow moved to approve Resolution 2025-17C, 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).

Ordinance 2025-21: Interlocal Agreement with Jefferson County: (*Amends existing interlocal agreement regarding public safety, historic preservation, and economic development*): Ordinance will move on to a second reading.

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Ordinance 2025-22: Interlocal Agreement re. Emergency Communication Services: (*Amends the administrative board composition to comply with state and federal regulations*): Ordinance will move on to a second reading.

Ordinance 2025-23: Interlocal Agreement re. Jefferson County Animal Shelter: (*Re-establishes the animal shelter governing board and mutual funding arrangements*): Ordinance will move on to a second reading.

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Reports, recommendations, other business from standing/select committees of the city council: Board Appointments – Mayor – Tree Board: Reappointment of Jeff Matheney 12/31/2027: This would be Jeff Matheney's second term serving for the Tree Board, and his new term will go until the end of 12/31/2027. **Motion:** Bartlett moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation for the reappointment of Jeff Matheney to the Tree Board, seconded by Schafer. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, appointment passes (6-0).

Report of city officials – Economic Development Director, Tony Steinhart: Tony provided the board with a brief update on the Main Street project. He reported that asphalt and striping work had been delayed a few days due to changing weather conditions. With warmer temperatures returning, striping has now begun, and asphalt work is expected to be completed within a day and a half. The new striping includes additional traffic-calming measures on the east end from Jefferson to St. Michael's. A new traffic pattern will also be implemented in front of the courthouse, reducing traffic to one lane from Walnut Street moving forward. Landscaping and streetlight installation are expected to be completed in time for Thanksgiving and the Light Up Madison event. Streetlight installation on the west end has already begun. Regarding the trail project, all rock wall systems have been installed or are expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Councilmember Thevenow requested that the city review the timing of the stoplights at Walnut and Jefferson to help reduce possible traffic congestion with the new traffic pattern. Tony explained that there have been ongoing discussions regarding signal timing for all traffic lights from Mill Street to St. Michael's.

Bills on second reading: None.

Public comment (per sign-up sheet): Donald Schafer, 320 E Second Street, expressed concerns about the current code enforcement process and requested that the council meet with the Code Enforcement Officer to review and improve the process.

Mayor's comments: On November 10, the City will host a Food and Beverage Tax Workshop in partnership with the Chamber. This weekend marks Mad Hop, the final major music festival of the year. The Holiday Open House will take place the following week. Congratulations to the City of Madison Water Department for winning the City vs. County pumpkin decorating contest!

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 18, 2025, @ 5:30 pm.

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

Attested:



Mayor



President Pro Tempore



Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer

