

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 21, 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.

Council President Carla Krebs opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Krebs, Dattilo, Wilber, Schafer, and Bartlett were present. Thevenow arrived later in the meeting. Storm was absent (6-1).

Minutes: Schafer moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: None.

Resolutions or Bills: None.

Reports, recommendations, other business from standing/select committees of the city council: None.

Report of city officials: None.

Bills on second reading: Ordinance 2025-17C: Budget Notice of Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2026 (proposed budget for 2026) Sp. Council for all 2026 Budget Matters: Roll Call Vote: Thevenow – absent, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – absent, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. Ordinance, motion passes (5-0).

Ordinance 2025-19: Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for 2026: Roll Call Vote: Thevenow – absent, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – absent, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (5-0).

Ordinance 2025-20: Fixing Salaries of Elected Officials for 2026: Roll Call Vote: Thevenow – absent, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – absent, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (5-0).

Ordinance 2025-18: Additional Appropriations (between various funds) **Sp. Krebs: Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – N, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – absent, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. Majority rules, ordinance passes (5-1).

Public comment (per sign-up sheet): Charlie Ferguson, 718 E Second Street, questioned Councilmember Thevenow regarding his position and decisions on the budget, referencing prior statements about reducing waste rather than increasing taxes and noting his vote against the food and beverage tax projected to generate over \$4 million in five years.

Councilmember Thevenow apologized to the community for arriving late to the meeting and thanked the Mayor and staff for their efforts in identifying reductions within the 2026 budget. He stated, however, that he did not feel

the cuts went far enough and that he would not have supported the budget this year. Thevenow added that he was pleased no raises were included for elected officials.

Mayor's comments: None.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 4, 2025, @ 5:30 pm.

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

President Pro Tempore

Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer