



## City Council Agenda

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:30 PM

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

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- A. Lord's Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Calling of roll & notice of absentees
- C. Reading, approving, correcting, or disposing of minutes from prior meeting
- D. Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motions, and guests
  - Officer of the Year Award
- E. Election of President Pro Tempore
- F. Resolution or Bills
  - Ordinance 2026-1: Establishing the Damon L. Welch Park Project Fund
- G. Reports, recommendations, other business from standing/select committees of the city council
- H. Reports of city officials
- I. Bills on second reading
- J. Miscellaneous
- K. Public comments (per sign-up sheet)
- L. Mayor's comments
- M. Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 3 2026, at 5:30 PM at City Hall, Council Chambers
- N. Motion to adjourn

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# MADISON *Indiana*

## Common Council Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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 Storm were present. Bartlett was absent (6-1).

**Minutes:** Krebs moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Election of President Pro Tempore: Motion:** Krebs moved to delay the voting by one more meeting, and in the meantime, continue as president, seconded by Dattilo. All in favor, motion passes (6-0).

**Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Swearing In of New MPD Officer: Samuel Larzelere:** Police Chief Rick Mundt introduced the newest member of the MPD, Samuel Larzelere, who recently completed his training and coursework at the Indiana Police Academy. Mayor Courtney then formally swore him in.

**Resolutions or Bills:** None.

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

**Report of city officials: Board Appointments:** The Council received a list of proposed board appointments in their packets. The recommendations include appointments to PACE, JCBT, VMI, and EDC, with Jim Bartlett recommended for PACE, VMI, and JCBT, and Gail Spaulding recommended for EDC. **Motion:** Krebs made a motion to accept the four board appointments, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, motion passes (6-0).

**Bills on second reading:** None.

**Public comment (per sign-up sheet):** None.

**Mayor's comments:** Next week, the Plan Commission will hold a meeting that includes a public hearing on the Unified Development Ordinance, which has been under development for the past year. The City will also host two public engagement sessions related to the owner-occupied rehabilitation housing program. The City is in the early stages of implementing the food and beverage tax, which took effect on January 1, 2026. Additionally, recent vandalism at Crystal Beach is currently under investigation by the Police Department. On the legislative front, the City has been actively engaged with the AIM Legislative Committee and our state representative as part of the 2026 legislative session. More than 500 bills have already been filed, and the City is closely monitoring several key proposals, including Senate Bill 1, zoning-related legislation, and municipal election matters. Finally, there are several 2025 and 2026 budget cleanup items that will be presented at the next Council meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

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

Attested:

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**Mayor**

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**President Pro Tempore**

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**Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer**



## **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA ESTABLISHING THE DAMON L. WELCH PARK PROJECT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Madison have always been generous in supporting the City's parks and the park's programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Damon L. Welch Park located at 619 E. Vaughn Drive beneath the pillars of the Madison-Milton Bridge is a popular site for recreational use by the City's citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council amended Madison Code §97.15(E) to express that "Jaycee Park" shall now be named "Damon L. Welch Park" in honor of the late former Mayor Damon L. Welch; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison Parks Master Plan, adopted in 2022, was developed with guidance from the Parks Commission and public input to identify city parks in need of investment and upgrades.

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to establish a fund for the proper accounting of receipts, expenditures, contracts, grants, and other financial activity for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for improvements of the park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana State Board of Accounts requires that a fund be established by ordinance when a municipal project involves segregating accounting, restricted revenue, or grant proceeds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Madison desires that a non-reverting fund be established for the receipt and disbursement of all monies related to the project in accordance with Indiana Code and generally accepted accounting principles for Damon L. Welch Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana as follows:

### **Section 1. Establishment of Fund**

There is hereby created a fund titled the Damon L. Welch Park Project Fund. The Clerk-Treasurer shall assign an appropriate fund number in accordance with State Board of Accounts classifications.

### **Section 2. Purpose of Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide for the accounting of all revenues and expenditures related to the planning, design, bidding, and improvement of the Damon L. Welch Park including but not limited to construction costs, professional fees, and maintenance.

### **Section 3. Sources of Revenue**

Deposits into the fund may include but are not limited to appropriations made by the Common Council, bond/loan proceeds, grants, donations, interest earned on the balance of the fund, redevelopment commission funding, and any other project source.

#### **Section 4. Use of Funds**

Monies within the fund shall be used exclusively for receipts and expenditures related to the project. All disbursements shall be made in accordance with Indiana law and standard accounting procedures approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety. No further appropriations shall be required.

#### **Section 5. Non-Reverting Fund**

The account shall be non-reverting and exist perpetually unless terminated by a subsequent ordinance enacted by the Common Council. If the account is terminated by a subsequent ordinance enacted by the Common Council, the remaining balance of the terminated account shall revert to the general budget of the Department of Public Parks.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Common Council, City of Madison, Indiana at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

PRESENTED BY:

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Councilmember

(SEAL)

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Bob G. Courtney, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer