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## Common Council Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, December 16, 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, and Bartlett were present. Wilber and Dattilo were absent (5-2).

**Minutes:** Bartlett moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Storm. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Jon Menke Award**

**Presentation:** First Lieutenant Thomas J. Ringwald was awarded the Annual Jon Menke Award in recognition of his dedicated service to the Armed Forces and his commitment to the community. Mayor Bob Read presented the proclamation to Tom during the ceremony, and the full video presentation and award can be viewed on the City of Madison YouTube channel.

**Resolutions or Bills: Resolutions 2025-21C: Misc. Year-End Appropriations Transfers: Motion:** Bartlett moved to approve Resolutions 2025-21C, seconded by Schafer. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Storm – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (5-0).

**Resolutions or Bills: Resolutions 2025-22C: Year-End Fund-to-Fund Transfer: Motion:** Krebs moved to approve Resolutions 2025-22C, seconded by Bartlett. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Storm – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (5-0).

**Memo for Council re. Encumbrances:** Mindy McGee explained to the Council that the City received several bills late and experienced two HVAC system issues last week. She noted that sufficient funds remain in this year's appropriations to cover these expenses. As a result, the City plans to encumber the funds and process payment this year, avoiding the need to use next year's Building and Structure funds. Additional items being encumbered include the development of a new website, sidewalk work, and a contract for the Planning and Economic Development Departments.

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

**Report of city officials: Riverfront Liquor License Renewal: River Oak Chophouse – Emily McKinney:** In July, the Council approved the addition of two new licenses to the Riverfront Liquor License Program, bringing the City's total to 12 available licenses. Up to five of those licenses may be allocated to the Cultural Experience Venue category; four are currently in use, with one remaining available. There are also four restaurant licenses, three of which are currently available. Tonight, the River Oak Chophouse renewal is before the Council for its annual license renewal. The application, including financial documentation, has been reviewed by the Economic and Redevelopment Department and the Mayor's Office. River Oak Chophouse meets and exceeds all qualification requirements for restaurants within the district, and staff recommends approval. **Motion:** Schafer moved to

approve the Riverfront License renewal as requested, seconded by Bartlett. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Storm – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y. All in favor, motion passes (5-0).

**American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Update – Mayor Courtney:** The City has only two remaining funding categories from the approved allocations: the Crooked Creek and Stormwater Master Plan and Public Safety. While not all of the funds have been spent yet, the full amount has already been obligated. These funds were required to be obligated by the end of last year and must be fully expended by the end of 2026.

**Bills on second reading:** None.

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


**Mayor's comments:** The Mayor thanked the Street Department for their efforts during the three recent winter storms. The three interlocal agreements approved by the Council approximately one month ago have now been fully executed by the other three units of government. The City's 2026 CCMG application was not funded; however, this will not prevent road work from occurring next year, as the focus will shift toward road maintenance rather than full replacement or resurfacing. The formal adoption process for the UDO is set to begin, with a presentation to the Plan Commission scheduled for January 8, 2026. The State of the City address will take place on February 24, 2026, at the Fairfield Inn. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.


The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2026, @ 5:30 pm.

**Adjourn:** Krebs moved to adjourn, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor (5-0).

Attested:

  
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**Mayor**

  
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**President Pro Tempore**

  
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**Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer**

