



MADISON *Indiana*

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 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 a welcome to BSA Troop 717 who were in attendance followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Thevenow, Krebs, Dattilo, Wilber, Schafer, Bartlett, and Storm were present (7-0).

Minutes: Wilber moved to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026, regular meeting, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Officer of the Year Award: Chief of Police Rick Mundt presented the Officer of the Year award to Patrolman Colton Fox. Throughout 2025, Patrolman Fox consistently showed dedication and professionalism on the night shift. He regularly stepped up when needed, demonstrated strong judgment and investigative skills, and set a solid example for others. He is reliable, proactive, and well respected by his peers for his positive attitude and willingness to help.

Election of President Pro Tempore: Motion: Krebs moved to nominate councilmember Jim Bartlett for President Pro Tempore, seconded by Dattilo. All in favor, motion passes (7-0).

Resolutions or Bills: Ordinance 2026-1: Establishing the Damon L. Welch Park Project Fund (Sponsor – Krebs): This ordinance creates a special project fund for the construction of Welch Park. **Motion:** Bartlett moved to suspend the rules, and move to a second reading, seconded by Schafer. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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

Reports of city officials: Clerk Treasurer Shirley Rynearson, who was participating telephonically, inquired about discussing the payroll "shortfall" at the end of 2025. Mayor Bob Courtney noted that there is currently no recommendation prepared for Council consideration, and as a result, the item was not scheduled for discussion at this meeting.

Bills on second reading: Ordinance 2026-1: Establishing the Damon L. Welch Park Project Fund (Sponsor – Krebs): Roll Call Vote: Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (7-0).

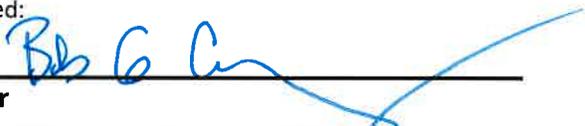
Public comment (per sign-up sheet): Lisa Ferguson of 718 East Second Street shared her thoughts on displaying more American flags throughout the community. Shelley Murphy-Smith of 418 East Second Street expressed concerns regarding the temporary stop signs placed downtown, which are currently under consideration for permanent installation. She inquired about the plan moving forward for these stop signs.

Mayor's comments: The current legislative session is about halfway completed and should be concluded by the end of February. The city is still closely following a few that would affect road funding, planning, and zoning, as well as a few changes to Senate Bill 1. Congresswoman Houchin secured nearly \$8 million for critical infrastructure projects across Indiana's 9th District, including a \$1,000,000 CPF for the Crooked Creek Flood Mitigation plan.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Adjourn: Krebs moved to adjourn, seconded by Schafer. All in favor (7-0).

Attested:



Mayor



President Pro Tempore



Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer

