



# MADISON *Indiana*

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## Common Council Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 18, 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, Schafer, Krebs, Bartlett, Storm, Dattilo, and Wilber were present (7-0).

**Minutes:** Bartlett moved to approve the February 4, 2025, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Krebs. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

### **Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Black History Month**

**Proclamation:** Mayor Bob Courtney recognizes February 2025 as Black History Month, honoring the rich history, culture, and contributions of Black Americans. Madison played a key role in the Underground Railroad, is home to Indiana's first commissioned Black school, and has a long legacy of Black community leadership. The city remains committed to diversity, inclusion, and historical preservation, highlighted by the unveiling of Legacy Park and a bronze bust of George DeBaptiste in 2024. This month, we celebrate the achievements and impact of Black Americans in Madison and beyond. The proclamation was presented to Sue Livers who gave a brief statement regarding Black History in Madison.

**Resolutions or bills: Resolution 2025-2C: Transferring Certain Funds: Motion:** Bartlett moved to accept Resolution 2025-2C, seconded by Krebs. **Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (7-0).

**Reports, recommendations, and other business from standing/select committees of City Council:** None.

**Report of city officials: MPD Chief Shawn Scudder:** Chief Scudder provided the council with updates on various police department matters, including potential new hires, policy and procedure changes, training sessions, and captains' meetings. He also presented a comparative spreadsheet of 2024 and 2023 call data and addressed council members' questions as needed. For a more detailed overview, the full update is available on the City of Madison YouTube channel.

**Bills on second reading: Ordinance 2025-2: 2025 Salary Ordinance Amendment:** *Amends salary ordinance to reflect updates for water/sewer department pay ranges.* **Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y, Wilber – Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (7-0).

**Miscellaneous: Board Appointment Roster:** Human Relations Committee – 3yr Term: Tony Schroeder reappointment (term ends 12-31-27). MPD Merit Board – Amy Kasper to fulfill the unexpired term of Paula Menke (term ends 12-31-27). **Motion:** Krebs moved to approve the mayor's appointment for the HRC and council appointment for the MPD Merit Board, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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

**Mayor's comments:** Everybody please pay attention to the weather and traveling as a possible round of snow moves through. A portion of Vaughn Drive has been blocked off due to the flooding of the Ohio River. The State of the City address is next week, Thursday, February 27, 2025. Earlier today, the city issued a press release regarding an organizational structure change. The community can view the organizational chart at [madison-in.gov/orgchart](http://madison-in.gov/orgchart).

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

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

Attested:



**Mayor**



**President Pro Tempore**



**Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer**

