



MADISON *Indiana*

Board of Public Works and Safety Minutes

MEETING DATE: Monday, April 20, 2026, at 11:30 AM

MEETING PLACE: City Hall- Council Chambers

The Board of Public Works and Safety, City of Madison, Indiana, met at 11:30 AM in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Calling of roll and notice of absentees: Courtney, Eaglin, and Carlow were present (3-0).

Approval of Minutes: Eaglin moved to approve the April 6, 2026, minutes, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Claims—General/Payroll: Carlow moved to approve the general and payroll claims as submitted, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0). The general claims totaled \$639,967.72, and the payroll claims totaled \$483,855.24

Adjustments: None.

Unfinished Business: Resolution 2026-9B: Street Closings for Christian Motorcycle Association: *remains tabled.*

PACE Application: 208 W Second St: Motion: Eaglin moved to take 208 W Second off the table, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0). At the previous BPWS meeting, Brenna Haley, Historic Preservationist, presented 208 E. Second St. as a proposed PACE grant application for approval. At that time, the Board expressed uncertainty about whether the property met the threshold of a dilapidated structure, as the proposed project budget appeared largely cosmetic, with the owners requesting \$25,000. Following the meeting, Brenna gathered additional information from the property owner regarding the extent of damage from a structure fire last January. This follow-up clarified that the damage is significant, including a completely destroyed kitchen, the need for full electrical rewiring, ceiling and wall demolition, damaged brickwork, and widespread smoke damage, along with necessary exterior repairs such as tuckpointing and window replacement.

Motion: With the updated information, Eaglin moved to approve the PACE application for 208 W Second St, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

New business:

2026 City Attorney Contract: This contract remains unchanged from the prior year, with a monthly cost of \$4,500. It covers services provided by Joe Jenner, City Attorney, and his office, including attendance at board and council meetings as needed, ordinance drafting, and general legal counsel.

Motion: Courtney moved to approve the 2026 City Attorney Contract, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

MPD SOP Update – K9 Policy: Major Ricky Harris presented the K9 Policy updates to the board. Lexipol helped draft the policy MPD would use within their SOPs. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve the MPD K9 Policy update, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Handicap Parking Space Application – 956 W 2nd St: MPD is in favor and recommends adding a handicap parking space for the resident at 956 W 2nd St. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the Handicap Parking Space Application for 956 W 2nd St, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

778 & 776 3rd St Fire Damage Report: The City continues efforts to establish contact and maintain communication with Sheri Copeland, owner of 776 3rd St.; however, as of this meeting, no contact has been made. The city is also working with Beth Owens, owner of 778 3rd St. As of last week, she received approval from her insurance company to begin cleaning the exterior sidewalks. The insurance carrier is awaiting the State Fire Marshal's report before authorizing any additional work. A preliminary report of the fire incident has been provided to local law enforcement, but no public information is available at this time.

Resolution 2026-12B: Street Closing for Jefferson County Public Library – Touch-a-Truck: A request was presented by Kara Motsinger on behalf of the Jefferson County Public Library for a street closing in connection with the Touch-A-Truck Summer Reading Kick-Off event on June 1, 2026. The request includes closing the southbound and northbound lanes of Broadway Street from the north side of Main Street to the south side of Third Street from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve Resolution 2026-12B, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Resolution 2026-13B: Street Closings for Madison Firecracker 10K: A request was presented by Nicholas Schafer on behalf of the Madison Area Run Club for street closings in connection with the Madison Firecracker 10K on July 4, 2026. The request includes the following street closures from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: 1) Wilson Avenue between Madison Consolidated High School Cub Trail and Lanier Drive; 2) Lanier Drive between Wilson Avenue and North Gate Road; 3) Hanging Rock Hill/Cragmont Street between Terrace Drive and Third Street; 4) Third Street between Cragmont Street and Broadway Street; and 5) Broadway Street between Third Street and Fifth Street. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve Resolution 2026-13B, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Resolution 2026-14B: Crooked Creek Flood Mitigation Master Plan: The Board was presented with a resolution acknowledging flood mitigation needs and outlining prior planning efforts with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. related to the Crooked Creek Watershed. The resolution proposes adoption of the multi-year, multi-phased Crooked Creek Flood Mitigation Master Plan as the City's official plan to reduce flood risk and improve stormwater management. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve Resolution 2026-14B, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Resolution 2026-15B: Street Closing for Live Lunch Event: A request was presented by Jane Vonderheide on behalf of Madison Music Movement for street closings in connection with the Live Lunch events held every Friday from May 1, 2026, through September 1, 2026. The request includes closing the west side of Broadway and the fountain area from Third Street to Main Street southbound lane to vehicular traffic from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each Friday. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve Resolution 2026-15B, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

PACE Final – 221 E Main St: The property owner is requesting the last half of the final in the amount of \$12,500. Work includes rewiring the building, removing the awnings, replacing the transom with stained glass, front door restoration, window replacement, and structural joists correction. **Motion:** Courtney moved to approve the PACE Final, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Staff Report: Code Enforcement Officer – Duey O’Neal: Duey provided the board and the public with a presentation regarding the vacant and abandoned ordinance and department updates. This presentation will also be provided to the council. The full presentation can be found on the City of Madison YouTube channel.

Mayor’s Comments: Thank you to MPD, along with the State Police and Sheriff’s Department, for their collaboration on a recent operation that led to the arrest of 29 individuals allegedly involved in drug activity in the community. We also appreciate the efforts that resulted in the City of Madison being one of only two communities in Indiana to receive a \$350,000 grant for its owner-occupied rehabilitation program. A reminder that the City Council meeting will be held tomorrow evening, and the public are welcome to attend in person or watch it live via the City’s stream.

Public comment: Debbie Anderson, 417 Presbyterian Ave, asked for clarification and assistance regarding a tree she believes is unsafe in a neighboring yard. She also requested a pothole in her area be looked at and possibly patched.

Next meeting: Monday, May 4, 2026, at 11:30 AM.

Adjourn: Eaglin moved to adjourn, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Attested:



Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer


Karl Eaglin

Mayor Bob Courtney



David Carlow

