

**COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2016**

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

Mayor Welch opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present; Hoffman, Alcorn, Smith, Morgan, Henderson, Dattilo, and Hodges (7-0).

MINUTES: Henderson made a motion to approve the February 16, 2016 minutes, seconded by Alcorn. All in favor, minutes approved (7-0).

Miscellaneous: Friends of city parks (Hargin-Matthews) Nina Alcorn and Jennifer Clayton made a presentation regarding the new Hargin-Matthews Park for all children. They are hoping for involvement and input from the city as well as a \$50,000.00 commitment.

Resolutions or Bills:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-2016
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPRESSING
INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY**

Derma Smith is the sponsor of Resolution 21-2016.

Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 21-2016, seconded by Hoffman. Six were in favor with an abstention from Morgan due to a conflict of interest. Motion passed (6-0-1). The Resolution will now move forward to the Board of Public Works.

Reports of City Officials:

Brian Jackson reported the repair of three fire hydrants with the hope of replacing or repairing the rest that are in need as the year progresses. He reported that the city's INI project is approximately 75% complete. The DOC/MSH Project should be done in late spring or early summer. Jackson reported the completion of the West Street Project.

Dave Stucker reported the Madison City Campground would be opening April 1st. Stucker encouraged area golfers to get their golf and golf-cart passes for Sunrise Golf Course. He also

reported that registration forms are out for baseball and softball leagues for this spring. Registration deadlines are April 1st.

Dan Thurston reported on the explosion at approximately 1:00 A.M. on Sunday at the Madison Police parking lot. It was determined that a man-made explosive device was used. The Indiana State Police Explosive Ordinance Construction Team was contacted and collected evidence. Thurston encouraged heightened public awareness. He also reported that the hiring process for a new police officer has begun and that there were 24 applications.

Andrew Forrester reported the final monitoring meeting for the Alley Project with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. They have given their approval for the project. Forrester hopes for the benches and planters to be installed soon. Forrester reported that about 60 people showed up for the cleanup of Hatcher Hill. He is hoping for another cleanup event in the next month. He reported on Business After Hours on March 16th and Rock and Read at the Clearinghouse on Friday, March 18th at 6:00 A.M. Forrester reported on a Career Awareness Day at Ivy Tech for area juniors on March 9th. The event is sponsored by ECHO I5 and JCIDC. Forrester sent his condolences to the family of Robert Stewart, a long-time local Santa Claus volunteer for the city, who passed away this weekend.

Mark Johnson reported the completion of the Dutch Discount Store at the top of Hanover Hill. He reported on two new home construction projects.

Bills on Third Reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-3
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA**

Roll call vote all in favor. Ordinance 2016-3 passed (7-0).

Bills on Second Reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA (TABLED)**

Henderson made a motion to take ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4 off of the table, seconded by Alcorn. All in favor of motion (7-0). Discussion ensued. Historic preservationist, Jessica Butler, recommended a compromise to not re-zone the area along Presbyterian Avenue but to allow a re-zoning of the area north and below where the trailer park on 4th Street used to be. She cautioned against spot zoning. Owner Mike Pittman defended the use of spot zoning. Henderson then offered amendments to ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4 that the zoning map be "amended" from "not being amended" in Section 1 and that the City Council "approve" the re-zoning as opposed to "denies" in the original ordinance. The re-zoning would change from Historic District Residential (HDR) to Central Business District (CBD). The amended ordinance motion by Henderson was seconded by Dattilo. All in favor, amendment passed (7-0).

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4 will now move to the third reading at the City Council Meeting on March 22, 2016.

Alcorn announced a New Projects Committee meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. in city council chambers. They will be discussing changes to zoning ordinances as well as a Code of Ethics for elected officials.

Henderson acknowledged the passing of Paul "Duke" Meyer, a former teacher, coach, great man and friend.

Clerk Treasurer, Berry, announced that the coalition for teens and young adults would be meeting in council chambers on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. Berry also acknowledged the passing of Madison High School Special Needs Teacher, Courtney King.

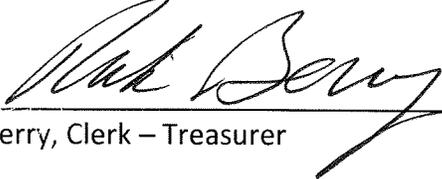
Next meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.

Alcorn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Smith. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

President Pro Tempore,



Rick Berry, Clerk – Treasurer

