COMMON COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 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; Morgan, Hoffman, Hodges, Dattilo, Henderson, Smith, and Alcorn (7-0).

MINUTES: Henderson made a motion to approve the March 22, 2016 minutes, seconded by Alcorn. All in favor, minutes approved (7-0).

Resolutions or Bills:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-6
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA WITH RESPECT TO THE
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS.

This was the first reading and Darrell Henderson is the sponsor of Ordinance No. 2016-6.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Alcorn reported on a special projects meeting on April 12, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. in council chambers. He reported they will be continuing to address a Code of Ethics and to finalize it.

Smith reported on a traffic committee meeting on April 14, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in council chambers.

Reports of City Officials:

Tony Sorrells reported that citizens need to put their small limbs and yard waste in yard bags or to buy a sticker for their own container.

Brian Jackson reported on a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) around the Grange Hall lift station. A preliminary study is being conducted by the firm of Jacobi, Toombs, and Lantz to get to the bottom of the problem and recommendations to correct

it. Jackson also reported that the city sewer project on the INI reduction is 90% complete. He also reported on the DOC-Madison State Hospital project and that everything is on schedule.

Dave Stucker reported that the parks baseball and softball programs are starting up. Kids in softball will be going through a workout and draft by coaches. The new golf carts are in at Sunrise Golf Course. Stucker announced that the parks department is taking applications for summer help. They are in great need of life guards.

Chief Dan Thurston announced the recent arrest of David A. Thiering Jr. for the manufacture and detonation of two pipe bombs within the city. Thiering is facing two felonies on state charges. The investigation is ongoing and it will be determined in the future if Thiering is to be charged federally. Thurston thanked the Sheriff's department, the ATF, and the State Police for all of their great assistance. Thurston also reported on the suicide at the GNC store the previous Friday. Also, the police department successfully completed their State mandated training weekend and several policemen received new certifications. Smith complimented the department on their recent "great" work.

Mark Johnson reported on the tall grass problem in the community and that once it reaches a height of 12", a certified letter is sent out to the owner. If the owner does not take care of it the city will and the owner will be billed accordingly.

Andrew Forrester reported the fundraising is ongoing for city events and that they have currently raised approximately $15,000.00. He thanked all of the local donors. Forrester reported that a survey is being sent out for suggestions for "Movie in the Park." Forrester has also talked to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet about cleaning up graffiti on the new bridge. He has also been working with the Milton Mayor, Denny Jackson, on the problem. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is supposed to send a crew to clean up the problem this month. May 17, 2016 is proposed for Student Government Day. The Young Professionals Group is also restarting with a meeting at The Attic on May 1, 2016. Congressman Messer will be in town on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at Gallery 115 to meet the public. The Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum is on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

Bills on Second Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-5
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA ESTABLISHING THE SEWER UTILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Citizen Larry Henry expressed concern as to why the department was operating with a surplus and if the council approved the ordinance, the decision making on how the money would be spent would be out of the council's hands. Henry also expressed concern that any money spent would stay within the utility.

Brian Jackson explained that our accountant and the State has encouraged that the City needs to establish such a fund. Jackson explained that the utility has to operate with a surplus because of the unpredictability of maintenance and possible upcoming huge expense of repairing an aging infrastructure. He explained that the accountant has urged keeping a surplus to the tune of four months of operating expenses. An average of $500,000.00 yearly put into the fund would hopefully achieve this goal. Jackson also explained that the fund would allow the utility to act much more quickly in addressing an emergency repair situation. Mayor Welch reiterated that the City accountant and the State Board of Accounts has urged the setup of such a fund for a number of years. Jackson would like to see $500,000.00 put in the fund initially and then about $20,000.00 per month added after that.

Mayor Welch acknowledged the passing of Tom Hambrick, a longtime volunteer and distinguished citizen of Madison.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. in City Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
President Pro Tempore,

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Rick Berry, Clerk – Treasurer