COMMON COUNCIL
AUGUST 16, 2016

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.

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

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

MINUTES:
Smith made a motion to approve the August 2, 2016 minutes, seconded by Alcorn. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

State Representative, Terry Goodin, made a presentation of the Indiana Bicentennial Flag and Plaque to the City of Madison.

RESOLUTION OR BILLS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2016
JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
AND THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
REGARDING THE
TRANSFER OF CONTROL OVER HATCHER HILL
TO THE CITY OF MADISON.

Alcorn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-2016, seconded by Hoffman. Discussion ensued. Henderson said that a lot of work had been put into the plan and he thought it was a good idea and resolution.

Dattilo was concerned that motorized vehicles would possibly use the road and thus violate the resolution which could turn the road back over to the county. He said he had more calls on this than any other issue.

Attorney Jenner stated the city would have to enforce the law as we would any other law within the city.

Andrew Forrester stated they have had meetings and will have ongoing meetings with a joint task force and the county and citizens to come up with the most suitable way to enforce the resolution, plus discuss the possibility of allowing golf carts in the future.

Mayor Welch stated that at the last commissioners meeting the public appeared passionate about discussing the possibility of golf carts on the hill.

Alcorn wondered about liability and who would be responsible if an accident were to occur. Jenner stated that upon passage of the resolution the city would have complete control.

Morgan echoed council-man Henderson in that he was very supportive of the resolution. Morgan hoped that the joint meeting between citizens and elected officials would happen sooner rather than later. Morgan lauded the fact that the city and county were working together on this project. He stated that some would call that monumental. He stated that all elected officials and citizens should be proud they were part of the process. Morgan wondered if the ROAD CLOSED signs on the hill relieved the county and city of liability.

Jenner stated that there may be some mechanisms the city has to go through to officially close the road in the city's name. He stated he hoped the city would put up some signs to go along with the current county signs that are already there.

Mayor Welch said the resolution states clearly that the road is closed until all the work and improvements are made. Forrester said the work should begin the following week and additional barriers would be put up.

Smith said he was excited that all parties were working together and that it was a huge step for the city and county. Smith was hoping for a timeline as to when things might be completed. Forrester stated the task force would address that question. Forrester hoped the discussion would occur as quickly as the following week. Forrester is hoping for an "opening event" in mid-October.

Hoffman stated he is strongly in support of the project. He stated a trail is the best utilization of something that has been deteriorating for years. Hoffman is hoping for golf cart usage once the hill is deemed safe. He encouraged passage of the resolution.

Henderson stated that when he was young the hill was actually open to 2 way traffic and nobody worried about liability back then.

Jenner again stated the hill needed added barriers while work was being done.

Forrester said he will get the street department to put up more signs.

Citizen Barbara Walters Dixon said she wished they has maintained the hill and never closed it in the first place. She hoped the hill is fixed properly. She suggested dividing the road for the different types of usage. She stated she loved Madison and hoped we win the ABC Competition.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Morgan –Y, Alcorn –Y, Smith – Y, Hoffman – Y, Hodges –Y, Henderson – Y, Dattilo – Y. All on favor, motion carried (7-0).

Forrester reminded everyone of the torch relay coming through September 16th.

BILLS ON SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-10
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA

Having no comment, Henderson made a motion to suspend the rules and move on to the third reading, seconded by Hoffman. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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ROLL CALL VOTE: Dattilo – Y, Henderson – Y, Hodges – Y, Smith – Y, Morgan – Y, Hoffman – Y, Alcorn – Y. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Welch thanked the council for a very productive meeting. Welch also expressed thanks for what a great "National Night Out" the city had. It was great participation from all elected bodies and law enforcement. He expressed hope of doing it again next year.

Next council meeting is Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 P.M.

APPROVED:

President Pro Tempore,

Rick Berry, Clerk – Treasurer