

**COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 7, 2020**

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

Present: Thevenow, Creech, L. Dattilo, Rampy, Bartlett, D. Dattilo, Chatham (7-0).

MINUTES:

Dan Dattilo made a motion to approve the December 17, 2019 minutes, seconded by Rampy. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:

Dan Dattilo made a motion to name Rampy as Council President, seconded by Lucy Dattilo. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2 (RAMPY)
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
TRANSFERRING CERTAIN FUNDS**

Thevenow made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-2, seconded by Bartlett. Roll call vote: L. Dattilo – Y, Thevenow – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Rampy – Y, Creech – Y, Chatham – Y. Resolution 2020-2 is passed (7-0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3 (D. DATTILO)
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
REGARDING THE COMMITMENT OF REQUIRED
MATCHING FUNDS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (INDOT)
FOR A PROPOSED COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT**

Rampy made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-3, seconded by Chatham. Roll call vote: Chatham – Y, Creech – Y, Rampy – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Thevenow – Y, L. Dattilo – Y. Resolution No. 2020-3 is passed (7-0).

BILLS ON FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON OF MADISON, INDIANA AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES:

Mayor Courtney announced the council appointments to the various standing committees have been made

BOARD APPOINTMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Courtney announced his appointments to the various boards. They are as follows: Anthony Brandon and Ray Wilson to the Port Authority. Mike Pittman, Tom Stark and Ken McWilliams to the Historic Board of Review. Sue Livers, Shirley Kloepfer and Season Jackson to the Humans Relations Board. Julie Rubio, Kathy Rohlfing and Theresa Stroll to the Tree Board. Rampy made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). Next came the council appointments to the Redevelopment Commission nominating Joe Craig and Jeff Studebaker. Dan Dattilo made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Rampy. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). Next are council appointments to the Plan Commission nominating Jerry Ralston and Patrick Thevenow. Dan Dattilo made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Rampy. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Courtney introduced the new members of his staff. They are Mindy McGee as Chief of Staff, Hannah Fagen as Community Relations Director and Brian Martin as Building Inspector.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Brian Martin introduced himself as the new Building Inspector. Martin reported that there were 47 commercial projects in 2019 totaling \$20,745,000.00. These included projects such as at MCHS, Friendship Bank, Autumn Trace Apartments, the River Lofts/Tack Factory Project and the Elks building. There were 132 residential projects totaling \$23,563,000.00. The department took in 175 nuisance calls in 2019. Eight unsafe structures were reported. Two were demolished and one is scheduled for demolition. The others are going through phases of rehabilitation. There have been 1085 contractors registered since 2008 and 10 building permits this year. Martin said he is signed up for several classes as part of his training. Martin thanked past building inspector Mark Johnson for his service to the city.

Nicole Schell reported an overview of 2019 with a more extensive report already provided to the council. With PACE the city spent \$73,086.02 and TIF spent \$39,413.98. This was matched by the property owners in the amount of \$187,504.54. There were 22 applications submitted and 17 were approved. 6 of the applications were commercial and 16 were residential. 3 are completed and 1 has received half of its funding. With the Historic Board there were 103

applications and 91 were approved. 5 were denied, 3 withdrawn and 4 incomplete. With Stellar the Cotton Mill received their DINO credits and they closed on the property and have been clearing the site for construction. IHCOA tax credits were awarded to the Tower Tack Factory project. For destination projects there have been public meetings for the Crystal Beach Plans. The Riverfront Sidewalk project bid was accepted and construction almost completed. There has been an environmental and section 106 review for Georgetown Memorial Park and a public hearing. There was an open house on the Clifty Drive sidewalk project and a preliminary engineering contract and corridor surveyed. Construction on 5 new homes have been completed. The goals for 2020 are to complete the projects that are going on and those in conjunction with Stellar. These include the Riverfront Sidewalk Extension, owner-occupied rehab and Tower Tack Senior Housing. Construction will hopefully start on Georgetown Memorial Park, Crystal Beach Pool house, Ohio Theater, Jaycee Park and the Cotton Mill as part of Stellar. It is also hoped to identify and apply for additional funding on Stellar Projects. PACE guideline provisions will also be made to improve the program in all facets and make it more user friendly.

Brian Jackson gave the council beginning and year end balances for water, city sewer and Jefferson County sewer budgets. The department's priorities are to develop a 20-year master plan and to redo the sanitary sewer pretreatment ordinance. The Capital projects include smart meter upgrade continuation, new water service installations, reparation of sewer mains in the collection system using CIPP and to address major stormwater issues. There are 5 employees in the water department, 7 at the sewer plant, 5 in sewer collections and 4 in the utility billing office with 1 part time. Jackson stated there is ongoing coordination with INDOT for the new bridge approach with water mains and a new water main installation for Autumn Trace.

Dave Stucker reported that 2019 was a successful year for all the sports programs and participation was good for both the kids and adult programs. The department will continue to push for tournaments that draw out of town participants that stimulate the local economy. Youth basketball is currently running with games at Muncie and Brown Gym. Cheerleading has been added this year as well as 7th grade participation in youth basketball. Stucker thanked all the sponsors who make the programs possible. Also, pickleball will be added as part of the programming at Brown Gym and the push to add courts to the old Country Club tennis courts is ongoing. Finally, on January 16 the Parks Department, WORX Radio and the Cincinnati Reds will be at Brown Gym from 2:00-2:45 PM.

Tony Sorrels reported that there was \$118,429.54 left over from the Board of Works budget. \$50,000.00 was saved by going to LED lighting. There were 23 roads repaved in 2019 and 61 curbs and sidewalks added or repaired. There were over 20 handicap ramps installed. The drainage projects at Cragmont and Ferry Streets were two of the bigger projects for the year. There were 109 man hours for the River Roots Festival, 380 for the Regatta and 208 for Ribberfest. 3021 ½ tons of garbage was picked up in 2019. Rumpke took out 7002 tons. 300 tons of leaves have been picked up so far. 1,193,000 pounds of recycling have been collected.

Economic Development Director Matt Wirth reported he will be working in house with the city. 2019 was a very big year for the city with the Cotton Mill and Armor Plastics projects standing out among many others. Cub Manufacturing is thriving and has branched out into Cub Engineering and Cub Diesel. Wirth is working with the state on regional activities in collaboration with 10 Southeastern Indiana counties. Wirth recently attended the Perdue Technical Showcase Event. He continues to follow numerous leads and spends countless hours to assist local industries. Wirth stated that he continues to assist with Stellar Projects and with the County Comprehensive Plan. He has enjoyed working with the TIF Board and their many accomplishments. Wirth said he feels many more good things are to come in 2020.

Major Ben McKay reported that new hires Cody Lewis and Jared Sweet will start the academy on January 13th. The department received 12,409 calls in 2019 versus 10,612 in 2018. Mayor Courtney swore in newly graduated officers Cameron Blankenship and Joseph Gibson. With Lewis and Sweet the department will have a full force.

Fire Chief DeVries reported that there were 730 calls in 2019. Of those, 265 were fire related and 465 were rescue related. There were 500 smoke detectors installed in 2019 throughout the county. Holiday Inn Express is sponsoring the installation of 100 smoke detectors in 2020. There were 3169 training hours achieved by the department. Recruiting and retention efforts have been stepped up with success and are ongoing. Mayor Courtney and DeVries then introduced the new class of volunteer firefighters for 2020. They have just completed their initial level of training and are deemed active. They include Katie Napier, Cameron Rumpy, Logan Gray, Zaine Thomas, Tyler Jackson, Damian Gibson and Breeana Chandler. Continuing education members include Paull Manaugh, Loren Marsh and Uastin Schell. All members will receive a certification from the authority having jurisdiction (MFD) for completion of Firefighter 1. Mayor Courtney them swore in Bill DeVries-Chief, Ken Washer-Deputy Chief, Travis Conover-Battalion Chief and Josh Gourley-Battalion Chief.

Airport Manager Brent Spry reported that there are lots of technical updating going on at the airport. The past airshow had record attendance. There were 116,000 gallons of fuel sold at the airport this past year which is a significant increase over past years. The wildlife fence is making progress. The airport is in the process of securing a new flight school and is looking for instructors. One of the goals for 2020 is to focus on business development.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Courtney reported on the Commissioners Plan to rescind the 2-mile buffer zone. Attempts will be ongoing to the city to evaluate and work with the commissioners on the situation and what it means for the future. More information will be coming. The federal grant for up to 4 ½ million dollars to maintain Main Street to the top of Hanover Hill is still being pursued and coordination with INDOT is ongoing. The administration continues to work with the Salvation Army for shelter for the homeless. As of now the city policy of making the Bicentennial Park restroom available when temperatures go below 32 degrees will remain in

effect. The pursuit for more volunteers to help the Salvation Army is ongoing as well as fundraising.

Thevenow wondered about the next scheduled council meeting since it conflicts with a newly elected officials' seminar in Indianapolis. A determination will be made whether to reschedule or cancel the meeting.

Next scheduled council meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

Dan Dattilo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rampy. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

APPROVED:

President Pro Tempore,

Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer