

**COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 4, 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, L. Dattilo, Rampy, Bartlett, D. Dattilo, Chatham. Creech was absent due to illness (6-1).

MINUTES:

Rampy made a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Chief of Staff McGee came before the council and explained that she had met with each council member individually to explain the additional appropriations and then explained them to the public. There was no comment from the public and the Public Hearing was adjourned.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

PROCLAMATIONS:

Nathan Montoya addressed the council regarding black History Month. Also joining him were Sue Livers, Allen Watson and Tony Schroeder.

Mayor Courtney read a proclamation honoring Black History Month.

RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4 (CHATHAM)
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE
2020 ANNUAL BUDGET**

Chatham made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-4, seconded by Thevenow. Roll call vote: Thevenow – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Rampy – Y, Chatham – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. Resolution No. 2020-4 is passed (6-0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12 (D. DATTILO)
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
APPROVING DEDUCTIONS FROM ASSESSED VALUE OF
NEW REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS IN AN
ALREADY DECLARED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA
(COTTON MILL, LLC)**

Matt Wirth came before the council and introduced one of the principal developers of the Cotton Mill project, Mr. Ron Bateman. Bateman thanked the city and gave an update on the project. Cleanup and construction has begun. Dattilo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-12, seconded by Rampy. Dattilo stated how proud he was to sponsor the bill and how great it was that this project is coming to fruition. Rampy thanked Bateman and all involved. Roll call vote: Thevenow – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Rampy – Y, Chatham – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. Resolution No. 2020-4 is passed (6-0).

BILLS ON FIRST READING:

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2019-7 (CHATHAM)
AN AMENDMENT TO CITY ORDINANCE 2019-7 THAT FIXED SALARIES
OF APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF
THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2020**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Courtney reported on four appointments to boards that require council approval. They are as follows: Jesse Brewer for the Port Authority, Katie Rampy for the Merit Board, Kathy Petkovic for the Board of Tourism and Jim Bartlett for the PACE Review Board. Courtney reiterated that some work on other board positions is still ongoing. Thevenow made a motion to approve the four appointments, seconded by D. Dattilo. Five were in favor with Chatham opposed. Appointments are approved (5-1).

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Building Inspector Brian Martin reported that he made approximately 25 inspections the previous month. These include River Tower Lofts, Autumn Trace, the Madison High School addition, Friendship State Bank and the three shotgun style homes on West Main Street. Martin has made efforts to reach out to as many contractors as possible with his new position. He emphasized he is here to help with projects and not to impede. He is also dealing with nuisance problems. He has dealt with five unsafe structures. Martin is also making efforts to educate the public on why and when they need to get building permits. Martin has been to two continuing education courses the past month. A three-day course is scheduled for the end of February.

Nicole Schell reported that at the January 27th Historic Board of Review meeting there were 5 applications and all were approved. The office reviewed a 3' wood fence at 426 Cragmont and a 6' wood fence at 409/413 E. Second St. and both were approved. The PACE Review Committee will meet on February 10th and 11th to review 9 applications. Schell reported they met with the state for their quarterly update. The Stellar Executive Team and Advisory Teams will meet next week to review the report. On Monday they had a good teleconference call on Crystal Beach

with the State Preservation Office and local historic preservation organizations. That project will continue to move forward and they are planning another open house and public hearing on the project in order to apply for grant funds. The City Redevelopment Commission awarded the bid for off-site improvements at Tower Tack to Sedam Contracting at their meeting. Since the last report Cotton Mill has received their building permit and construction should start in the next couple months. The Owner Occupied Rehab project is almost complete with 6 of the 9 fully complete and 2 just waiting for the weather to clear in order to paint. The project will be completed by April 2020.

Brian Jackson reported that recently IDEM came to the city and inspected the water quality system. They noted several needed improvements and maintenance requirements for wells, pumps and storage structures. Jackson then met with the engineer with Commonwealth to come up with a long term plan to meet these needs. Overall the inspection with IDEM went very well. IDEM provided a 32 page report on what all needs to be done. Beginning February 10th there are improvements being made to the underground sewer system. These include the areas of Sunrise, on 8th Street and on Saddletree Lane. Justin Fleetwood is undergoing training to become the new MS4 coordinator. Jackson and Courtney reported that we are around 6 months away from the Bridge Approach being opened.

Parks Director Dave Stucker reported that there is a special going on for Crystal Beach passes. Passes purchased by March 31st will be \$40.00, \$50.00 if purchased from April 1st to May 22nd and \$60.00 if purchased after May 22nd. Baseball and softball registrations are underway and will be sent out. The deadline to sign up is March 27th. For older kids the deadline is May 8th. Basketball is finishing up.

Mike Peak reported that the street department has been updating signs for the transfer station, city garage and water department for better information for deliveries, hours and directions. The new park benches for the new east end Riverwalk are being worked on with the plaques that go with them. Tree trimming and taking down dead trees consumes much of the departments time this time of year. Work is ongoing on the new offices in City Hall. The in-house work has saved the city greatly on the cost. The city currently has 550 tons of salt with 280 tons in reserve. There are 2000 gallons of brine on the ready for inclement weather.

Economic Development Director Matt Wirth reported that he appreciated the council approving the appropriation to fund his office. His first month in City Hall has been a great experience. Wirth feels a lot of positive momentum and is glad to be a part of it. Wirth thanked Mike Peak and the street department for the phenomenal work on his office. A downtown grocery store continues to be a priority. Work continues with a development team for the old Madison Plaza. Wirth continues to represent the city at various regional development seminars throughout the area. There is a 5 county group and a 10 county group that Wirth meets with. The Cotton Mill project is moving along well. Wirth asked the council to feel free to give input on his reports and more of what they might like to see.

Police Chief Ben McKay reported that the mobile CAD system is making progress. The second traffic speed limit trailer is complete and McKay thanked the city garage for their help with this. Officers Lewis and Sweet are in their fourth week at the academy. Two other new officers are in week six of their field training. The Police Merit Board voted to release officer Simpson. This creates a new opening so the hiring process will begin. The open detective slot will also need to be filled. Work is ongoing for the third canine vehicle and should be ready next week. Courtney noted that street lights have been added downtown for increased security and 2 more officers have been on foot patrol. He thanked McKay and the department for the great cooperation.

Ken Washer reported for the fire department and noted there were 56 calls in January, 24 were fire related and 32 medical related. There are 12 new members that are now HAZ MAT operation technicians. February and March will be geared toward emergency vehicle response training. Citizens can now request smoke detectors through the city website. The detectors are free through sponsors and donors. A recruitment and retention committee has been formed with the intent to add new members and keep the ones that are already there. The station 6 chili supper is this Saturday from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

BILLS ON SECOND READING:

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

Ordinance No. 2020-1 will go to the third reading at the next council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ray Black came before the council representing the county council and reported their council will try to have at least one representative at a city council meeting each month. Courtney noted that the relationship between the city and county is very important and thanked Black for his comments.

Aaron Wood reported that channel 15 Director Dennis Crank is in the hospital and in critical condition. Wood is now the active station manager. Wood would fulfill the duties until Crank's return. Wood also reported that updates are being made to the channel system and also asked the public to keep Dennis in their prayers.

Chief McKay addressed a Hanover citizen concerned about protocol of pursuit of a citizen thought to be breaking the law. McKay read the standard operating procedure to the inquirer and the public. Courtney noted that high speed pursuit is a split second decision and the recent occurrence is under investigation and tragic at the same time.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Courtney noted that there is one additional appointment he needs to make and that is Mindy McGee as ADA and Title 6 coordinator to replace Bob Cooke. Also Courtney informed the

Council that the TIF Board was provided with an outline of a pilot program to expand the current PACE program and to have a targeted revitalization program to go with it. Additional funding is being sought for this revitalization and also to remove blight. More news on this endeavor will be upcoming. Negotiations are underway for renewal contracts for trash removal and recycling. About 640 tons of trash were removed last year in the community. Also, the contract with Gardner Insurance was completed for this year and through the negotiations the premiums were kept virtually the same as last year. A meeting with the county will be tomorrow to address the issue of the two mile buffer zone. An interlocal agreement is also being worked on for a partnership with the county on economic development and the jail construction.

Thevenow announced there will be a traffic committee meeting on Thursday, February 13th at 5:30 in City Hall.

Next Council meeting is Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

Dan Dattilo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chatham. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

APPROVED:

President Pro Tempore,

Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer