

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: April 18, 2023

MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall - Council Chambers

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 101 W. Main St.

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

Present: Thevenow, J. Bartlett, D. Dattilo, J. Schafer, Krebs, L. Dattilo and Chatham (7-0).

Minutes: Thevenow moved to approve April 4, 2023, minutes, seconded by L. Dattilo. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Swearing-In of Three New MPD Officers: Jordan Blakemore, Colton Fox, and Cody Short: Madison Police Chief, John Wallace, was invited to introduce and swear in 3 new MPD Officers, Jordan Blakemore, Cody Short, and Colton Fox. Mayor Courtney had the new officers recite the oath and swore them in. The new officers will start their training at the Law Enforcement Academy on May 1, 2023.

Resolutions or bills:

Ordinance 8 - 2023 - Zoning Map Amendment 3910 Michigan Rd. (Thevenow)

The City of Madison Plan Commission has made a recommendation to amend the zoning map of the City of Madison. The zoning of the described property in Ordinance 8 – 2023 will be changed from Light Manufacturing (M-1) to General Business (GB).

Ordinance 9 - 2023 - Repeal and Replace Chapter 98 Streets Sidewalks Ordinance

There has been a request made to repeal and replace a portion of the City of Madison code, chapter 98 Streets and Sidewalks. The council recommends that certain portions of chapter 98, specifically sections 98.01, 98.02, 98.03, 98.04, 98.05, 98.06, 98.20, 98.21, 98.22, 98.23, and 98.24, be repealed and replaced as described in Ordinance 9 – 2023.

Reports, recommendations, and other business from standing/select committees of City Council:

Board Appointment Recommendation: Mike Estes to Port Authority: Mayor Courtney recommended Mike Estes be appointed to Port Authority.

Schafer moved to approve the appointment of Mike Estes to the Port Authority, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Councilwoman Carla Krebs recommended the appointment of Jim Bartlett to VMI to be the council representative, seconded by Thevenow. The Motion carried (6-1) with Chatham voting no.

Report of city officials:

Director of Building, Planning, and Preservation, Nicole Schell: Nicole walked the council and the public through the new portal, OpenGov. OpenGov will be used by the public and the city staff to track and apply for permits, record issues, apply for open positions within the city, etc.

Director of Communications, Hannah Fagen: Hannah created a projects page on the city website that gives the public transparency in the projects and things going on around the city. She continued to give the council a tour of the website and any updates recently made to the city website.

Bills on third reading:

Ordinance 2023-5: Establishing Nonreverting Fund for READI Grants (Krebs): Roll Call Vote: Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Chatham – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (7-0).

Bills on second reading:

Ordinance 2023-5: Establishing Nonreverting Fund for READI Grants (Krebs): Bartlett moved to waive the rules and move to third reading, seconded by Schafer. Roll Call Vote: Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Chatham – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y.

Ordinance 2023-6: Establishing Nonreverting Fund for Public Arts Commission (Bartlett): Moves on to third reading.

Ordinance 2023-7: Amendment to Ordinance 2022-7 Establishing Economic Development Nonreverting Fund (L. Dattilo): Moves on to third reading.

Public comment: Annalisa Strickland, 129 Mulberry St, wanted to express gratitude to the police department for responding to the issues that were taking place between First and Second St due to people speeding. Mary Goodin, 114 E First St, was inquiring about what was being fixed regarding the milling and paving project on the roads in June. She explained that her side of the road in front of her property slumps down and causes difficulty in getting out of the gutter. Lisa Ferguson, 718 E Second St, mentioned that the old Ruler parking lot off of Mulberry has turned into a "party" parking lot. Suggested putting up signage in the parking lot to steer away late-night "parties" in the parking lot.

Mayor's comments: Mayor Courtney thanked Chief Wallace for the announcements on the upcoming traffic enforcement relative to speeding in the school zones. There will be increased traffic enforcement for the week of April 17, 2023, to April 30, 2023. Today, April 18, 2023, is National Line Worker Appreciation Day.

The next regular meeting will be TBD*. Primary Election Day is on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. **Adjourn:** Thevenow moved to adjourn, seconded by Krebs. All in favor (7-0).

Attested:

President Pro Tempore

Kathleen M. Rampy, Clerk-Treasure