



MADISON *Indiana*

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: October 3, 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 Bob Courtney opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: D. Dattilo, Thevenow, L. Dattilo, Bartlett, and Krebs. Schafer attended the council meeting remotely. Chatham resigned, effective October 1, 2023. (6-0)

Minutes: Thevenow moved to approve September 19, 2023, minutes, seconded by Krebs. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests:

Constitution Week Proclamation:

Proclamation for Madison Main Street: Mayor Courtney read and presented the Proclamation for Madison Main Street. Madison is one of 1,200 Main Street communities across the country. The Main Street Program was recently named one of eight 2024 Great American Main Street Award semifinalists. This is the nation's top award recognizing communities for their excellence and comprehensive preservation-based commercial district revitalization.

Proclamation for Jon Menke Award Recipient: Mayor Courtney read and presented the Proclamation for Jon Menke Award to Richard "Dick" Jones. Mr. Jones volunteered to serve in the United States Army in May of 1967 at the age of 22. He served in Vietnam in 1968 as a Warrant Officer with the 174th Assault Helicopter Company. Officer Jones was awarded the Army Distinguished Flying Cross Decoration, the highest flight award in the US Military. During his time in the Army, Officer Jones flew over 400 missions and was awarded 27 decorations. Chief Warrant Officer Jones was honorably discharged in December of 1970. He continued to serve the country by serving as a Jefferson County, Indiana Veteran Service Officer from 2000 to 2010. He also served as the City of Madison District 1 councilman from 2012 to 2015.

Resolutions or bills: None.

Reports, recommendations, and other business from standing/select committees of City Council: None.

Report of city officials: None.

Bills on third reading:

Ordinance 2023-12: Amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures of the Madison City Code to Implement a Parental Leave Policy: The amendment corrected a scrivener error: **Roll Call**

Vote: Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (6-0).

Bills on second reading:

Ordinance 2023-13: Notice of Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2024: Be it ordained/resolved by the Madison City Council that for the expenses of Madison Civil City for the year ending December 31, 2024, the sums specified in Ordinance 2023-13 are appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds named and for the purposes specified in the ordinance, subject to the laws governing the same. The sums appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of Madison Civil City, the property tax levies, and property tax rates specified are included in the ordinance. Budget form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

Mayor Courtney opened with a preamble about the 2024 budget and key initiatives. He first explained the city's focus on health and wellness of active seniors in our community and the need to direct more investment to that demographic.

D. Dattilo made a motion to allocate funds from the miscellaneous line to Lifetime Resources. The motion lacked a second, the motion died.

Erin Thomas, the Executive Director at Lifetime Resources, was present again to discuss the services they provide and discuss any support possible for Lifetime during budget discussions.

Scott Bate, Wilson Ave, and Toni Carpenter, 748 Presbyterian Ave, along with a few drivers from Catch-a-Ride, all addressed the council to express their personal experiences and need for Lifetime Resources and the services they provide.

Sue Patterson, 711 Walnut St., requested information on where she could view the details of the proposed budget. Mayor Courtney reminded Ms. Patterson that the full budget detail is available for review in City Hall.

Ordinance 2023-14: Fixing Compensation of Elected Officials for 2024: The Common Council of the City of Madison will consider and take upon the proposed ordinance fixing the annual compensation of all elected officials for the 2024 calendar year. The fixed compensations include the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, Common Council Members, and Board of Public Works Members for the amounts listed in the ordinance.

Thevenow moved to amend the ordinance and add a line item for the common council president stipend of \$1,200.00, seconded by L. Dattilo. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, D. Dattilo – Y. All in favor, the amendment passes (6-0).

Ordinance 2023-15: Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for 2024: From and after the first day of January 2024, the pay salary scale for the appointed officers and employees of the City of Madison shall be fixed as follows in Ordinance 2023-15, Salary Schedule as Prescribed by Mayor Bob G. Courtney, 2024, to the Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana.

Ordinance 2023-16: Amending Zoning Map regarding 117 Ferry St. (Sp. Thevenow): There has been a recommendation made by the City of Madison Plan Commission to the Common Council of the City of Madison to amend the zoning of the described property in Ordinance 2023-16 be changed from General Business (GB) to Historic District Residential (HDR).
Address, 117 Ferry St. Parcel No. 39-13-01-223-048.000-007.

Public comment: Adam King, Miles Ridge Neighborhood, again addressed the council with concerns regarding traffic and speeders throughout the Miles Ridge Neighborhood. Mr. King provided the council with his own statistics regarding traffic violators in the neighborhood. Mayor Courtney and Chief of Police, John Wallace, explained that there is and will be continued research going on around town, not in one specific area, to address traffic safety issues. David Schneider, Miles Ridge Neighborhood, also requesting some solutions to the traffic safety issues in the Miles Ridge Neighborhood.

Champ Claussen, 722 W Third St., provided commentary on how much he loves the city of Madison, Indiana, but dislikes the production and roll-out of false or unexplained information being provided by certain political candidates regarding use of debt financing and audit matters.

Mayor's comments: The City of Madison has had two weekends of fantastic tourism-related events, including, the airshow, Wild West Rodeo, Run the Falls 5K, Old Courthouse Days, and Chautauqua.

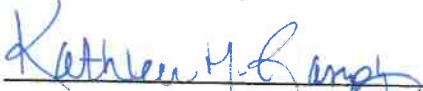
The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, 2023, @ 5:30 pm.

Adjourn: Krebs moved to adjourn, seconded by L. Dattilo. All in favor (6-0).

Attested:



President Pro Tempore



Kathleen M. Rampy, Clerk-Treasurer

