



MADISON *Indiana*

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 5:30 PM

MEETING PLACE: City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250

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, Madison, IN 47250.

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

Present: Thevenow, Wilber, Schafer, Krebs, Bartlett, and Dattilo were present. Storm was absent (6-1).

Minutes: Wilber moved to approve the December 3, 2024, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

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

Courtney: The mayor shared a proclamation delivered earlier this summer by Gov. Holcomb regarding the City of Madison's Main Street and as the 2024 Great American Main Street Award.

Resolutions or bills: Ordinance 2024-18: Amend Zoning Map, 130 Miles Ridge Rd. (Sp. Wilber): *Decision on a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission.* This ordinance will move on to second reading.

Ordinance 2024-19: Creation of Parks Funds (Sp. Krebs): *Changing four park NRO funds from sub-funds to separate NRO funds.* **Motion:** Krebs moved to suspend the rules and move to the second reading, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Resolution 2024-13C: Transfer of Certain Funds: The resolution was postponed until the next council meeting.

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

Report of city officials: Economic Development – River Oak Chophouse Liquor License Renewal – Associate Director of Economic Development Emily McKinney:

River Oak Chophouse surpassed all of the city's requirements. The restaurant has only been open since the end of March 2024, and its financials far exceeded the city's requirements to obtain the liquor license. Emily requested a motion for the council to approve their 2024 renewal. **Motion:** Thevenow moved to approve the liquor license renewal for River Oak Chophouse, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

ARPA Update: Mayor Courtney provided an overview and refresher of the investments the city has made with the American Rescue plan monies. This overview can be reviewed via the City of Madison YouTube channel. ARPA is monies that were distributed to cities, towns, and counties all across the country in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The City of Madison received approximately \$2.7 million and 100% of the funds are obligated. The four main categories of the local plan include stormwater, public safety, tourism, and park improvements. There are \$247,000.00 remaining to be spent by December 31, 2026, and this is all spoken for through three categories: stormwater infrastructure and planning, watercraft for public safety, comfort station improvements, and the playground and engineering for Welch Park.

Recess Regular Council Meeting

Call to Order Public Hearing

Bills on second reading: Ordinance 2024-16: Additional Appropriations: *Posting of prior year reconciling items without impact on the budget.* **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Bartlett – Y, and Wilber – Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (6-0).

Ordinance 2024-17: Zoning Amendment 2317 Lanier Drive (Sp. Thevenow: *Decision on unfavorable recommendation from the Plan Commission from changing the zoning of 2317 Lanier Drive from General business to Medium Density Residential R8.*

Jonathan Thompson, of 2317 Lanier Drive, addressed the council to provide background on the zoning issue affecting his property. He shared details about his situation and answered the council's questions regarding the specifics of the area where he resides.

Close public hearing regarding Ordinance 2024-16 and 2024-17

Reconvene Regular Council Meeting

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Ordinance 2024-17: Zoning Amendment 2317 Lanier Drive (Sp. Thevenow: *Decision on unfavorable recommendation from the Plan Commission from changing the zoning of 2317 Lanier Drive from General business to Medium Density Residential R8.* **Motion:** Thevenow moved to table the ordinance until the next regular council meeting on January 7, 2025, seconded by Bartlett. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Miscellaneous: Clerk-Treasurer Shirley Rynearson gave the council a brief tutorial regarding the appropriation reports and how to read them.

Public comment: Champ Claussen of 722 West 3rd Street highlighted the achievements of Chief Scudder during his first year as Chief of Police for the Madison Police Department, reminding both the council and the public of his contributions. He also proposed designating a week during the summer for community service, encouraging citizens to assist those in need through activities such as planting gardens, sweeping sidewalks, and other helpful tasks.

Mayor's comments: The mayor is scheduled to deliver the State of the City address in February, focusing on a review of 2024 and, more importantly, looking ahead to 2025. Mayor Courtney also gave the council and the public a brief presentation highlighting key accomplishments from 2024. This presentation, which can be viewed on the City of Madison YouTube channel, showcased notable achievements, including awards and recognitions, ribbon-cuttings for new community investments, PACE projects, grant awards, policy initiatives, and the launch of the JCAP program.

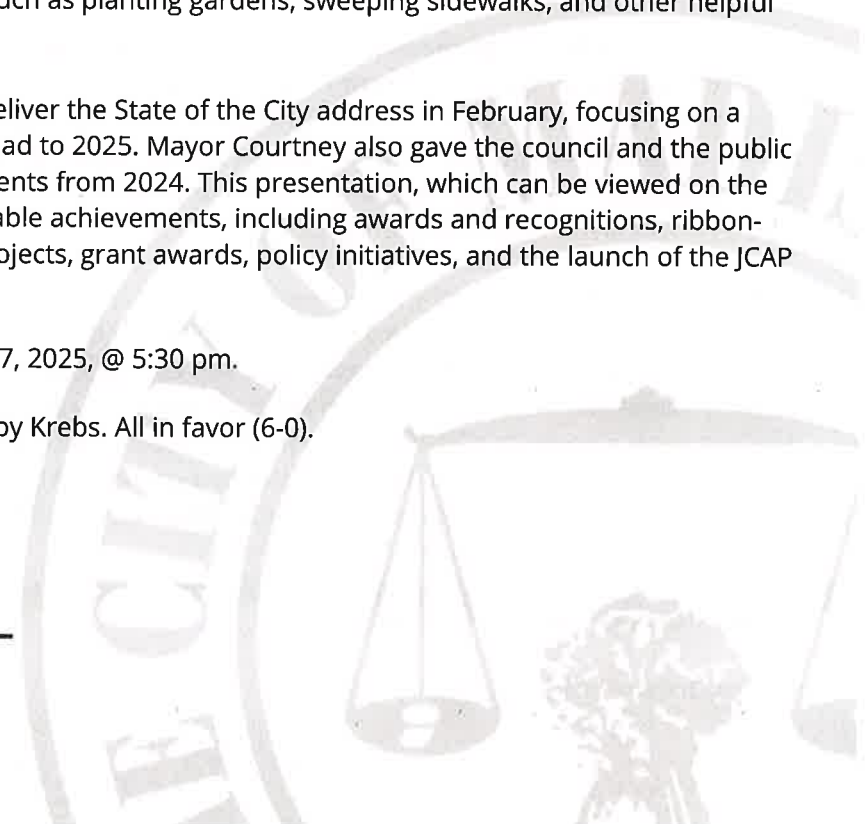
The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2025, @ 5:30 pm.

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

Attested:



Mayor



Carl E Krebs

President Pro Tempore

Shirley Rynearson

Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer

