



# MADISON *Indiana*

## Common Council Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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, Schafer, Krebs, Bartlett, Storm, and Dattilo were present, Wilber was absent (6-1).

**Minutes:** Krebs moved to approve the January 21, 2025, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Dattilo. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests:** Dan Cole, on behalf of his brother Sam Cole and the entire Cole family, presented the City of Madison with an original 1962 painting of Miss Madison at Seafair by artist Gerard Richardson.

**Resolutions or bills: Ordinance 2025-2: 2025 Salary Ordinance Amendment:** *Amends salary ordinance to reflect updates for water/sewer department pay ranges.* The ordinance will move on to second reading.

**Ordinance 2025-3: Elimination of Unnecessary Funds:** *Required per the establishing ordinance related to unnecessary funds.* **Motion:** Bartlett moved to suspend the rules and move to second reading, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Resolution 2025-1(C): Appoints City ADA Coordinator:** *Satisfying INDOT requirement to finalize ADA transition plan.* Deputy Mayor Mindy McGee has served as the ADA designee but is now recommending Director of Streets, Facilities, & Solid Waste, Chris Hale, to take on the role moving forward. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (6-0).

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

**Report of city officials: Utilities Superintendent – Brian Jackson:** The board received a brief review of 2024 water and wastewater projects. The Water Construction Project included Division "A" Water Treatment Plant upgrades, which have been completed, ongoing maintenance of Division "B" Water Tanks/Towers, and the completion of Division "C" Water Line Improvements. Meter replacements are also ongoing. Wastewater projects completed in 2024 included the rehabilitation of the East Primary clarifier at the treatment plant, the upgrade of the Thomas Hill Road Lift Station pump, the installation of a "Wet Well Wizard" at the Virginia Avenue Lift Station, the addition of a new aeration blower at the treatment plant to reduce electricity costs, and sewer line and manhole replacements on State Street and East Street. Updates were also provided on ongoing and upcoming projects. INDOT-related water projects include the removal of a fire hydrant at the Riverview Drive intersection, with costs yet to be determined, and the relocation of a water line at the culver by Grote, estimated at \$28,500. Wastewater projects for the upcoming year include the Terrace Drive Aerial Sewer Repair, estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000, and a SCADA system upgrade for the Waste Treatment Plant at an estimated cost of \$37,500. Lift station pump and hatch replacements are planned for Hereford Rear (\$15,300) and JC-12 in Short's Addition (\$7,800). The Well's Drive Lift Station will undergo structural improvements, including lining the wall of the building next to the wet well, with costs yet to be determined. The sewer will need to be bypassed during this process, with an estimated cost of

\$18,500. This bypass will also be useful when the Well's Drive Lift Station is upgraded in the future. Additionally, flow testing and smoke testing are planned for tributaries to the lift station. In water infrastructure, the Altitude Valve Pit Relocation project is being planned to better control the water level in the SR 62 Water Tower. An easement is needed for the new location, which is proposed approximately ¼ mile north of the intersection of SR 62 and SR 256 on the west side of SR 62. Engineering and material costs are currently being gathered.

**Bills on second reading: Ordinance 2025-3: Elimination of Unnecessary Funds:** *Required per the establishing ordinance related to unnecessary funds.* **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (6-0).

**Ordinance 2025-1: Zoning Amendment 1023 E Vaughn Drive (Sp. Wilber):** *Decision on unfavorable recommendation from the Plan Commission from changing the zoning of 1023 E Vaughn Drive from Open Space (OS) to Historic District Residential (HDR).* **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – N, Krebs – N, Dattilo – N, Schafer – N, Storm – N, Bartlett – N. None in favor, ordinance fails (0-6).

**Miscellaneous: Temporary Repayment Plan for Parks Department – Mayor Bob Courtney:** In December 2024, the council approved an ordinance allowing for the temporary transfer of funds from the sewer utility to cover the parks department's deficit. At that time, a general repayment plan was outlined, with the understanding that the city would need to present a more detailed plan to the council. The State Board of Accounts permits and prescribes this type of transfer, but since it was executed in 2024 rather than 2025, the city must return the funds to the utility within six months. Mayor Bob presented the repayment outline to the council and the public, identifying sources for the \$575,000 repayment. A more detailed overview of this plan is available on the City of Madison YouTube Channel.

**Board Appointment Roster:** *Human Relations Commission – 3-year term:* Katy Hadley – reappointment, Jessica McAlister – reappointment, Curt Gardner – reappointment. *Historic District Board of Review – 3-year term:* Ryan Rodgers – term ends December 31, 2027, Jared Anderson - term ends December 31, 2025. *Public Arts Commission – 3-year term:* 2025 Cara Fox - term ends December 31, 2027. **Motion:** Bartlett moved to approve the provided list of appointments, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Public comment (per sign-up sheet):** None.

**Mayor's comments:** The mayor will be in Indianapolis tomorrow evening for the legislative dinner, a crucial session with numerous bills impacting local government, including property taxes, TIF, and other key reforms. Additionally, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Residences of Sunrise Crossing is scheduled for March 24, 2025.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 2025, @ 5:30 pm.

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

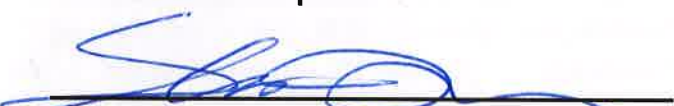
Attested:



Mayor



President Pro Tempore



Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer

