



MADISON *Indiana*

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 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, and Wilber were present. Dattilo and Storm were absent (5-2).

Minutes: Bartlett moved to approve the February 18, 2025, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Wilber. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: None.

Resolutions or bills: None.

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

Report of city officials: Clerk-Treasurer Shirley Rynearson: Shirley provided a brief overview of her staff and their daily responsibilities within the Clerk's Department. She reported that the 2024 Annual Financial Report has been completed on time and was published in the newspaper as required by law. Last week, the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) returned for a few days to finalize their 2023 audit, gathering the remaining necessary documents. The exit interview is expected to take place in the coming months. Additionally, SBOA is scheduled to return in June to begin the 2024 audit. For Shirley's full update, you can watch the meeting on the City of Madison YouTube Channel.

Director of Operations (Parks) Tanya Burnette: Tanya provided an update on the Parks Department's **operations**, including the leadership restructuring to function without a Parks Director. Park maintenance is already underway in preparation for programming, and the department is implementing new software to improve user and staff experience. Seasonal maintenance hiring is open, and Larry Hayden has been hired as the new campground host due to his prior experience. Crystal Beach will host a hiring fair at Brown Gym in April, and league directors will return this year for baseball and softball programs. Flood cleanup is ongoing at Crystal Beach following recent river flooding, and with programming season quickly approaching, the department is actively preparing. To view the full update, visit the City of Madison YouTube Channel.

Bills on second reading: None.

Miscellaneous: None.

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

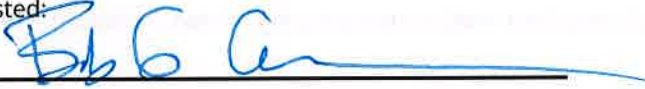
Mayor's comments: Thank you to those who attended the State of The City event, and a copy of the address is available for review on the City of Madison YouTube Channel. At the BPW meeting yesterday, the board took the action to approve the beginning of flow metering and smoke testing at the Wells Drive Lift Station. The council for

Moody Park filed a motion for summary judgment, which was followed by hearings and briefings. The court ultimately denied the motion. After the denial, Moody Park owner James Cunningham filed for an interlocutory appeal. The case went to the Court of Appeals, which declined to hear the matter. As a result, the case has now returned to the circuit court. Similar to the Moody Park case, Lanthier Winery filed a declaratory judgment action, arguing that the Historic Board's order was not properly issued. The court ruled in favor of the board, upholding its decision. However, the city believes the winery has not complied with the order and has filed legal action to enforce it. That litigation is currently ongoing. At the March 18, 2025, meeting, the city will be introducing the Vacant and Abandoned Structures Ordinance. This will allow a policy for the city to interact differently with property owners who are maintaining unsafe, dilapidated, vacant, and abandoned properties. At that same meeting, the other policy that will be introduced is the updates to the employee personnel handbook. Mayor Bob will be testifying in front of the Ways and Means Committee to amend the property tax reform bill that is being recommended. The bill will drastically impact local governments.

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

Adjourn: Krebs moved to adjourn, seconded by Schafer. All in favor (5-0).

Attested:



Mayor



President Pro Tempore



Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer

