



**MINUTES NO. 2024-09-WS
PUBLIC WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA
September 9, 2024**

The Madison City Council met for a public work session on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama. Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. by Council President Ranae Bartlett.

The following elected officials were in attendance:

Mayor Paul Finley	Present
Council District No. 1 Maura Wroblewski	Present
Council District No. 2 Connie Spears	Present
Council District No. 3 Teddy Powell	Present
Council District No. 4 Greg Shaw	Present
Council District No. 5 Ranae Bartlett	Present
Council District No. 6 Karen Denzine	Present
Council District No. 7 John Seifert	Present

City Officials in attendance were: City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Kerri Sulyma, Deputy Revenue Officer Ivon Williams, Assistant City Attorney Tim McFalls, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Garrett Gillott, Deputy Court Clerk Beth Bellomy, Finance Director Roger Bellomy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson Parks and Recreation Director Kory Alfred, Facilities Director Gerald Smith, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Police Captain Mike Allen, Human Resources Director Megan Zingarelli, and Director of Development Services Marybeth Broeren.

Revenue Budget

Council Member Connie Spears opened by giving an update on the budget. She stated that the sales tax revenue has not been growing this current fiscal year as it had been, and that was considered with this proposed budget. While reviewing the budget, Council Member John Seifert questioned the budget for the Animal Facility and his concerns over going over budget. Police Chief, Johnny Gandy explained they feel the forecasted budget will be a sufficient amount for the next fiscal year.

Key Details of Budget

- Overtime numbers will continue to decrease with the Police Department
- City Clerk's budget has a significant increase due to the election being forecasted for next year

- Parks and Recreation Special Projects were presented by Director of Parks and Rec Kory Alfred
- Human Resources has a 4.75% increase in Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and the City will be covering that expense for employees
- Finance will be hiring someone to take, Director of Finance Roger Bellomy's position six months before his retirement for training, therefore there will be an increase in the salary budget
- Senior Center has a large increase in salaries. More full-time employees were hired, rather than having multiple part-time employees
- Facilities consulting fees have decreased due to hiring more expertise in-house

Council Member Connie Spears suggested that the 88 employees who are already at the appropriate salary compensation or at the maximum salary for their position will not receive the 2.5% increase this fiscal year, because their salaries have previously been adjusted to the appropriate level. Mayor Finley and the Council Members agreed they felt that was fair. There is a mechanism for any employee to appeal, should they think there is an error in the way their salary was calculated.

The budget will be voted on in the Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 24th

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the work session adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Minutes No. 2024-09-WS, dated September 09th, 2024, read, approved and adopted this 23rd day of September 2024.

Council Member Maura Wroblewski
District One

Council Member Connie Spears
District Two

Council Member Teddy Powell
District Three

Council Member Greg Shaw
District Four

Council Member Ranae Bartlett
District Five

Council Member Karen Denzine
District Six

Council Member John Seifert
District Seven

Concur:

Paul Finley, Mayor
Attest:

Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer

Myranda Staples
Recording Secretary