



**MINUTES NO. 2025-09-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
May 12, 2025**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2025, 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 6:00 p.m. by Council President John Seifert.

Pastor J.C. Hopkins from Cornerstone Word of Life Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Seifert.

ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS 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	Absent
Council District No. 5 Ranae Bartlett	Absent
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 Treasurer Ivon Williams, Assistant City Attorney Timothy McFalls, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Wes Baugh, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief Brandy Williams, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Finance Director Roger Bellomy, Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred, Deputy Court Clerk Beth Bellomy, Communication and External Affairs Officer Samantha Magnuson, Communication and External Affairs Officer Deidra Briscoe, and Economic, External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie, Deputy Fire Chief Chad Menard, and City Administrator Steve Smith.

Public Attendance registered: Leslie Duncan, Elaine Oakes, Alice Lessmann, Margi Daly, Lloyd LaCross, Kenneth Jackson, Kaye Goldthorpe, John Rory, Michael Sheehy, Lisa Grice, Billie Goodson, Lisa Blackman, Michael McKay, Travis Cummings, Joe Mullins, Shirl Guiliani, Kaye Floyd, Jim Chamberlain, Patrick Carlyle, Dee Voelkel, H. Michael Goodman

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2024-08-RG DATED April 28, 2025

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2025-08-RG. Council Member Spears seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Abstain
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

SPRING 2025 CIVIC AWARENESS ACADEMY GRADUATION

Economic and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie presented the third graduating inaugural class with their certificates of completion

The Spring 2025 Civic Awareness Graduates were:

Lisa Blackmon	Amy Mason
Jennifer Breuer	Roderick Matthews
Patrick Carlyle	Brenda Matthews
Meagan Condrey	Mike McFalls
Travis Cummings	Sharon McFalls
Leslie Duncan	Michael McKay
Harold Ernest	Christa Minor
Kaye Floyd	Shari Moore
Rebecca Franz	Scott Motz
Lisa Grice	Joe Mullins
Shirl Guiliani	Elaine Oakes
Nadra Hatchett	Jeff Ogden
Christina Hearne	Christy Powers Hampton
Harry Hobbs	Robert (Bob) Retsch
Amos Humphries	Andrea Simpson
Melissa Lacey	Wesley Sparks
Rachel Lenzner	Krishna Srikakolapu
Alice Lessman	

PRESENTATION BY WARREN AVERETT ON THE RESULTS OF THE FY 2024 CITY AUDIT, SINGLE AUDIT AND BALLCORPS SPECIAL PROCEDURES

CPA's Lee Parks and Rick Blanton gave an overview of the annual audit:

- Financial statements provided presented fairly in all material respects
- No transactions were noted that lacked authoritative guidance
- Accounting estimates and disclosures appeared reasonable and complete
- There were no difficulties with management during the audit
- Not aware of management consulting with other accountants for a second opinion

PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Public Comments were limited to three minutes per speaker. Anyone who wanted to sign up prior to the Council meeting were able to contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@madisonal.gov or text the word "**Comment**" to 938-200-8560. Anyone who wanted to submit a presentation to the City Council were able to email it to the City Clerk by noon last Friday. Those who could not attend the meeting in person and wanted to email their written comments were advised to do so no later than noon this date via email to citycouncil@madisonal.gov.*

JOEY CECI (DISTRICT 3)

Mr. Ceci appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concerns on the following items:

- Mowing grass in Town Madison along the new interchange

ARTHUR KIRKINDALL (DISTRICT 7)

Mr. Kirkindall appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concerns on the following item:

- Declining sales tax revenues
- Requested sales tax revenue report for 2024-2025
- Would like to see how much sales tax was lost by the Water Board supplying water and sewer services outside the city limits
- Questions about plans to purchase the North Alabama Gas building

JAMES CHAMBERLAIN (DISTRICT 5)

Ms. Chamberlain appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concern on the following item:

- Water fluoridation

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

Ms. Daly appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns on the following items:

- Thanked representatives from Warren Averett for their presentation at the Finance Committee meeting
- Mowing grass in City-owned areas before Spring starts

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Spears moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Finance Committee report as follows:

General Operating account	\$2,066,536.94
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$700.00
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$40,042.83
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$339.79
Library Building Fund	\$11,731.18
Water Distribution and Storage	\$1,000.00
Venue Maintenance	\$41,693.17
Regular and periodic bills to be paid	

Resolution No. 2025-148-R: Approving a 36-month lease agreement with The Lioce Group, LLC, for a Canon Multi-Function Copier for use by the Fire Department at the Madison Public Safety Annex located at 230 Business Park Boulevard, Building 23A (\$291.55 per month to be paid from Fire Department budget)

Resolution No. 2025-149-R: Approving a 36-month lease agreement with The Lioce Group, LLC, for a Canon Multi-Function Copier for use by the IT Department at the Madison Public Safety Annex located at 230 Business Park Boulevard, Building 23A (\$291.55 per month to be paid from IT Department budget)

Resolution No. 2025-150-R: Approving a 36-month lease agreement with The Lioce Group, LLC, for a Canon Multi-Function Copier for use by the Police Department at the Madison Public Safety Annex located at 230 Business Park Boulevard, Building 23A (\$291.55 per month to be paid from Police Department budget)

Resolution No. 2025-153-R: Acceptance of insurance settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for Claim No. 063690 on an incident which occurred March 29, 2025, to a Police vehicle (\$7,658.68 [minus \$1,000 deductible] to be deposited into General Operating account)

Acceptance of appropriation from District 2 Madison County Commissioner Steve Haraway to be used towards patrol car computers (\$71,000 to be deposited into Police Donations checking account)

Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MAYOR PAUL FINLEY:

Mayor Finley reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Thanked Sherrif Kevin Turner for being present for the meeting
- Confirmed sales tax is down around 2%, whereas our SSUT - internet tax has increased significantly
- NCAA Madison City Hall employee winner is Chris White

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

Council Member Wroblewski reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Encouraged citizens, anytime you can shop within Madison to please do so to keep our tax dollars not only within the city, but to support our school system
- Thanked Mayor Finley and Council President Seifert for the opportunity to attend the May 1st National Day of Prayer breakfast
- Encouraged everyone to go by the Madison Library to see the three beautiful new sculptures that are out front

Resolution No. 2025-155-R: Authorize funding from the Council Special Projects budget for the purchase of equipment for safety modifications for the Balch Road flashing signal (\$4,939.17 from Council Special Projects Budget)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-155-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

Council Member Spears reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- A Public Hearing will be held on May 13th at 5:30 at Madison Utilities providing additional information about fluoridation
- A summary of changes for the mid-year budget were put in Council Members' email inboxes.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

Council Member Powell reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

Council Member Bartlett reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

Council Member Bartlett reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

Council Member Denzine reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Thanked everyone who participated in Civic Awareness Academy
- Thanked the Police Department for their effort in a specific accident that occurred recently, where she felt that Officers really put extra effort into locating an injured woman
- Attended Wellstone Gala

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

Council Member Seifert reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Reiterated Mayor's comments regarding SSUT sales tax
- Enjoyed speaking at the National Day of Prayer event

Resolution No. 2025-145-R: Appointing Fire Chief for the City of Madison

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-145-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Newly appointed Fire Chief Brandy Williams took an Oath of Office given to her by Mayor Finley. Chief Williams thanked the Council for their support as well as Madison firefighters who have supported her along the way.

Council President Seifert announced there will be a Special Called Meeting on Friday, May 16th at 12 pm in the Council Chambers where a decision will be made for Toyota Field.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Speakers and public hearing applicants who wanted to address agenda items listed under this section of the agenda were instructed to reserve their comments for the public hearing. Before or during the Council Meeting they were asked to sign up for the public hearing at which they wanted to address Council by texting the word "COMMENT" to the City's automated SMS system at 938-200-8560 or by filling out a card available in the vestibule or from the City Clerk. The project initiator, applicant, owner or agent of the business or property that is the subject of the hearing was allowed to speak for 15 minutes. Residents within the noticed area of the subject property, as well as all other members of the public, were allowed to speak for 5 minutes.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-123-R: AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN THE CITY OF MADISON AT EXISTING RATES

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-123-R. Council Member Denzine seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent

Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-125: SETTING THE QUALIFICATION FEES FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN THE 2025 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025 (FIRST READING 04/28/2025)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-125-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Mayor Finley asked when the last day to qualify is, and Ms. Thomas responded the last day to qualify is June 24th.

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO 2025-141-R: AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 4 WITH GOODWYN MILLS AND CAWOOD ON PROJECT 22-036 HUNTSVILLE-BROWNSFERRY BURGEE ROUNDABOUT FOR TWO LEGAL EXHIBITS AND DESCRIPTIONS TO ACQUIRE EASEMENTS (\$2,000 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-141-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council President Seifert asked how the project is going timewise due to the recent rain. Mr. Johnson replied that it is still on track, and they are where they need to be.

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

FIRE & RESCUE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-147-R: APPROVING FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MADISON UTILITIES FOR REGULAR
AND PERIODIC INSPECTION AND FLOW TESTING OF FIRE HYDRANTS**

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-147-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-134-R: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WIRELESS
AND NETWORK EQUIPMENT FROM PC SOLUTIONS & INTEGRATION FOR THE
PUBLIC SAFETY ANNEX BUILDING (\$26,827.92 TO BE PAID FROM IT
DEPARTMENT BUDGET)**

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-134-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-135-R: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UPS BATTERY
BACKUPS FROM CT INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANNEX
BUILDING (\$15,785 TO BE PAID FROM IT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)**

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-135-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-136-R: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK FIREWALL FROM UNICO TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANNEX BUILDING (\$10,490.90 TO BE PAID FROM IT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-136-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-151-R: AUTHORIZING A CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH APPLIED DIGITAL SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF INTERVIEW ROOM RECORDING CAMERAS AND SOFTWARE (\$29,999.72 TO BE PAID FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Denzine moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-151-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-146-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PYRO SHOWS OF ALABAMA, INC. FOR JULY 3, 2025, FIREWORKS SHOW (\$16,000 TO BE PAID FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-146-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye

Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss Council Member Wroblewski moved to adjourn.
The roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes No. 2025-09-RG, dated May 12th, 2025, read, approved and adopted this 27th day of May 2025.

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