



**MINUTES NO. 2024-01-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
January 08, 2024**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 08, 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 6:00 p.m. by Council President Ranae Bartlett.

Pastor John Dees, Crosspoint Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Troop 350.

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	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, Administrative Assistant Myranda Staples, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Coordinator Toby Jenkins, Economic Development and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Deputy Revenue Officer Ivon Williams, City Manager Steve Smith, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren, Special Operations Chief and City Safety Manager Steve Perry.

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, Jennifer Coe, John Dees, Debbie Overcash, Linda Knowles, John Merrill, Aaron Clingerman, John Cole, Dee Voelkel, Judy Miller

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2023-24-RG DATED DECEMBER 18, 2023

Council Member Spears moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-24-RG. Council Member Powell 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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY ANNOUNCE THEIR WINNERS OF THE 2023 MADISON STATION POLAR EXPRESS CHRISTMAS ON MAIN – PRESENTED BY DEBBIE OVERCASH

Ms. Overcash thanked Mayor Finley, Council Member Denzine, Council Member Wroblewski, and Council Member Powell for participating in the Christmas Capers event. She also thanked the Madison Community Orchestra, Rotary Club of Madison, Todd Phillips, the City Clerk Department for taking care of the finances, and the many businesses who made very generous donations for their support in the event.

Ms. Overcash went on to thank everyone involved in the success of the Madison Station Polar Express Christmas on Main event. The following awards were presented:

2023 Madison Choice Award – American Legion Post 229 and Auxiliary Post 229
2023 Merry and Bright Award - The Flower Shop of Providence
2023 Holly Jolly Most Holiday Inspired Award – I Vote Madison

MADISON CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARDS, PRESENTED BY DEBBIE OVERCASH

Ms. Overcash gave an overview of the parade, stating that although the parade had to be rescheduled due to bad weather, the parade went off without a hitch. The following awards were presented:

2023 Merry and Bright Award - Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama Service Unit 212
2023 Holly Jolly Award - Madison Mission Pathfinders and Adventurers
2023 Committee Choice Award - Cub Scout Pack 351

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.*

MS. JUDY MILLER (DISTRICT 4)

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

- Better handicap accessibility
- Dirty Streets
- Transportation

MR. BOB PETERS

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

- Resolution No. 2024-004-R

MS. JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Resolution No. 2024-003-R
- Resolution No. 2024-004-R
- Resolution No. 2024-010-R
- Resolution No. 2024-016-R

MR. JOHN COLE (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Thanked the City Council, Mayor, City Engineer, and Police for posting signs and reflectors on the bridge on Browns Ferry
- Resolution No. 2024-004-R

MS. MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Listed the achievements of the City Council for 2023
- Public speaking time
- Unsafe roads
- Sidewalks
- Increased franchise fees
- Tornado shelters

MR. JEFFREY JOHNSON (DISTRICT 4)

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

- Resolution No. 2024-003-R

- Resolution No. 2024-004-R
- Resolution No. 2024-016-R

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Spears shared the Finance Committee reviewed all the periodic bills to be paid and found them all in order.

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

General Operating Account	\$2,386,131.87
Special General Operating Accounts	\$319.30
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$1,295.56
½ Cent Capital Replacement	\$95,326.19
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$144,997.38
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$354.66
CIP Bond Accounts	\$443,702.05
Library Building Fund	\$6,038.54

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2024-001-R: Authorizing a Property Use Agreement with Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC d/b/a Dunlop Tire for police emergency driver training (no cost to the City)

Resolution No. 2024-002-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value (cameras), formerly used by the Police Department, via online auction through Govdeals website, pursuant to Section 16-108 of the City of Madison Code of Ordinances

Resolution No. 2024-003-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with Getting Real About Mental Illness for FY 2024 in the amount of \$2,500 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2024-004-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with Global Ties for FY 2024 in the amount of \$2,500 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2024-010-R: Authorizing a renewal agreement with ESO in the amount of \$495.00 for subscription to historical data (to be paid from Fire Department budget)

Resolution No. 2024- 016-R: Authorizing a Change Order to the agreement for installation of the Pickleball Field lighting at Wellness Center (\$71,900 to be paid from Recreation Budget)

Acceptance of donations from L. Tucker in the amount of \$30.00, J. Caldwell in the amount of \$500.00, and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in the amount of \$2,000.00 (to be deposited into Senior Center Donations account)

Acceptance of anonymous donation in the amount of \$100.00 for use by the Recreation Department (to be deposited into the Recreation Department Donation Account)

Mayor Finley wanted to take this time to clarify some items on the Consent Agenda. He clarified that the pickleball lighting is in great shape, the lighting for the softball and baseball fields is what needs to be worked on. The electrical panels are what need to be repaired due to damage done by lightning.

Regarding Global Ties, this resolution is meant to help the Japanese, Korean, and Ukrainian families with transportation to places they need to be, connecting them with places that offer them support such as translation services, as they acclimate to our city, and to be a liaison for foreign groups.

Council Member Spears asked if the verbiage can be changed for Resolution 2024-016-R to highlight that the lighting is not for the pickleball courts, but for the baseball and softball fields, it is on the same contract.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to amend the description of Resolution No. 2024-016-R from reading "pickleball field lighting" to "softball/baseball field lighting." 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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion Carried

Council Member Powell moved to amend Resolution No. 2024-004-R to reflect the three purposes the funds will be used for- transportation, translation, and liaison services. 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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion Carried

Council Member Spears moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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	Aye
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:

- Presented a new Committee he would like approval on, Civic Awareness Academy. The purpose of this academy is to inspire positive change in Madison through community engagement and involvement. Mayor Finley reviewed the mission, requirements to attend the meetings and the details of what the academy involves. He presented a Power Point with a breakdown of each session and what they all entail. Mayor Finley would like the first Academy to begin in March. The main point of contact for this program is Economic and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie. Council Member Denzine asked about the selection process, and Mayor Finley reviewed the mission of the program.
- Mayor Finley and City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Thomas will be meeting with the schools on Thursday regarding the Limestone County voting location
- Wednesday at 2:00 at Station 1, Kids to Love will be formally opening the first Baby Box in Alabama

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Mark your calendar for our annual event of Readyfest on February 24th at Discovery Middle School from 9 am-1 pm

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Excited that we have a Baby Box as an option to give people in difficult situations

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Very happy about the purchase of the large ornament that was made two years ago, as it made for a great photo op this year
- Christmas Capers was a wonderful event and had a great time participating
- Christmas Parade was a great event for families

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

- We will be gearing up with Work Sessions again, with the first one is scheduled for January 24th at 5:30 pm here in the Council Chambers
- Thanked BSA Troop 404 for inviting her to visit with them

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Hopes everyone will be more involved and will start to participate more

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

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

- No new business

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF MIKE POTTER TO PLACE 7 ON THE MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES COMMITTEE BY ACCLAMATION

Council Member Wroblewski nominated Mike Potter to Place 7. There being no further nominations, Mr. Potter was appointed by acclamation

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-005-R: REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL RETAIL – MORE THAN 30 DAYS – ALCOHOL LICENSE FROM MADISON CROSSINGS LLC., DOING BUSINESS AS MONARK GROVE MADISON FOR THEIR LOCATION AT 11260 COUNTY LINE ROAD

Deputy Revenue Officer Ivon Williams explained the reasoning for this request, detailing that the facility has a Bistro/Pub on premises and would like to serve cocktails to their residents.

Margi Daly wanted clarification as to where the facility was located. She expressed that she felt it was a good thing that the residents in this facility will have this option.

A representative from Monark Grove explained that this license is just to provide their residents with cocktails at their Bistro, primarily during lunchtime

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-005-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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

COURT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-012-R: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MADISON COUNTY FOR THE HOUSING OF INMATES FOR 2024

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-012-R. Council Member Denzine seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Council Member Karen Denzine Aye
Council Member John Seifert Aye

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING

Director of Engineering Michael Johnson presented his Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION ON REBUILD ALABAMA GAS TAX FUNDS

Budgeted Funds by Source:

2 Cent, 4 Cent, 5 Cent, & 7 Cent Gas Tax - \$1,380,00

2019 Gas Tax (Sullivan Road Resurfacing) - \$275,000

Budgeted Total FY2023 - \$1,655,000

Revenue Collected by Source:

2 Cent Gas Tax - \$603,084

4 Cent Gas Tax - \$283,620

5 Cent Gas Tax - \$104,915

7 Cent Gas Tax - \$541,919

2019 Gas Tax - \$369,166

Expenditures by Source:

2 Cent, 4 Cent, 5 Cent, & 7 Cent Gas Tax - \$773,874

2019 Gas Tax (Sullivan Road Resurfacing) - \$0

Total Expenditures FY2023 - \$773,874

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-009-R: AWARDING OF BID NO. 2023-012-ITB, TREE REMOVAL SERVICES, TO TREE WORX, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,897.00 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-009-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 Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine Aye

Council Member John Seifert

Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-014-R: AUTHORIZING AN AMMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, FOR CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES ON PROJECT 19-047 I WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY FROM GRAPHICS DRIVE TO I-565 (ATRIP2-45-2020-327) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,347.95 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-014-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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-015: AMMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S FLOOD ORDINANCE (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

FIRE AND RESCUE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-008-R: AUTHORIZING A FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT WITH MADISON CITY SCHOOLS FOR THE CITY TO USE THE DISCOVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM AND NORTH PARKING LOT ON FEBRUARY 24, 2024 FROM 7:00 AM-3:00 PM FOR READYFEST 2024 (NO COST TO THE CITY)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-008-R. Council Member Seifert 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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-419: VACATION OF UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN TRACT 4 AND TRACT 5 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF BELLWOODS SUBDIVISION – PHASE 1 (FIRST READING 12/18/2023)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-419 Council Member Seifert 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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-011: VACATION OF UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN TRACT N-3 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF TOWN MADISON SUBDIVISION – PHASE 13 (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No miscellaneous business or announcements

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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes No. 2024-01-RG, dated January 08, 2024, read, approved and adopted this 22nd day of January 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