



**MINUTES NO. 2025-08-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
APRIL 28, 2025**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 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 Pro Tem President Ranae Bartlett.

Pastor Lewis Martin from The Madison Church of the Nazarene provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Pro Tem President Ranae Bartlett.

ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Paul Finley	Absent
Council District No. 1 Maura Wroblewski	Present
Council District No. 2 Connie Spears	Absent
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	Absent
Council District No. 7 John Seifert	Absent

City Officials in attendance were: City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Kerri Sulyma, City Attorney Megan Zingarelli, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Michelle Parker, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief Brandy Williams, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren.

Public Attendance registered: Leslie Duncan, Don Bracci, Ryan Irish, Leslie Irish, Billie Goodson, Marc Highsmith, Tim Holcombe, Maggie Minsk, David Hergenroeder, Dr. Jim Hatcher, Kathy Patrick, Kenneth Jackson, Karen Thornton, Melanie Stoner, Sarah Sledge, George Sledge, Opie Balch, Margi Daly, John Rody, John Burke, Melissa Lacy, Michael Goodman, Jocelyn Broer, Patricia Guillebeau, Amy Mason, Magnolia Mason, Brian Beitel, Rebecca Franz, Mia Powers, Gregory Cabot, Lisa Grice, Amos Humphries, Rajiv Sharma, Lucretia Boucher, Christina Hearn, John Michael. Patrick Catlyle, Casey Peterson, Robin Gremillion, Bem Gremillion, Sarah Alice Petty, Danny Petty, Dee Voelkel, Tiffany Knox, Donna Ware,

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Council Member Bartlett requested the following amendment be added to the agenda

- Under presentations and awards item D-Presentation from representatives of Madison Utilities

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2025-07-RG DATED APRIL 14, 2025

Council Shaw moved to approve Minutes No. 2025-07-RG. Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO HDS BOMB SHOP FOR ASSEMBLING SENSORY EGGS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY'S EGG-STRAVAGANZA EVENT

Council Pro Tem Bartlett stood in for Mayor Finley and presented certificate to the HDS Bomb Shop representatives. The representatives thanked Council and an applause was received.

THE MADISON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - UPDATE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECENT PROJECTS

Katie Moore, Manager of the Madison Public Library, gave an update on the upcoming activities and events. She also highlighted some of the statistics from the most recent fiscal year. Jeff Davis, President of the Friends of the Library, presented the Madison Public Library with a \$ 18,000 check as well as a thank you.

PRESENTATION OF SURVEY RESULTS FROM THE MADISON POLICE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THE MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Yeqing Bao from the Madison Police Advisory Committee spoke on behalf of Council Member Denzine, which is the liaison for the committee, but was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Bao reviewed and shared statistics based on surveys taken by Madison City citizens.

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.

Madison Utilities Water manager David Moore spoke and shared that the decision was made at the March 17, 2025, meeting to discontinue fluoridation to the water system for the City of Madison. Mr. Moore explained that the decision doesn't affect the fluoride previously added to the water but doesn't support additional fluoride to the water. Madison Utilities Water Manager David Moore shared the decision wasn't made lightly, however concerning areas such as employee health and structural damage the board made the decision to discontinue.

Council Pro Tem Bartlett opened the floor up for Council to ask questions pertaining to the discontinuation of fluoride in the water. Council Member Wroblewski, Council Member Bartlett and Council Member Powell questioned Mr. Moore with Madison City Utilities about the possible outcome of the decision. Council Member Wroblewski respectfully asked that a decision not be made until the public had an opportunity to either email, call or attend the board meeting Monday, May 5th

The following individuals shared their viewpoint regarding the Madison Utilities' decision to remove fluoride from the City's drinking water:

- Tim Holcombe – District 1
- Kathy Patrick – District 6
- Brian Beitel
- Mike Guillebeau – District 2
- David Hergenroeder – District 7
- Karen Thornton – District 5
- Dr. Jim Hatcher – District 5
- Melanie Stoner
- Robin Gremillion
- Rachel Homolak – District 4
- Rick Makowski – District 7
- Casey Peterson – District 6
- H. Michael Goodman – District 5
- Donna Ware – District 4
- Paul Jackson – District 6
- Leslie Duncan – District 3
- Dee Voelkel – District 6
- Dr. Yeqing Bao – District 5
- Michael Sheehy – District 1
- Tiffany Knox – District 1
- Heather McEachran – District 4
- Gregory (Brock) Cabot – District 2

MAGGIE MINSK (DISTRICT 2)

Ms. Minsk appeared before the Council and Pro Tem Bartlett to voice her concerns on the following items:

- Acknowledged the Council's thoughtful work with the growth of the city
- Thanked Council for maintaining Public Safety
- Thanked Council for making key decisions that affect the future of the city
- Concerned with Madison's future due to recent State Legislation changes

JEFF BURGREN (DISTRICT 2)

Mr. Burgreen appeared before the Council and Pro Tem Bartlett to voice his concerns on the following items:

- Expressed concern with roadside mowing not getting done
- Suggested trees being cut down by Public Works on Burgreen Road due to not being able to see intersection
- Bowers Road and Brownsferry Road -The Northeast corner of the road needs to be extended.
- Madison Utilities Sewer-Concern with Limestone County Subdivision addition

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Disappointed with the water board decision
- Freedom of information and transparency
- Sovereign immunity for employees and elected officials

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

General Operating account	\$1,715,263.97
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$339.15
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$98,670.04
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$6,015.46
CIP Bond Accounts	\$1,772,521.96
Library Building Fund	\$1,338.73
Regular and periodic bills to be paid	

Resolution No. 2025-133-R: Authorizing an agreement with Tyler Technologies to pull employee data directly from NEOGOV into NWS at an initial cost of \$4,020, followed by an annual maintenance fee of \$436 (to be paid from HR Department budget)

Resolution No. 2025-140-R: Authorizing an amendment to an existing agreement with The Lioce Group for six-month rental of two document production scanners (\$800 a month for 6 months to be paid from City Clerk Department budget)

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

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MAYOR PAUL FINLEY:

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Clarified that a professional opinion was requested concerning the fluoride removal in city water
- Shared update on Millcreek Greenway

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Thanked everyone that came and spoke and shared their opinion on the removal of fluoride from Madison City water

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

No business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

- Thanked all the volunteers that helped with Madison Earth Day at Madison Public Library
- Thanked the volunteers that collected over 20 large bags of trash and debris at the new trailhead
- Shout-out to Congressman Dale Strong for helping a student successfully join the Air Force Academy after a minor health issue
- Monday, May 5th is the next board meeting for Madison Utilities
- Shared disappointment in the way such an important decision by Madison Utilities was made without public input.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

Absent

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

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.

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

CITY CLERK

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)

This is a first reading only

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO 2025-130-R: ACCEPTANCE OF GREENBRIER HILLS PHASE 5 INTO THE CITY OF MADISON MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-130-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-111-R: APPROVING A REVISED CITY OF MADISON EMPLOYEE SAFETY MANUAL

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-111-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-132-R: CREATING AN HR GENERALIST AND HR SPECIALIST CLASSIFICATION

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-132-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-100: VACATION OF A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN 129 CARRIE DRIVE, LOT 15 OF WINDERMERE SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 (FIRST READING 04/14/2025)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-100. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-128-R: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-129; REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY LILY LANDHOLDINGS, INC. CONSISTING OF 89.27 ACRES LOCATED SOUTH OF HUNTSVILLE-BROWNS FERRY ROAD AND WEST OF BOWERS ROAD FROM AG (AGRICULTURE) TO RC-2 (RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER DISTRICT NO. 2) (FIRST PUBLICATION 5/7/2025, SYNOPSIS 5/14/2025, PUBLIC HEARING 6/9/2025)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-128-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-139-R: AWARD OF BID NO. 2025-010-ITB, TOWING SERVICES, TO IMPORT WRECKER SERVICES FOR THE SERVICES AND AT THE AMOUNTS SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED BIDDER PRICING SHEET (TO BE PAID FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, OR PAID BY VEHICLE OWNER)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-139-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes No. 2025-08-RG, dated April 28th, 2024, read, approved and adopted this 12th 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

Kerri Sulyma
Recording Secretary