



**MINUTES NO. 2023-23-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
December 11, 2023**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023 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 Ryberg, The United Methodist Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ranae Bartlett.

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	Absent
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, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Coordinator Garrett Gillott, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Deputy Revenue Ivon Williams, Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred, and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren, Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli, City Administrator Steve Smith, Economic Development and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie, Director of Facilities Gerald Smith.

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, John Cole, Jennifer Coe, Judith Miller, Bill Baker, Shema Rizo, Angela Gary, and Daniel Kosabia

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2023-22-RG DATED NOVEMBER 27, 2023

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-22-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Abstain
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

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.*

MR. JOHN COLE (DISTRICT 4)

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

- Gave a presentation regarding accidents occurring at Browns Ferry Road bridge

MS. JUDITH MILLER (DISTRICT 3)

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

- Sidewalks at Dublin Village

MS. SHEMA RIZO (DISTRICT 4)

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

- Homosexuality being taught in school, specifically at James Clemens High School

MS. ANGELA GARY (DISTRICT 5)

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

- 2023-297-R: Authorizing an agreement with SWATEK, Vaughn & Bryan, LLC

MS. BELINDA SANG (DISTRICT 4)

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

- The culvert bridge on Browns Ferry Road

MS. MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Use of City's funds
- Streetlights
- Fire codes
- Tornado shelters

MS. JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Public safety
- Transparency with use of city's funds

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

CRISTIE CLARK, CAPTURED BY CRISTIE, LLC, PRESENTS THE CITY WITH A FRAMED PRINT OF HER WINNING PHOTO OF DOWNTOWN MADISON

Ms. Christie Clark presented her photo of the historic train that runs through Downtown Madison which will be hung in the City of Madison lobby of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Paul Finley expressed his gratitude for Ms. Christie Clark capturing the beauty of Madison and congratulated her on her win.

DONATION OF FIRE ALARM TRAINING PANEL BY STATE SYSTEMS TO MADISON FIRE AND RESCUE TO PROVIDE HANDS-ON TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL TO ASSESS FIRE ALARM CONDITIONS INVOLVING SMOKE DETECTORS, HEAT DETECTORS, DUCT SMOKE AND OTHER FIRE ALARM DEVICES

Deputy Fire Chief Dustin Spires explained the functionality of the fire alarm panel and thanked Bob Lupo, David Hait and Justin Brown from State Systems for all their efforts and their donation to Madison City Fire Department.

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	\$2,007,421.61
Special General Operating Accounts	\$101,967.15
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$1,081.19
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$141,117.05
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$48,601.93
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$3,047.73
CIP Bond Accounts	\$1,488,377.13
Library Building Fund	\$8,813.54

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2023-358-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with the Madison City Disability Advocacy Board for FY 2024 in the amount of \$4,500 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-359-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with the Riley Center for FY 2024 in the amount of \$7,500 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-360-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with the United Way of Madison County for FY 2024 in the amount of \$10,000 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-361-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with the Huntsville Madison County Chamber of Commerce for FY 2024 in the amount of \$45,000 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-362-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with the Huntsville Botanical Gardens for FY 2024 in the amount of \$15,000 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-399-R: Declaring two Dell Monitors as surplus property formerly used by the Police Department. The Monitors are of negligible value and authorizing the disposal of said property

Resolution No. 2023-412-R: Amending contract with Tidewater Landscape Management to add monthly groundskeeping services at the Wellness Center, located at 190 Graphics Drive in the amount of \$150.00 per month/ \$1,800.00 per year (to be paid from Facilities and Grounds Department budget)

Resolution No. 2023-422-R: Authorizing a three-year subscription agreement with Wow! Business for internet services for the property located at 230 Business Park Boulevard, Building 23A (Public Safety Annex) (to be paid from Information Technology Department budget)

Resolution No. 2023-423-R: Authorizing a three-year subscription agreement with Wow! Business for internet services for the property located at 190 Graphics Drive (Wellness Center) (to be paid from Information Technology Department budget)

Resolution No. 2023-424-R: Authorizing a three-year subscription agreement with Wow! Business for internet services for the property located at 228 Mose Chapel (Sunshine Oaks) (to be paid from Information Technology Department budget)

Authorization of payment to MidSouth Paving Inc. in the amount of \$119,318.37 for asphalt paving Sullivan - Browns Ferry (to be paid from 2019 Gas Tax Fund account)

Authorization to solicit bids for tree cutting services in connection with Project No. 20-008 | Browns Ferry Culvert - Bridge Replacement

Acceptance of Senior Center Donation from L. Tucker for \$30.00

Council Member Shaw 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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
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:

- The City is working on getting signs back up at Browns Ferry Bridge area. The city Engineer will give more information on that.
- The Christmas Parade went off without a hitch even after having to be rescheduled thanks to Recreation and Public Works who came together to make it possible.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Spoke about being part of a community with such great holiday events
- The next Finance Committee meeting will be December 18th at 8 a.m.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

- Attended the Madison Chamber event and the Chamber has tripled in size this past year
- Thanked the City Staff for everything they have done and keeping the City safe

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Thanked all who worked on the Christmas Parade
- Christmas Capers will be held on Sunday at 4 p.m.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

No new business

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF CINDI SANDERSON, CHAIR TO PLACE 5 OF THE MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF OCTOBER 27, 2027

Council Member Wroblewski reappointed Cindi Sanderson to Place 5. There being no further nominations, Cindi Sanderson 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. 2023-409-R: REQUEST FOR AN OFF-PREMISES BEER AND WINE LICENSE FROM CIRCLE K STORES INC., DOING BUSINESS AS CIRCLE K STORE NO. 2707201, FOR THEIR LOCATION AT 11990 COUNTY LINE ROAD

Deputy Revenue Officer Ivon Williams informed the Council that this is a new request for this location and added that everything is in order for Council action.

Council President Bartlett opened the floor for public comments regarding this request.

Margi Daly voiced concerns that liquor licenses are issued near schools requesting a map.

Council President Bartlett asked if there were any more public comments and with there being no more, public comments were closed.

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-409-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO 2023-391-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GARVER, LLC FOR FINAL DESIGN FOR PALMER ROAD APPROACHES AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS OVER BRADFORD CREEK AND MILL CREEK ON PROJECT 22-006 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$211,049.35 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-391-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Denzine asked if a sidewalk would be included in the bridge. City Engineer Michael Johnson stated there would be increased costs for a custom bridge size and will be restoring the pedestrian crossings down by the park. Council Member Shaw asked for clarification on the design. City Engineer Michael Johnson explained the analysis assessments and the final design option chosen. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

enforcement and do a speed survey. Mayor Finley also stated that we can get signs up as requested immediately.

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-405-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COOK'S PEST CONTROL FOR TERMITE SERVICES AT THE WELLNESS CENTER, 190 GRAPHICS DRIVE, INITIAL YEAR PAYMENT OF \$2,863 AND \$1,188 ANNUALLY THEREAFTER (TO BE PAID FROM FACILITIES & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-405-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-417-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COOK'S PEST CONTROL FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES AT THE WELLNESS CENTER, 190 GRAPHICS DRIVE, INITIAL MONTH PAYMENT OF \$370 AND \$185 PER MONTH THEREAFTER (TO BE PAID FROM FACILITIES & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-417-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-421-R: APPRAISAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VALBRIDGE PROPERTY ADVISORS FOR APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4182 SULLIVAN STREET FOR THE APPRAISAL FEE OF \$3,500 (TO BE PAID FROM THE CITY'S CONTINGENCY FUND)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-421-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. Council Member Denzine asked what the appraisal is for. Mayor Finley replied the reason is to get an idea based on the appraisal and present to Council options for what to do with that property. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-407-R: APPROVING HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE DATES FOR 2024

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-407-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-408-R: APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PAS CONSULTING GROUP FOR PROMOTIONAL PROCESS SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,000 FOR FIRST YEAR OF TERM, \$21,000 FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS OF TERM (TO BE PAID FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-408-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Wroblewski reminded that another Council Meeting next Monday. Council Member Denzine thanked citizens for coming to the meeting tonight.

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	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-23-RG, dated December 11 , 2023, read, approved and adopted this 18 day of December 2023.

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

Lisa Ritz
Recording Secretary