



**MINUTES NO. 2024-14-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
July 22, 2024**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 22, 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.

Reverend Carey "C.J. Cobb Garner from Madison Christian 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	Absent
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, Administrative Assistant Myranda Staples, Municipal Records Coordinator Lori Spaulding, Prosecuting Attorney Tim McFalls, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Toby Jenkins, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Economic Development and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, DeWayne Howell, Jocelyn Broer, Billie Goodson, Carey Cobb (Rev C.J.)

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Council President Ranae Bartlett requested the following amendments to the agenda:

- Under Presentations and Awards, Presentation presented by the Madison Chamber of Commerce
- **Resolution No. 2024-221-R:** Under consent agenda, the amount should be \$148,074.78 in place of \$147,074.78. Correction is correct on the consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2024-13-RG DATED JULY 8, 2024

Council Member Spears moved to approve Minutes No. 2024-13-RG. Council Member Shaw seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION BY MS. MICHELLE EPLING OF THE MADISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE CITY’S ANNUAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Michelle Epling of the Madison Chamber of Commerce provided a report on the Chamber’s use of their FY 2024 appropriation and their plans for the upcoming FY 2025. Ms. Epling shared the mission of the business as well as the highlights of creating community connections and growing businesses. She announced that The Madison Chamber of Commerce as of 2024 is officially an accredited Chamber of Commerce with the Alabama Chamber of Commerce Association.

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.*

CARRISA CALLEN

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

- Shared gratitude to Council Members for moving a library book that contained graphic material to the adult section

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Objections to Evergreen’s initiatives
- Lights on Hughes and Eastview are malfunctioning

TARA BAILEY (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Proposed Ordinance 2024-206- Expressed gratitude to the Council and City Attorney Brian Kilgore for their efforts

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

General Operating account	\$1,182,403.69
Special General Operating Accounts	\$44,152.53
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$1,110.00
1/ 2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$20,070.60
½ Cent Infrastructure	\$210,381.08
Gasoline Tax and Petroleum Inspection Fees	\$37,612.35
TVA Tax	\$2,796.68
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$1,301.82
CIP Bond Accounts	\$87,337.05
Library Building Fund	\$90,399.48
Venue Maintenance	\$110,000.00

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2024-220-R: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Chase and Paymentech, LLC for payment processing for the Building Department

Resolution No. 2024-221-R: Acceptance of settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 060162 for damage to Main Street Cafe', A City owned property. The settlement of \$149,074.78, with a deductible of \$1,000.00, the final settlement of \$147,074.78

Resolution No. 2024-224-R: Authorizing an amendment to contract with WOW! Business for services at Community Center by converting the fiber circuit from a point-to-point circuit to a DIA circuit (monthly amount changing from \$500 to \$721.99, to be paid from Information Technology Department budget)

Resolution No. 2024-225-R: Acceptance of settlement check from GEICO Insurance Company for damage which occurred on November 4, 2023, to Segers Road guardrail (\$15,250 to be deposited to Engineering Department Capital Outlay Account)

Resolution No. 2024-229-R: Authorizing an amended agreement with Tyler Technologies for payment processing services for business licenses (one-time fee of \$529, annual fee of \$180, to be paid from Revenue Department budget)

Resolution No. 2024-230-R: Authorizing the renewal of contract with River Tree Systems, Inc. for performance of tax and business license auditing services (\$75 per hour to be paid from Revenue Department budget)

Authorizing the Engineering Department to solicit bids for Project No. 22-016 | Signal & Pedestrian Improvements at the Hughes Road and Mill/Portal intersection

Authorizing payment of Draw No. 8 to Enfinger Development, Inc. for work performed on Project No. 22-034 | Madison Branch Boulevard roundabout (\$85,789.75 to be paid from Fund 38)

Acceptance of donation from L. Tucker in the amount of \$30.00.

Acceptance of donation from Joseph and Mary Duffy for Safe Haven Baby Box maintenance (\$350 to be deposited into Fire Donation account)

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

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

- Upcoming budget discussions
- Explained justification for the Evergreen Study

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Attended First Responders Picnic
- Announced that the Finance Committee Meeting will move back to 5 p.m. on the second Council Meeting/fourth Monday of the month
- Attended a ALM Board Meeting

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Suggested others to visit communities and compare it to the City of Madison
- Thanked city employees for helping make Madison great

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

No new business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-218-R: AUTHORIZING THE VIDEO RECORDING AND ARCHIVING OF THE JULY 17,2024, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-218-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

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

- Thanked Tara Bailey for giving awareness on the State Statue for sales tax for hearing aids
- Thanked fellow Council Members that agreed to discuss and consider the exemption of sales tax on hearing aides

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Shared the information from the school board regarding the Enrichment Center and importance of caring for our student’s mental health.
- Thanked the school system for providing care to students
- Met with the Madison Visionary Partners on July 10 at their board meeting

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

No new business to report

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

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-216-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GTEC FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPACTION AND MATERIAL TESTING FOR THE RETAINING WALL ON PROJECT 22-024 | MILL ROAD DITCH PROJECT (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,490, TO BE PAID FROM FUND 38)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-216-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Council Member Karen Denzine Aye
Council Member John Seifert Aye

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-219-R: ACCEPTANCE OF KYSER BOULEVARD
/WESTCHESTER DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY OF
MADISON MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-219-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-228-R: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO
AGREEMENT WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR ROADWAY LIGHTING
MODIFICATIONS TO BID NO. 2022-009-ITB | TOWN MADISON INTERCHANGE,
PHASE II (\$59,440.92 TO BE PAID FROM 2022-A I-565 FLYOVER BOND ACCOUNT)**

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-228-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Powell explained the reason for the modifications. Council Member Powell explained that state codes changed resulting in a pass along bill. Mayor Finley explained to Council the bid continually changes to the newest specs and is generally passed down by the State and the City is responsible for it. Council Member Denzine stated that she felt it was a suitable choice and a good safety precaution. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

FACILITIES & GROUNDS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-196-R: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED CONTRACTOR
AGREEMENT WITH JANI-KING TO CHANGE THE BEGIN DATE FOR THE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-196-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council member Seifert asked for clarification if there were any negative or adverse effects on the city if there were any damages. Facilities & Grounds Director Gerald Smith stated that it remains a 12-month contract and the amended start date is changed to open 30 days than the original agreement. 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	Absent
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-227-R: AUTHORIZING A SUBLEASE WITH CROWN CASTLE FOR PLACEMENT OF TWO (2) ANTENNAS ON THE RAINBOW MOUNTAIN TOWER

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-227-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

LEGAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-206: AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO EXEMPT HEARING AIDS FROM SALES AND USE TAX (FIRST READING 07/08/2024)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-206. Council Member Shaw seconded. Mayor Finley expressed the findings from a Revenue standpoint sharing that in 2023 \$19,656 was collected versus \$16,000 from January to June of this year. Mayor Finley stated that the extension will benefit elderly people that are on a fixed budget. President Bartlett disclosed that the City of Madison is the first City to pass the exemption. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Absent
Council Member Ranae Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-213-R: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PROVISION OF CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Council Member Denzine moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-213-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-214-R: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-214-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Absent
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 6:46 p.m.

Minutes No. 2024-14-RG, dated July 22nd, 2024, read, approved and adopted this 12th day of August 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

Lisa Ritz
Recording Secretary