



**MINUTES NO. 2024-02-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
January 22, 2024**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 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.

Pastor Deborah Timmons from Asbury 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	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, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Kerri Sulyma, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Toby Jenkins, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren, Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, Shawn Neil

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2024-01-RG DATED January 08, 2024

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Minutes No. 2024-01-RG. Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR TO MICHELLE LINVILLE OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JANUARY AS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

Mayor Finley read aloud a few honorable items reminding others of the impact being a mentor can have in a child’s life. Mayor Finley presented it to Michelle Linville of Tennessee Valley Big Brother Big Sisters.

Ms. Linville thanked Mayor Finley for the city’s support towards Tennessee Valley Big Brother Big Sisters.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JANUARY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

Mayor Finley read aloud a proclamation declaring January 2024 as “Human Trafficking Awareness Month” and presented it to the Junior League of Huntsville.

A thank you on behalf of the Junior League of Huntsville was given.

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.*

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Mayor and Council handbook related to public record request
- Freedom of information concern

- Tyler Technology software
- Objection to Palmer Park fence installation

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

General Operating account	\$767,727.76
Special General Operating Accounts	\$171.27
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$91,925.29
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$8,053.44
TVA Tax	\$5,593.36
Library Building Fund	\$7,453.65
Venue Maintenance	\$77,266.30

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2024-017-R: Declaring a defective Stalker Patrol 1 Antenna Radar Package formerly used by the Police Department as surplus and of negligible value and authorizing the disposal of said property

Resolution No. 2024-018-R: Authorizing acceptance of a quotation from Computational Hydraulics International for software subscription services in the amount of \$2,400 (to be paid from Engineering Department Budget)

Resolution No. 2024-019-R: Acceptance of settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 060905 in the amount of \$5,586.67, minus \$500.00 deductible, for damage which occurred to Police Vehicle (Unit 66)

Resolution No. 2024-020-R: Acceptance of settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 061054 in the amount of \$1,887.40 for damage which occurred to Police Vehicle (VIN No. 7747)

Resolution No. 2023-032-R: Acceptance of pro rata share of deductible that was recovered for claim #056436 from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation. Claim which occurred on October 7, 2021. The pro rata deductible amount recovered is \$213.45 (to be deposited into General Operating Account)

Resolution No. 2023-033-R: Acceptance of pro rata deductible share recovered, in the amount of \$314.00, from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for Claim No. 059907 for incident which occurred on May 7, 2023 (to be deposited into General Operating account)

Authorization of payment to CDG in the amount of \$8,375.00 for Professional Services through December 15, 2023, performed on Project Number 23-008 | County Line Road and Royal Drive Extension (to be paid from Fund 38)

Authorization of payment (Draw #6) to Enfinger Development, Inc. in the amount of \$35,717.40 for work performed on Project No. 22-034 | Madison Branch Boulevard roundabout (to be paid from Fund 38)

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	Aye
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:

- Provided updates on the Civic Awareness Academy-applications will go live next week on the city's website
- Reminded everyone that Wednesday night is a work session at 5:30
- Snow/ice event

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Thanked the community for staying home during the snow/ice event
- Madison Arts Alliance searching for volunteers for their board

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Thanked First Responders, Madison Police Dept, Fire & Rescue, Public Works, Facilities and Grounds, Madison Utilities and all of Madison City for the effort to keep everyone safe during the snow/ice event
- Attended Apple's 3rd birthday at Madison Hospital
- Encouraged people of varied backgrounds to apply for city committees, boards and commissions.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

No business to report

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:

- Public Works and district 5 roads during snow/ice event
- Announced quick edition to work session Wednesday night-AECOM giving update on the interchange
- Thanked Council Member Spears for taking on the liaison position with the Madison Chamber of Commerce
- Shout out to Council Member Denzine for agreeing to be the liaison for the MVP

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Thanked the City of Madison employees for the outreach in the community during snow/ice event
- Thanked the community for helping each other during the snow/ice event

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

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

- Thanked everyone for the outreach during the snow/ice event

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF MR. DAMIAN BIANCA TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS, PLACE NO. 3 FOR JANUARY 23, 2024 – DECEMBER 31, 2026 TERM

Council Member Powell nominated Damian Bianca for appointment to zoning board of adjustment & appeals. There being no further nominations, Mr. Bianca was appointed by acclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. DAVID KESSLER TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS, SUPERNUMERARY 1 POSITION FOR JANUARY 23, 2024 – DECEMBER 31, 2026 TERM

Council Member Powell nominated David Kissler for appointment to zoning board of adjustment & appeals. There being no further nominations, Mr. Kessler was appointed by acclamation.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL HARBOUR TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS, PLACE NO. 2 FOR JANUARY 23, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2026 TERM

Council Member Powell nominated Michael Harbour for reappointment to zoning board of adjustment & appeals. There being no further nominations, Mr. Harbour 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.

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

COURT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-034-R: AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL COURT DEPARTMENT RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALABAMA UNIFIED JUDICIAL RECORD RETENTION SCHEDULE

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-034-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-021-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH J. W. KENNEDY AND ASSOCIATES, P.C. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,400.00 FOR TWO DEEDS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS ON PROJECT NO. 22-035 | HIGHLAND DITCH REHAB (TO BE FUNDED BY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-021-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 Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Absent at time of vote

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-022-R: APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MADISON COUNTY FOR ROADWAY STRIPING (TO BE PAID FROM DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-022-R. 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 Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Absent at time of vote

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-025-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HALLIBURTON SURVEYING & MAPPING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800.00 FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY SURVEY ALONG HUGHES ROAD AT THE VILLAS AT MADISON CONDOMINIUM ON PROJECT NO 24-010 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-025-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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye

Council Member John Seifert

Absent at time of vote

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-026-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH OMI, INC. TO OBTAIN INCLINOMETER READINGS FOR THE HUGHES ROAD RAILROAD OVERPASS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,983.00 (TO BE PAID FROM DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-026-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote 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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-029-R: AUTHORIZING A 12-MONTH LEASE FOR DWELLING LOCATED AT 28720 BROWNS FERRY ROAD

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-029-R. Mayor Finley asked Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith to elaborate on the resolution being requested. Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith explained that the property was donated to the city in December. Originally, a one-month lease was signed, however; the city doesn't currently have plans for the property and believe it's best to keep someone in the house instead of leaving it vacant until a plan is decided for the property. Council Member Powell 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	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

FIRE AND RESCUE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-024-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VICKERS CONSULTING SERVICES FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200 (TO BE PAID FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET).

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-024-R. Council Member Denzine seconded. Council Member Seifert asked Fire Chief Bailey about the past success rate with the consulting service. Fire Chief Bailey clarified that this past year the consultant service helped the department get the grant for \$494,000. Fire Chief Bailey explained that everything was very successful last year. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-027-R: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A QUOTATION FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR NEW WORLD SYSTEMS SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,859.03 (TO BE PAID FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-027-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Denzine asked for confirmation on why the specific firm was selected. Director Information Technology Chris White stated that the firm was selected thirteen years ago and that the firm seemed to be the best fit for the city's needs. Mayor Finley shared that the software is the core for the city's system and accounting. 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	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PLANNING

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 ON JANUARY 8, 2024)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-011.
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 Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-030-R: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THIRD-PARTY BILLING AGREEMENT WITH HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-030. 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	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-028-R: DECLARING AN EMERGENCY NEED FOR REPAIRS TO THE WESTCO FIELD FENCE AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITHOUT BID FOR SUCH REPAIRS (AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 TO BE PAID FROM PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET).

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-028. Council Member Spears seconded. Mayor Finley asked about the revenue and Director of Parks and Recreation shared that there are tournaments from the month of February all the way up to Thanksgiving. Council Member Denzine asked about the discrepancy in the amounts presented. Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred clarified that it depends on the amount the adjuster seems fit. Council Member Denzine asked for clarification on where the money was coming from. The Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred clarified that it depends on the insurance company and additional funds may need to be taken from the mid-year budget. Mayor Finley stated that to receive the actual numbers the repair contract needed to start moving forward. 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	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 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 6:45 p.m.

Minutes No. 2024-02-RG, dated January 22nd, 2024, read, approved, and adopted this 12th day of February 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

Kerri Sulyma
Recording Secretary