



**MINUTES NO. 2026-02-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
JANUARY 29, 2026**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 29, 2026, 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 Maura Wroblewski.

Stake President David Dunford of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Maura Wroblewski.

ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ranae Bartlett	Present
Council District No. 1 Maura Wroblewski	Present
Council District No. 2 John Bier	Present
Council District No. 3 Billie Goodson	Present
Council District No. 4 Michael McKay	Present
Council District No. 5 Alice Lessmann	Present
Council District No. 6 Erica White	Present
Council District No. 7 Kenneth Jackson	Present

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 Toby Jenkins, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief Brandy Williams, Director of Human Resources Kelli Bracci, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred, Director of Finance David Lawing, Director of Operations and Communications Amanda Jarrett, and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren.

Public Attendance registered: Stephanie Jones, Catherine Lawson, Charity Stratton, Jessica Hall, Cara Welsh, David Dunford, Margi Daly, Angela Thompson, Monroe Darrell, Travis Cummings, Connie Spears, Shelton Tolbert, Michael Goodman, Alyssa Hames, Grayson Hawkins

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

- Item B under Legal - Ordinance No. 2026-054 - change the procedural note and strike through the request for immediate consideration.
- Item B under Recreation will be moved to the February 9th agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2026-01-RG DATED JANUARY 12, 2026

Council Member Jackson moved to approve Minutes No. 2026-01-RG. Council Member Lessmann seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR BARTLETT DESIGNATING JANUARY 2026 AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF MADISON TO CHELSEA SPARKS WITH CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF ALABAMA

Angela Thompson (Alabama Anti-trafficking Team), Stephanie Jones (Trafficking Hope) and Chelsea Sparks (Child Trafficking Solutions) were present to accept the proclamation presented by Mayor Bartlett

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ESSAY CONTEST WINNER - TREY JOHNIKIN, 8TH GRADER AT LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mayor Bartlett introduced Trey Johnikin, stating she had the pleasure of hearing his winning essay at the MLK Jr. Unity Breakfast. Mr. Johnikin presented his essay to the audience.

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 Bartlett to voice her concerns on the following items:

- Finance Committee meetings
- How much Huntsville gives to the Huntsville-Madison Chamber of Commerce

- Breeland 3% temporary tax that started in 2009

GRAYSON HAWKINS (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Dangerous intersection near Ardent Daycare

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Bier addressed the public comments before moving into the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bier stated the December 22nd Finance Committee meeting was canceled because there was not a quorum. Mr. Bier accepted responsibility for the January meeting, stating with the meeting being postponed due to weather, he did not realize the meeting had been noticed and he canceled it inadvertently.

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

General Operating account	\$3,058,129.57
Special General Operating Accounts	\$2,914.55
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$1,237.50
½ Cent Capital Replacement	\$17,345.70
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$12,103.53
TVA Tax	\$5,995.44
Library Building Fund	\$5,798.62
Water Distribution and Storage	\$1,000.00
Venue Maintenance	\$918,876.60
Fire CPR	\$821.09

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2026-006-R: Approving an annual Appropriation Agreement with Liberty Learning Foundation for FY26 (\$7,500 to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2026-007-R: Approving an annual Appropriation Agreement with Health Establishments At Local Schools for FY26 (\$5,000 to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2026-008-R: Approving an annual Appropriation Agreement with Partnership for a Drug-Free Community for FY26 (\$20,000 to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2026-009-R: Approving an annual Appropriation Agreement with Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville Madison County for FY26 (\$50,000 to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2026-010-R: Approving an annual Appropriation Agreement with Madison Greenways and Trails for FY26 (\$5,000 to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2026-049-R: Acceptance of insurance settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for Claim No. 064268 on an incident which occurred June 28, 2025 to the fencing at the ballpark stadium. (\$3,250.00 [less \$1,000 deductible] to be deposited into General Operating account)

Acceptance of \$663.98 donation from PropertyRoom.com (to be deposited into Madison Police Department Donation account)

Acceptance of donation from B. Johnson for Madison Senior Center Programming (\$10.00 to be deposited into Senior Center Donation account)

Council President Wroblewski addressed the public comment regarding the donations to the Madison Chamber of Commerce and the Huntsville-Madison Chamber. Ms. Wroblewski clarified that the Madison Chamber of Commerce received \$100,000, and the Huntsville-Madison Chamber received \$50,000, and they are two separate organizations. Ms. Wroblewski asked when the next Finance Committee meeting will be held, and Council Member Bier stated that the meetings will now be held at 7 am on the fourth Monday of the month in Conference Room 130.

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

Council Member David Bier	Aye
Council Member Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MAYOR RANAE BARTLETT:

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

- Proud of the City employees, specifically Public Works, and Public Safety in dealing with the winter weather
- Thanked Code Enforcement, Fire, and Legal, The Building Church, and all of the other churches, volunteers and donors for their help with the issue that arose with the Sutton Apartments
- Thanked St. John's K5 class for bringing snacks to City Hall as part of their Catholic Schools Week
- Thanked Trey Johnkin once again for being a fine example and reading his essay
- **COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI**

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

- On Monday, January 5, I attended our first of two monthly meetings at Madison Utilities. At that meeting, it was normal discussion of business, and there was no mention of water being turned off to anyone. On Friday January 9th at close of business, the city was notified by the Madison Utilities General Manager that water had been turned off the previous morning due to the Sutton apartments management for failure to pay. My main concern with this action is that our fire department was not notified for approximately 36 hours and this is a concern of how this could have ended in a terrible tragedy, so that is very upsetting to me.

On January 21, I attended my second monthly board meeting for Madison Utilities, and the Sutton Apartments were discussed at length. The property owners were significantly behind in their payment to Madison Utilities. This has been an ongoing issue with this company since 2022. This same property management company owns three apartment complexes in Huntsville, but Huntsville Utilities did not turn off their water even though the debt was greater than that of Madison Utilities.

I also asked if we could waive the fee for approximately 12 families for their next deposit for Madison Utilities? Some folks have moved into an apartment and some folks have moved into a home, and Madison Utilities was requiring a deposit for any of those new locations. Every board of Director and the general manager said absolutely not. That if they had to do it for one, they would have to do it for all. I disagreed with this and I again said that Huntsville Utilities waived the deposit for those impacted in the three apartment complexes that they service and I felt that we could do the same.

I am extremely concerned about the actions that this Board of Directors has taken over the last six months. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought Madison Utilities would remove fluoride from our water system. Studies have shown that fluoride is one of the greatest medical discoveries of the 20th century.

This is the second example where this authority has put our citizens health and lives at risk. The next member of the Board of Directors term does not expire until 2028 when two board member terms end. I have shared with Mayor Bartlett and our city attorney Ms. Zingarelli that I would like to explore all options by reviewing this procedure. This is my recap of the recent course of events.

- Escapology is an escape room and the ribbon cutting ceremony will be a fun event
- Civic Awareness Academy Spring semester has opened online for registration, space is limited

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 DAVID BIER

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

No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 BILLIE GOODSON

- Thanked the previous Council for the work that they did with the Public Safety Annex building. The Police Advisory meeting was held there and he was very pleased
- Thanked Fire Chief Williams for the tour she gave the Police Advisory Committee of the Fire Station 4 now located at the Public Safety Annex

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 MICHAEL MCKAY

- There are plans to put a signal at the intersection on Burgreen and Hardiman, just SW of James Clemens High School. The right of way has been acquired on the northwest corner of the intersection, and they are working on the other corner. There is not a definite day of completion, but it is well underway
- MCDAB (Madison City Disability Advocacy Board) is participating in the Community Helper's Resource Fair on February 28th from 10am-2pm. He encouraged the public to go out and support the community and people with disabilities. They are looking for volunteers, in both the form of people or companies/vendors that are interested in helping the special needs community. Contact Mr. McKay for additional information
- The Palmer Park entrance was torn out and is being widened. The brick work has been delayed due to the low temperatures. The fields have been closed since December to preserve the fields for the season. The park will remain closed until the end of February. A lot of new pavement and asphalt have been poured, stripes will be done when the temperatures warm up. New lighting at the lower quad is in progress and will be ready for the first pitch of the season. Netting projects are underway to replace the backstops that were rusted. Parks and Rec continue to work with MBA to look at fields 7 and 8 to try and improve them so utilization can be increased
- Dublin Park is going well. There is a swim meet this weekend and the building will be closed

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 ALICE LESSMANN

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

- Attended the Golden Apple Gala that was hosted by the Schools Foundation with Mayor Bartlett celebrating our local educators
- Thanked our City staff for all that they as a team
- Thanked the city for coming together to help with the Sutton Apartments and those in need
- Attended Advocacy Day with the Alabama League of Municipalities
- Madison Chamber has several ribbon cuttings coming up. Core South on January 30th at noon, Public Safety Annex and Fire Station 4 on February 5th at 10 am, Escapology on February 5th at 3 pm

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 ERICA WHITE

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

No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 KENNETH JACKSON

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

- Thanked everyone who came together to help with the Sutton Apartments
- Thanked Public Works and Madison County for keeping the roads clear during the bad weather
- Beautification and Tree Board met at Madison Meeting Hall to judge the Arbor Day posters and thanked Parks and Rec for making that meeting space available. He encouraged the community to book the meeting space by finding the information on the City's website
- School Board met on Friday and have 25 new teachers certified for the National Board, bringing the total to over 120

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO 2026-041-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NIVENS & ASSOCIATES APPRAISALS, INC. FOR APPRAISAL OF PROPERTIES ON PROJECT 25-003 POWELL & BURGREN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT (\$5,100 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Bier moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-041-R. Council Member Jackson seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member David Bier	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 2026-043-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HALLIBURTON SURVEYING & MAPPING, INC. FOR A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY ON CITY PROPERTY LOCATED ON HUNTSVILLE BROWNSFERRY ROAD FOR PROJECT 25-028 MADISON FARMS (\$11,500 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member White moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-043-R. Council Member Lessmann seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

LEGAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-036: AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2010-355 AND TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THE TOTAL SALES AND USE TAX LEVIED BY THE CITY OF MADISON TO BE PAID TO THE CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PURPOSES (FIRST READING 01/12/2026)

Council Member Bier moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-036. Council Member Jackson seconded. Mr. Jackson stated that after speaking with Dr. Nichols, he learned that without renewal of the tax, over 50 teachers would have been cut in order to address infrastructure needs. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member David Bier	Aye
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Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-054: AUTHORIZING A JOINT PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIGHT-DUTY VEHICLES FROM WOODY ANDERSON FORD AND DONOHOO CHEVROLET (FIRST READING, REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION)

This is a first reading

PLANNING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-050-R: AUTHORIZING A CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH BIG RIVER ELECTRIC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT FOR NEW WAYFINDING SIGN (\$6,500 (TO BE PAID FROM PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET))

Council Member White moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-050-R. Council Member Goodson seconded. Ms. White confirmed with Ms. Broeren that this resolution is just to add power to the sign, Ms. Broeren confirmed yes, the sign is under construction and was approved in a separate contract last year. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-025: ASSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF LOTS 41-43 IN MORRIS ESTATES SUBDIVISION, EAST SIDE OF DOVE DRIVE AND NORTH OF POWELL ROAD, INTO THE CITY OF MADISON (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-023-R: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-024; ZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY DENNIS & KAORU BRILL CONSISTING OF LOTS 41, 42, AND 43 IN MORRIS ESTATES SUBDIVISION FOR A TOTAL OF 2.3 ACRES, LOCATED EAST OF DOVE DR. AND

**NORTH OF POWELL RD., R-1A (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) UPON ANNEXATION
(FIRST PUBLICATION 2/4/2026, SYNOPSIS 2/11/2026, PUBLIC HEARING
3/9/2026)**

Council Member Bier moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-023. Council Member White seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member David Bier	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

RECREATION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-055-R: AUTHORIZING A TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT
WITH THE CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS**

Council Member McKay moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-055-R. Council Member White seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-056-R: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE FORD F-350 4X4 REGULAR CAB PICKUP TRUCK FROM WOODY ANDERSON FORD THROUGH CITY OF HUNTSVILLE JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT (\$45,486.72 TO BE PAID FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY - RECREATION DEPARTMENT)

This item was moved to the February 9th agenda

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss Council Member Wroblewski moved to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes No. 2026-02-RG, dated January 29, 2026, read, approved and adopted this 9th day of February 2026.

Council Member Maura Wroblewski
District One

Council Member David Bier
District Two

Council Member Billie Goodson
District Three

Council Member Michael McKay
District Four

Council Member Alice Lessmann
District Five

Council Member Erica White
District Six

Council Member Kenneth Jackson
District Seven

Concur:

Ranae Bartlett, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer

Myranda Staples
Recording Secretary