



**MINUTES NO. 2023-24-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
December 18, 2023**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 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 Pro Tempore John Seifert.

Pastor John Dees from Crosspointe Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Pro Tempore John Seifert.

ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Paul Finley	Absent
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	Absent
Council District No. 5 Ranae Bartlett	Absent
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, Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred, Police Captain Mike Allen, and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren.

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, Jennifer Coe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2023-23-RG DATED DECEMBER 11, 2023

Council Member Spears moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-23-RG. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Abstain
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent

Council Member Ranae Bartlett
Council Member Karen Denzine

Absent
Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

FIRE DEPARTMENT BADGE PINNING CEREMONY FOR 2023 PROMOTIONS. PRESENTATION OF 35-YEAR PIN TO DAVID GLASSMAN. PRESENTATION OF FIREFIGHTER AWARDS FOR A LIFE-SAVE. FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Fire Chief Bailey appeared before the Council to recognize the 2024 Driver/Paramedic. The Madison Fire and Rescue Firefighter of the year for 2024 is Driver/Paramedic Luke Hall. A few of the Luke Hall's highlights are as followed:

- Earned the rank of Driver this year
- Two lifesaving awards this year
- Completed Flight Medic/Critical Care class
- Instructor for both EMS Division and the Training Division
- Part of the Health and Safety Committee
- Ran the first call on Fire Medic 1 transporting a 6-month-old, that was not breathing, positive ending situation.

Deputy Fire Chief Williams appeared before the Council to present awards to several people from the Fire Department and Hemsis.

Service Pin

Service pin awarded to David Glassman for thirty-five years of service.

Star of Life

Captain John Galloway
Driver Gage Tolton
Firefighter Curtis Roesner
Firefighter Parker Hill
Hemsi Dale Dowdy
Hemsi Erica Patterson

Unit Citation

Michael Sedlacek

Deputy Fire Chief Williams explained that the Star of Life Award is awarded to someone who is successful in saving a life while medical intervention is being performed, these are only awarded once the patient survives and is discharged from the hospital. The Unit Citation Award is awarded to the teams of responders and citizens that provide support to those engaged in saving a life during a fire or medical emergency.

On May 18th, 2023, Squad one ladder one and Hemsis responded to a possible cardiac arrest behind City Hall in the newly constructed residential development. The driver checked the patient to check for a pulse and begin CPR. Captain Galloway and Firefighter Hill placed him on a monitor after realizing he was in Ventricular fibrillation.

Fire Chief Bailey and Deputy Fire Chief Brandy Williams appeared before the Council to recognize several members on their successful promotion. To achieve promotion each person

must serve in their current rank for two years and complete a task book to be eligible to sit in the assessment center for the next rank. The task book for each rank is designed to ensure the individual is competent to serve in the next position. The following five members of Madison Fire and Rescue were pinned their new badge by their family member, colleague, or friend which represents the rank that they earned.

- Battalion Chief Chad Menard
- Captain Jonathan Chapman
- Captain John Gallaway
- Captain Matt Rodgers
- Driver Luke Hall

Fire Chief Bailey thanked all members for their dedication to service and their families that support them in all their efforts. A round of applause was given.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS BY POLICE CHIEF JOHNNY GANDY TO BOTH SERGEANT MICHAEL DIXON AND OFFICER LUKE ALEXANDER. LUKE ALEXANDER IS THE FIRST MADISON OFFICER TO RECEIVE THE DEPARTMENT'S SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Chief Gandy appeared before the Council to recognize two members of the Madison Police Department. The Silver Star is awarded to Department members who perform their duties or are involved in a specific action where control, intelligence and extraordinary bravery are performed, and their act is conducted in an exemplary manner.

Officer Alexander's immediate actions saved an individual from imminent death within a burning vehicle. He provided paramedics with an opportunity to exhaust all life-saving medical interventions they could. His actions in this incident were intelligent, brave, controlled, and heroic. Officer Alexander placed himself in imminent danger and went above and beyond the normal call of duty to provide life saving measures.

Officer Alexander suffered minor injuries and smoke inhalation during his rescue efforts. Officer Alexander's actions are an embodiment of our Mission Statement. "The Madison City Police Department is dedicated to protecting and serving our citizens to the highest standard attainable. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life of every citizen through professional police services".

The Medal of Merit is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by showing heroism not justifying the Medal of Valor or Silver Cross, whose performance is substantially above normal, demonstrates a high degree of personal initiative, and who performs highly creditable and intelligent police services of importance to the Department which significantly contributes to the success of the unit, division, or mission of the Madison Police Department.

On August 21, 2022, Sergeant Dixon responded to the area of a reported shooting. Sgt. Dixon ensured all assistance was on-scene at the area in which the shooting took place. Two victims had been shot and succumbed to their wounds, and both were declared deceased.

Sgt. Dixon then began a comprehensive search for two suspects that had reported fled the scene. During this search he noticed a suspicious vehicle that may have been involved in the shooting in the parking lot of the clubhouse Walden Subdivision in the 600 Block of Balch Road. As he pulled into the parking lot to check on the vehicle, he noticed a black male subject coming out of a wooded area nearby. Sergeant Dixon approached the subject and took him

into investigative detention. It was later determined that this subject was the actual shooter of the two victims. Some discarded clothing was found in the woods where the subject had exited. Sergeant Dixon's vigilance and attention to detail led directly to the arrest of the suspect and clearance of this double homicide.

SILVER STAR

Luke Alexander

Around of applause was given.

Council President Pro Tempore John Seifert expressed his thanks to the first responders.

MEDAL OF MERIT

Seargent Michael Dixon

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 DAILY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Thanked Council for the reflectors and signs on Browns Ferry
- Concerned as to why the city is purchasing large acreage in the last year
- Citizens request for freedom of information

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

General Operating account	\$664,930.86
Special General Operating Accounts	\$120.09
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$255,721.44
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$1,021.79
Library Building Fund	\$6,120.25

Regular and periodic bills to be paid:

Approving two quotes from Sportgraphics for padding at Toyota Field: Material Quote \$3,703.00 and Installation Quote \$5,700.00 (to be paid from the Multi-Use Venue Maintenance Fund checking)

Authorizing acceptance of Pricing Proposal with Microsoft through SHI for annual licensing of Microsoft Office 365 Apps, Teams, and Exchange Online in the amount of \$69,127.25 (to be paid from Information Technology Department budget)

Authorization of payment to CDG Engineers & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$3,872.50 for work performed on design of a new traffic signal for County Line Road and Royal Drive extension through November 28, 2023, on Project No. 23-008 (Invoice No 2579) (to be paid from Fund 38)

Authorization of payment (Draw #5) to Enfinger Development, Inc. in the amount of \$120,327.75 for work performed on Project No. 22-034 | Madison Branch Boulevard roundabout (to be paid from Fund 38)

Resolution No. 2023-363-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tennessee Valley for FY 2024 in the amount of \$7,500 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-364-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with the Community Free Dental Clinic for FY 2024 in the amount of \$2,500 (to be Paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-365-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with the Land Trust of North Alabama for FY 2024 in the amount of \$5,000.00 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-366-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with the Madison County Health Department for FY 2024 in the amount of \$30,000 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-367-R: Approving an Annual Appropriation Agreement with the U.S. Space and Rocket Center for FY 2024 in the amount of \$10,000 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-425-R: Authorizing an agreement with Chorba Contracting Corporation for renovations to the Toyota Field Weight/Training Rooms in the amount of \$62,159 (to be paid from the Multi-Use Venue Maintenance Fund Checking)

Resolution No. 2023-427-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value, formerly used by the Fire Department, via online auction through GovDeals website, pursuant to Section 16-108 of the City of Madison Code of Ordinances

Acceptance of donation from M. Flurer in the amount of \$25 (to be deposited into Senior Center donation account)

Acceptance of a donation from Chambers Bottling Company in the amount of \$60.60 (to deposited into Fire Department donation account)

Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Denzine asked for additional information pertaining to Resolution No. 2023-425-R. Council Member Denzine asked why the renovations were needed. Council Member Spears clarified that the weight facilities require enhancement to the visitors' clubhouse. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren

clarified that the weight room must be increased in size to meet MLB standards. Director of Services Mary Beth Broeren explained that there is a pony wall that contains steel rods that need to be dug up as well as adding padding and drainage grates that run around the circumference of the field. 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	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye

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:

- Thanked everyone that came out to Christmas Capers
- Shout out to Debbie Overcash, the Rotary Club, and the Downtown Merchants that participated in Christmas Capers
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Thanked the participants downtown that participated in the Christmas Capers
- Shout out to Walt and Larry Anderson
- Thanked Director of Services Mary Beth Broeren for improving the downtown Madison experience

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Expressed the joy of Christmas Capers
- Thanked Debbie Overcash and her team for an excellent job with the holiday event
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe New Year

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

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

- Thanked Parks & Recreation for the flawless season in basketball and in coordinating with the schools
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF HANNAH HUDDLESTON TO PLACE 6 OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF DECEMBER 31, 2029

Council Member Wroblewski nominated Hannah Huddleston to place 6 of the industrial development board with a term expiration of December 31, 2029. There being no further nominations, Ms. Hannah Anderson 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

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-413-R: AWARD BID NO. 2023-011-ITB, INTERSECTION

IMPROVEMENTS AT WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY AND GILLESPIE ROAD, TO GRAYSON CARTER & SON CONTRACTING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$387,127.56 (TO BE PAID FROM CAPITAL FUND: 38-150-000-2941-09)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-413-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked if there were going to be crosswalks. City Engineer Michael Johnson clarified that this resolution is to improve pedestrian functions as well as overlap with the MU project. The 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	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-414-R: AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GRAYSON CARTER & SON CONTRACTING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,095 FOR THE ADDITION OF A HANDRAIL TO THE WING WALL ON PROJECT NO. 22-019 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-414-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-418-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SOMERS CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000 FOR ANALYZING THE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS FOR VARIOUS INTERSECTION SIGNAL TIMING SCENARIOS AND COORDINATION ON PROJECT NO. 24-008 I TIMING ON COUNTY LINE ROAD (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-418-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye

Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye

Motion carried.

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-419: VACATION OF UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN TRACT 4 AND TRACT 5 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF BELLWOODS SUBDIVISION - PHASE 1 (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-420-R: ACCEPTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 23 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED SOUTH OF HUNTSVILLE- BROWSFERRY ROAD FOR PARK PURPOSES

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-420-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Council President Pro Tempore Seifert asked Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred if the amount of upkeep and maintenance funds were available for 2024. Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred clarified that the funds were available. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

LEGAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-426-R: AUTHORIZING A ONE-MONTH LEASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 28600 HUNTSVILLE - BROWNS FERRY ROAD (\$1,500 TO BE PAID BY TENANTS)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-426-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-24-RG, dated December 18th, 2023, read, approved, and adopted this 8th day of January 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