



**MINUTES NO. 2023-17-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
September 11, 2023**

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

Mayor Finley 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, Municipal Records Coordinator Lisa Ritz, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Garrett Gillot, ERP Support Specialist Michelle Parker, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Deputy Revenue Officer Ivon Williams, Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli, Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren

Public Attendance registered: Bernadette Mayer, John H. Merrill, Michele Kinney, Beth Agee, Penny Chilton, Francine Perlman, Darla Evans, Gweneth Smithers, Margi Daly, Karen Naff, John Cole

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

City Attorney Brian Kilgore requested to remove **Resolution No. 2023-280-R** under Human Resources department reports,

With no more amendments to the agenda Council President Bartlett approved the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2023-09-WS DATED AUGUST 28, 2023

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-09-WS. 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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

MINUTES NO. 2023-16-RG DATED AUGUST 28, 2023

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-16-RG. Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote taken was 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.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2023 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK TO THE 5 LOCAL CHAPTERS OF DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION(DAR) IN THE CITY OF MADISON

Mayor Finley presented proclamations to the 5 local chapters of DAR designating the week of September 17-23, 2023 as Constitution week in the City of Madison, Alabama

PUBLIC COMMENTS-AGENDA RELATED

*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.*

BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-306; order of business
- Under Legal, Resolution No. 2023-297-R; opposed to lobbying services
- Additional discussion for agenda items and attachments
- Departmental growth

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-306; order of business
- Resolution No. 2023-293-R
- Resolution No. 2023-280-R; removed from agenda
- Resolution No. 2023-305-R, fiber installation
- Resolution No. 2023-297-R, lobbying services
- Agenda items E,F,G and H

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Shaw shared the Finance Committee reviewed all the periodic bills to be paid and found them all in order.

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

General Operating account	\$1,903,737.70
Special General Operating Accounts	\$4,277.00
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$1,775.00
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$37,776.75
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$35,659.25
TVA Tax	\$2,888.91
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$1,364.13
Library Building Fund	\$85,927.50
Venue Maintenance	\$1,756.10

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2023-292-R: Authorizing the disposal of desk chairs formerly utilized by the Legal Department via online auction through Govdeals website

Resolution No. 2023-299-R: Acceptance of settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation, Claim No. 059907, for a Police vehicle involved in an accident on May 17, 2023 (\$3,313.95 to be deposited into General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-304-R: Acceptance of settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation, Claim No. 060200HM, for a Police vehicle involved in an accident on July 13, 2023 (\$372.05 to be deposited into General Operating account)

Approval of payment to MidSouth Paving Inc. in the amount of \$6,209.94 for Asphalt Paving on Hughes Rd performed on Project No. 20-028 Middle School Infrastructure (to be paid from 2020-A GO Bond account)

Approval of payment to MidSouth Paving Inc. in the amount of \$78,462.38 for Asphalt Paving on Hughes Rd performed on Project No. 20-028 Middle School Infrastructure (to be paid from 2020-A GO bond account)

Approval of payment to CDG Engineers & Associates in the amount of \$12,175.00 for professional services through August 31, 2023 on Project No. 23-008 | County Line Road and Royal Drive Extension (Invoice No. 5) (to be paid from Fund 38)

Approval of payment to Rogers Group Inc in the amount of \$161,211.21 for Sullivan Street Widening performed on CIP Project No. 18-023 (Invoice No. 46423) (to be paid from 2018-C Go Bond)

Council Member Powell 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	Aye
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:
- Budget was reviewed with Finance Committee and then given to Council
 - Season concluded for Trash Panda and we will receive a full accounting of the attendance, also all payments made to the city are current.
 - James Clemens High School Homecoming parade is this Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 5:30pm. The parade route is down County Line Road.
 - Military Tribute Night is this Saturday, September 16 at Toyota Field. The softball game starts at 5:30pm with the AUSA Redstone Arsenal team and the USA Patriots amputee softball team. Phenomenal group of men and women.

- The state of Alabama has a total of 838 zip codes and Niche named zip code 35758 in the city of Madison as the number one zip code to live in Alabama. Zip code 35756 also in the city was ranked number five. Thanked everyone for their contribution in obtaining this recognition.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Attended the 9/11 remembrance event this morning at the Fire Station on Hughes Road and appreciated Mayor Finley attending also. Thanked Fire Chief David Bailey and Police Chief Johnny Gandy for their joint efforts of this day and the remembrance of all that perished, the rescuers and survivors. This event occurs every year and would like more community notifications done for more citizens to attend.
- Madison Library is having MAD movie extravaganza this month featuring two good movies on the 14 and 28.
- Friends of the Library meeting September 12, 2023, at 6:30pm

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Dedication ceremony of the school Jet will be held September 14 at 7pm on the front lawn of James Clemens High School

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Remembrance of 9/11 and how important the duties are of first responders

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

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

No new business to report.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-306: REPEAL AND REPLACE OF CODE SECTION 2-42(4) REGARDING ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS (FIRST READING, REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION)

Council Member Powell moved to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-306. 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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

Upon suspension of the rules, Council Member Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-306. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Seifert asked for refreshing what existed previously. Council President Ranae Bartlett stated before it was changed that it allowed three minutes of public comments at the beginning of the meeting not splitting the public comments and could be on any topic or an agenda related item. Council Member Wroblewski asked if they could still speak during the public hearings as well. Council President Ranae Bartlett confirmed yes, that didn't change they would still get five minutes for public hearings. Council Member Denzine stated the voice of the people should come first and want the public comments moved back to the beginning. Council Member Seifert asked how it would change if you still had public comments at the beginning and at the end. Council Member Denzine clarified not at the end, it would all be at the beginning then divided into two sections, the public comments section they could talk about city things, but on specific items in the agenda they would have that time also to be heard and it is beneficial at the beginning when everyone is still here and listening opposed to at the end when people have left. 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	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Mark your calendars for the Madison Street festival coming up October 7 and are accepting additional volunteers to sign up on their website
- Next public work session is scheduled on September 19 at 4pm regarding the budget and encourage citizens interested to attend
- Grateful to all first responders for their dedication and sacrifice to keep us safe in our community.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

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

No new business to report.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL "SCOTT" HARBOUR TO PLACE 2 ON THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS FROM SUPERNUMERARY 1 POSITION TO FILL A VACATED TERM

Council Member Powell nominated Michael "Scott" Harbour to Place 2. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-279-R: REQUEST FOR A LOUNGE RETAIL LIQUOR - CLASS I LICENSE FROM THE LEAF CIGAR EMPORIUM LLC., DOING BUSINESS AS THE LEAF CIGAR EMPORIUM, FOR THEIR LOCATION AT 12110 COUNTY LINE ROAD SUITE B, MADISON, AL 35756

Deputy Revenue Officer Ivon Williams informed Council that this is a new request for this location and added that everything is in order for Council action and if any questions the owner is here in attendance. Council President Ranae Bartlett opened the floor for public comments regarding this request. City resident Margi Daly asked as previously for a policy and map of where liquor licenses are issued near school zones. She continued to express her dissatisfaction regarding time limits of Public Comments and Council President Ranae Bartlett reminded her that this was for Public Hearing on retail liquor licenses. Citizen Bernadette Mayer also spoke to request zoning on liquor licenses near schools and to provide map locations. With no other questions or comments President Bartlett closed public comments. Council Member Shaw requested to ask a few questions to the owners that were present. Owners appeared before Council and were asked by Council Member Shaw if young children will be served with any alcohol or tobacco products assuring safety. The owners replied no, stating their establishment is a high-end premium cigar lounge and had security clearances and a veteran which we would not risk anything like that. Council Member Wroblewski appreciated their investment in the city. Mayor Finley also thanked them for their investment and inquired about the ventilation due to being next to other businesses. The owner replied that there are provisions in the lease agreement along with investing a significant amount in ventilation along with an outdoor area. Council Member Seifert googled the location, and they are in a safe distance from the nearest public school and not

serving minors. Council President asked if there were any other questions from Council. With none, Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No: 2023-279-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	Aye
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. 2023-181-R: AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND EASEMENTS NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HARDIMAN ROAD & MADISON BRANCH BOULEVARD ROUNDABOUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-181-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member asked if a map can be shown. City Engineer Michael Johnson had no slide stating it is the southwest corner of the proposed intersection. City Attorney Brian Kilgore added there is an overview picture of the property that was prepared in the agenda packet in lieu of a slide being presented now. Council Member Wroblewski asked that council had seen this prior where the roundabout is going. City Engineer Michel Johnson confirmed that it was previously brought to council acquiring the property on the north side and went through negotiations and agreements that this is just the authorization of that acquisition. Council Member Denzine gave thanks for clarification. 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	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NIVENS & ASSOCIATES APPRAISALS, INC. FOR APPRAISAL OF TWELVE (12) PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS REQUIRED FOR PROJECT NO. 22-039 | SEGERS ROAD & MAECILLE DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT (NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000.00, TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-293-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. Council Member Seifert asked if this was anticipated in their budget. City Engineer Michael Johnson confirmed it was. Mayor Finley added this area impacts the new elementary school and we will continue to have meetings with schools working to make sure intersections are safe. Council Member Denzine wanted clarification of where the appraisals are and for what purpose. City Engineer Michael Johnson stated the appraisal is for widening the road of Maecille connecting with other development roads by the school and a roundabout to acquire easements and rights-of-ways along properties on northside of Maecille and a large tract on the south side along with some on the intersection of Segers Road. Council Member Denzine asked to clarify if this is connected to where the school is over towards Segers Road. City Engineer Michael Johnson stated yes where the proposed school will be. Council Member Denzine asked how much land is needed in that area. City Engineer Michael Johnson stated developers are still working on finalizing plans and it would vary depending on which side and how the road is aligned but generally 20 feet or less. Council Member Denzine asked if the appraisals are to obtain the value of the right-of way property. City Engineer Michael Johnson confirmed yes and also clarified Council Member Spears question that it would be the road property and the right-of way property determining how much is the prescriptive right-of-way that we don't have to pay for and then add the additional amount of ft and other determining factors. 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	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-298-R: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS REGARDING PROJECT NO. 23-011 | BALCH AND GOOCH INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500.00 (TO BE PAID FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-298-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Seifert asked how this project is coming along. City Engineer Michael Johnson stated it's approximately 60% design and majority of alignments and offsets determined along with having discussions with the mayor's office, some residents and business owners of what expectations are going to be for specifically the hospital access and how to maintain access of emergency vehicles through the intersection. Mayor Finley added the landowners are very positive working with us on this. 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	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-268-R: APPROVING AN HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH INSANITY SKATE INC. TO ALLOW A DRIVING COURSE TRAINING EVENT TO OCCUR IN THEIR PARKING LOT

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-268-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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-301-R: AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE (TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-301-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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-305-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST, LLC FOR INSTALLATION OF FIBER FOR THE 23A BUSINESS PARK BUILDING

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-305-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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye

Council Member John Seifert

Aye

Motion carried.

LEGAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-297-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SWATEK, VAUGHN & BRYAN, LLC FOR GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND LOBBYING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 PER MONTH FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD (TO BE PAID FOR BY LEGAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-297-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Denzine wanted to know exactly what they are providing for the city. City Attorney Brian Kilgore stated if any lobbying services are needed the contract provides it. Mayor Finley stated utilizing them for the past two years assists in securing money from the state that directly supports the community center, along as being our liaison to many state departments such as ALEA and DECA and any other things we need throughout the state agencies that is beneficial because they are in Montgomery and were using them on a retainer basis. Council Member Denzine asked if paying them this much every month, have we seen a greater return than the value of the retainer. Mayor Finley answered he has. Over the past two years of spending about \$120,000 dollars they have help secure at least a million dollars' worth of essential things such as understanding grant monies available, guided us to receive state funds for Covid needs to Police and Fire, and are currently helping us understand mandates regarding minor league baseball. Overall, they have the expertise, and our valuable city needs.

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

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-303: AUTHORIZING A NEW OFFENSE OF HANDS-FREE DRIVING TO CITY CODE (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

Council President Ranae Bartlett asked if this ordinance is like the City of Huntsville's. City Attorney Brian Kilgore replied that it is nearly identical to the one they just passed. Council Member Shaw questioned how it would be defended in court. City Attorney Brian Kilgore replied that it could be difficult but would be determined on Officer's testimony or other evidential factors, this is just an added incentive to take distracted drivers off the road. Police Chief Johnny Gandy added that distractive drivers are the number one cause of accidents, and this will hold people accountable for not having their hands on the wheel. Council Member Shaw asked if it also applies to utilizing dash electronic devices. City Attorney Brian Kilgore

answered on phone communications it would be through the vehicle console or through earpieces, basically having a device in your hand would be a violation. Council Member Shaw asked if the screen on the dash can be used. City Attorney Brian Kilgore reiterated the ordinance of hands-free driving and thinks it could be harder to enforce determining if the distraction was by just looking at it.

POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-287-R: AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND ALABAMA GULF COAST HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME EXPENSES TO THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,050

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-287-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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-296-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE FOR SCHEDULING AND DISPATCH SERVICES FOR MARS (\$26,780.00 PAYMENT FOR 2024 FY AND \$955.37 PER VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FEE TO BE PAID FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-296-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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Disrespectful comments from Council Members
- Appreciated Council Member Seifert for looking up the distance from school for new liquor license
- Dissatisfied of time allowed for public comments
- Opposed to lobbying position
- Regulations pertaining to LLC's
- City growth and budget
- Schools

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Open public meetings
- Public records request denials
- Street lighting
- Toyota Field
- Safety concerns
- ADA compliance of sidewalks

ANGELA GARY (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Conduct of Council Meeting

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Seifert wanted to express that personal attacks and disrespect from citizens coming to council meetings is not how things are done and asks for civil discussions during time allowed so we can conduct business with the agenda to get through Council Member Seifert welcomed citizens to contact him either by phone, email or meet with him to voice their opinions if not given enough time allowed at the council meetings. Council Member Wroblewski added public comments have always been three minutes and five minutes for public hearings. Mayor Finley clarified that at one point they were able to sign up for five minutes but was changed to three adding nobody has held people accountable for three minutes better than Council President Ranae Bartlett. Mayor Finley welcomed citizen Bernadette Mayer to come in and sit down with him to go over all the multitude of questions she would like answers too.

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
Council Member Karen Denzine
Council Member John Seifert

Aye
Aye
Aye

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-17-RG, dated September 11th, 2023, read, approved and adopted this 25th day of September 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

Lisa Ritz
Recording Secretary