



**MINUTES NO. 2023-08-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
April 24, 2023**

To protect the public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, and according to State and Federal Guidelines, the Madison City Council observed social distancing procedures at the Council meeting. Anyone who was sick or was living with a quarantined family member was recommended against attending the meeting. The meeting was broadcast live on Wow! Channel 42 and online streaming at www.madisonal.gov/viewmeetings. Anyone who did not want to attend the meeting in person due to the COVID pandemic, but wanted to participate in Public Comments or Hearings were encouraged to contact the City Clerk or Mayor's Office via telephone or email to submit comments or questions, or text the word "Comment" to 938-200-8560

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 24, 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.

Tammy Steinberg, Ambassador with the National Day of Prayer Task Force provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President 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 Clerk Administrative Assistant Mari Bretz, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Toby Jenkins, Information Technology Support Technician Rhianna O'Reilly, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli, City Engineer Michael Johnson, and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren.

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, Jean Ann Benefield, Tammy Steinberg, Connie Oakley, Bernadette Mayer, Martie Robison, Rebecca Franz, Jocelyn Broer, Jennifer Coe, Wayne Monk

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2023-07-RG DATED APRIL 10, 2023

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-07-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 MAY 4, 2023 AS "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER" IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

Mayor Finley presented Tammy Steinberg, Madison County Coordinator of National Day of Prayer Task Force, with a proclamation designating May 4, 2023 as "National Day of Prayer" in the City of Madison, Alabama.

Ms. Tammy Steinberg thanked the Mayor and City Council Members for serving the community and announced several prayer events the community is welcome to attend on Thursday, May 4th.

- Cross Point Church 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- Sherwood Baptist Church starts at 12pm
- Big Spring Park starts at 12pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS-AGENDA RELATED

*Public Comments pertaining to agenda-related items 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 agenda items:

Consent Agenda Items

- Barge Design Solutions, Inc invoice
- Wall Triana and I565 Intersection Improvements

Council President Bartlett advised Ms. Daly Ordinance No. 2023-076 and Resolution No. 2023-133-R are Public Hearing items.

Other Agenda Items

- Resolution No. 2023-145-R
- Resolution No. 2023-147-R

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	\$866,865.42
Special General Operating Accounts	\$26.96
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$1,023.69
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$113,736.00
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$31.49
TVA Tax	2,888.91
CIP Bond Accounts	\$175,000.00
Library Building Fund	\$578.16
Water Distribution and Storage	\$483,026.60

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2023-154-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value (2001 GCII Goshen Body Bus/E-450 Super Duty), formerly used by the Madison Senior Center, via online auction through GovDeals website, pursuant to Section 16-108 of Code of Ordinances of the City of Madison

Approval of payment to Barge Design Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$13,984.52 for professional services completed from February 25 – March 31, 2023 on Project No. 19-047 (Wall Triana and I565 Intersection Improvements- ATRP2-45-2020-327, Invoice No. 209539, PO No. 2022-1151) (to be paid from 2015-A Bond account)

Authorize the Engineering Department to solicit quotes for sidewalk improvements at Home Place subdivision in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 (to be paid from the Engineering Department budget)

Approval of payment to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$36,362.39 for work completed thru March 31, 2023 on CIP Project No. 20-028 (Middle School Infrastructure Project - Bid No. 2021-008-ITB) (to be paid from 2020-A Bond Account)

Acceptance of donations from: M.C. Flurer in the amount of \$25, and J. Cazer in the amount of \$100 (to be deposited into Senior Center Donation account)

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:

- Received today the first version of the mid-year budget report from Finance Director Roger Bellomy. Thanked all Department Heads for working on this and it will take the next couple of weeks to review it
- Have a list for the next council meeting if any additional items are beneficial
- Attended meetings over a few weeks with Madison City Schools with Council President Bartlett and Council Member Shaw to assure we are all working together managing growth and maximizing infrastructure

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Attended the Cemetery Committee meeting last Tuesday, where it was brought to the attention of the committee that citizens are cleaning headstones with bleach, particularly older headstones dated back to the 1700's. The bleach will eventually corrode and destroy the headstone. Respectfully requested citizens to not do this until consultation with the City Attorney Brian Kilgore and the City Clerk-Treasurer's Office have a procedure set for proper chemicals to use for cleaning.

- Toured Heritage Elementary, Journey Middle School and James Clemens High School with several Council Members and Mayor Finley. Great to see all activities going on in our schools and excited to see Journey Middle School open this August.
- Attended Mill Creek Elementary School career night last Friday with about 300 students and their parents. Received good questions from students on what the Council Members and the Mayor's role were. Gave thanks for the opportunity and invitation from the PTA.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Thanked Council Member Wroblewski for attending Mill Creek Elementary career night.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

No business to report.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

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

No business to report.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

- Attended groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings for Lanier House Tea Room in downtown Madison and BJ's in Town Madison last week along with Council Member Shaw and Planning Director Mary Beth Broeren. James Clemens High School Drumline performed, and it was a very fun event. Excited by the revenue BJ's will generate along with other businesses that continue to come into Town Madison.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Attended the 'Fentanyl and Teens' meeting hosted by Madison City Schools and Partnership for a Drug-Free Community last Tuesday night. Excellent presentation of each guest speaker. Aided attendees seeking assistance. Proud of our Madison City schools for taking on this important subject and partnering with the Drug-Free Community Organization.

- Thanked Dr. Ed Nichols, Superintendent of Madison City Schools for the bus tour of various schools and enjoyed the excitement from the elementary kids.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

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

- Appreciated the continued partnership with HEMSI Ambulance

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MADISON POLICE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- District One: Appointed Patrick Freel with a term expiration of April 26, 2025
- District Two: Appointed Phyllis Smith Campbell with a term expiration of April 26, 2027
- District Four: Reappointed Frank Fletcher with a term expiration of April 26, 2027
- District Six: Reappointed Rebecca Franz with a term expiration of April 26, 2027
- District Seven: Appointed Wyndie Meyer with a term expiration of April 26, 2025

APPOINTMENT OF SHAYLYN LECROY TO PLACE 2 OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF OCTOBER 13, 2025

Council Member Seifert nominated Shaylyn Lecroy to Place 2. There being no further nominations, Ms. Lecroy 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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-076; AMENDING SECTION 5-15-1 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR MINI STORAGE AND SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES (FIRST READING 3/13/2023)

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren presented the Council with a request from National Retail Development Inc. to develop a standard specific to mini-storage and self-service storage facilities. Currently the city zoning ordinance has parking standards

for warehouse and storage facilities, but not specific to mini or self-storage facilities. Applicant requested one parking space for every 9,000 square feet of building space with an additional four spaces. We conducted surveys of several other jurisdictions that resulted in various data. History searches and timelapse photography utilizing Google Earth was used to total the number of vehicles at the parking lots of several City of Madison storage facilities over the course of a day and year. Data from the Institution of Transportation Engineering related to parking for this type of facility was also reviewed. Based on the research and data sources reviewed, the Planning Department and Planning Commission support the change to the standard to allow one parking space for every 7,500 square feet of storage facility and any support office. For a space with 120,000 square feet of storage facility and any support office it would be required to have a minimum of 16 parking spaces. The overall analysis resulted in one less parking space than the applicant suggested.

Council President Bartlett opened the floor for public comments.

Margi Daly asked if it would be 16 spaces for every 750 storage units and if RV parking was being eliminated? Ms. Daly is concerned about other parking ordinances getting changed. Ms. Daly commented on the ordinance and there being no maximum or minimum of parking space. Ms. Daly is also concerned about limited parking in multi-family residential parking spaces.

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded to Ms. Daly that they are not proposing changes to any other parking standard and just establishing a standard for mini storage and self-storage facilities. Regarding RV parking, typically a mini storage facility does not have RV parking in their lot, there is additional parking for RVs in addition to the parking required for individual storage units.

Council Member Denzine asked who would decide how much space would be allowed for RV's and is that part of it at all. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren replied that if a storage unit was proposing RV parking they would show as part of their site plan and would be evaluated with combination of RV's and enclosed storage units to assure adequate parking is provided which is keyed off of square footage of storage unit not square foot of an RV. Council Member Denzine replied that her question was more of the parking space itself and is there any limits on how big they can be. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren asked for clarification of how much area devoted to parking versus how big the space is. Council Member Denzine stated just to RV parking. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren replied RV parking would only be allowed if permitted by the Zoning District and meet landscaping and setback requirements to adhere to the standards. She further explained with an example of 1- or 2-acre park parcel you get so many parking spaces, calculating setbacks and so forth depending on how big the property is. Council Member Denzine questioned if someone could park a large RV there. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren stated a storage facility currently located on County Line Road has a combination of buildings and pull through barns, for boats and RV's but that it is zoned industrial. Council Member Denzine asked if we should be looking at that, so we don't end up with a huge RV parking problem in a residential area. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren stated they would not be allowed in a B2 District.

Council Member Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-076. Council Member Spears seconded. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-133-R: AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ENFINGER DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AND ROADWAY AT THE INTERSECTION OF HARDIMAN AND MADISON BRANCH BOULEVARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,393,898 (TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT)

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren presented a map dated December 2021 when Council approved Development Agreement called the Halsey project and currently named the Madison Branch project. Enfinger Development LLC completed a traffic study to ascertain what the right improvement was for the intersection of Hardiman Road and Halsey Drive. The results established for the 204 single family homes itself would work sufficient for a 'T' intersection widening Halsey Drive, however with school traffic anticipated a Roundabout would be necessary allowing traffic to flow than with a traffic signal. Roundabout plans were presented to the Planning Commission in May of 2022 for approval of location character and extent. The Developer obtained a contractor with all detailed cost estimates needed for the project with a contingency budget included and is ready to begin once two parcels are immediately acquired. President Bartlett asked if anybody from the property was here and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren replied that the Developer was not here.

Council President Bartlett opened the floor for public comments.

Bernadette Mayer appeared before the Council requesting this ordinance be tabled for the next City Council meeting. She appreciated the input today but is concerned about the cost of the roundabout and the city financial obligations during the current budget with open-ended construction projects not completed, along with road and infrastructure repairs or improvements.

Jennifer Coe appeared before the Council concerned about City debt and utilizing a developer to build the roundabout other than our Public Works Department.

Margi Daly appeared before the Council questioning city funds to developers and consultants rather than utilizing the City Engineering Department. She further questioned acquiring the two parcels and city transparency of funding this project.

Jocelyn Broer appeared before the Council and expressed concern about costs to taxpayers on this project and not covering infrastructure improvements. She further addressed the need for safety of sidewalk crossings and traffic issues in this area during construction.

There being no additional public comments, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded to questions that were addressed and advised the school district moved up the construction of the school by a whole year therefore this improvement is vital

for access to construct the school. She further advised a small portion of right of way is needed to acquire a parcel and one for temporary construction easement, and an Appraiser figures out cost and make an offer to the two property owners for it.

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-133-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked how we are acquiring the land. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren stated an offer letter is made through the City Attorney's Office based on appraisal and fair market value and a process will be implemented if property owner decides to question the offer. Council Member Denzine asked how much land it was. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren stated for acquisition its two small strips of land around the roundabout which she pointed out on the map.

Mayor Finley addressed a previous question by a citizen not related to this was concerning costs for a sidewalk. First portion was Engineering and construction which relating to sidewalks on Palmer Road, Gillespie connecting both County Line to other sidewalks or to the greenways, they were easy to do, where this project is the hardest and most expensive and we will have a better idea of costs. Mayor Finley further advised we will review what subdivisions connect to this roundabout to walk on back and front side assuring by working with City Departments and the School.

Council Member Wroblewski asked Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren if we notified the homeowners on either side of that area that there will be a roundabout there. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren replied that no notice was sent, but there was a public meeting held with the Planning Commission and there will be certain protocols that will be followed when construction begins.

Council President Bartlett responded to Ms. Mayers concern of why Council can't table this issue due to the acceleration and need for the road. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren indicated the school district moving up the timetable for the construction of the school makes this more urgent.

Council Member Spears advised the reason the school district accelerated this timeline is the additional growth of students over the past five years.

Council Member Seifert asked what our original obligation was and how the change will affect the bottom line. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren stated that when the developmental agreement was made, we knew the possibility of a roundabout but had no dollar amount within that agreement. She further stated a list of capital improvement projects was brought forth to Council in March we estimated 1.6 million for this total and with construction figures acquisitions expectations to come in at 1.5 million. If a traffic signal was substantially less but has inherit issues and recommendations from the traffic consultant study was to pursue the roundabout.

Council Member Denzine voiced concern that originally it was the traffic light. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren confirmed the Developer originally wanted a 'T' intersection for cost savings and quick to construct but the study advised otherwise, and we knew that a roundabout was a possibility and is a good solution long-term from a traffic circulation standpoint.

Council Member Seifert commented on how improved and efficient traffic flow is on the roundabout at Balch and Gillespie.

Council Member Powell commented on the fact that we anticipated this, and it came earlier than expected but we are on or below budget. Referring to prior questions clarifying that this is a reimbursement that will be cost savings of contractors on site, mobilization fees, and minimal delays.

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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-102-R: AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUING LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN THE CITY OF MADISON AT EXISTING RATES

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-102-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.

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-089-R: AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF A DRAINAGE DITCH PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN MADISON.

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-089-R. 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.

RESOLUTION NO 2023-145-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CROY ENGINEERING, LLC FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN ON PROJECT 23-016 (HUGHES RD AND MILL/PORTAL SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,772.00 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-145-R. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-147-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GARVER, LLC FOR DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE MAJOR DRAINAGE WAYS IN THE STAVEMILL ESTATES (PORTAL LANE) AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,230 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-147-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Council Member Denzine requested a map to be shown of the exact location. City Engineer Michael Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation of the full drainage area near Portal Lane meeting Shelton Road that runs into a ditch bordering north side of the railroad tracks causing major volume and velocity washout of huge gullies 7-8 feet deep. Surveying and drainage analysis will be conducted for solution upstream and possible improvements to ditches around existing ponds in the area for long-term effect. Currently we want to stabilize it by building them back up. Council Member Denzine asked if it is currently affecting any residential properties. City Engineer Michael Johnson provided a picture of a ditch behind two lots eroding both sides. Council Member Denzine asked if it will be improving their property. City Engineer Michael Johnson replied that it wouldn't be improving their property but will stop the heavy erosion within that easement. 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	Absent at time of vote

Motion carried.

FIRE

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-150-R: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LEASE FOR AN AMBULANCE WITH HEMSI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1 A YEAR (TO BE PAID FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-150-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. Fire Chief David Bailey and HEMSI CEO Jon Howell appeared before the Council. Fire Chief David Bailey expressed how beneficial HEMSI's partnership is with the city.

Council Member Seifert commented on HEMSI's call load last year of approximately 165 a day and the that has happened this year. HEMSI CEO Jon Howell confirmed current call volume has increased to 175 transports and 275 responses a day throughout Madison County. Council Member Seifert stated it is a significant addition to allow for quick responses to calls.

Fire Chief David Bailey added that the partnership with HEMSI provides EMT classes to newly hired Firefighters. 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. 2023-148-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR TUITION PAYMENT, EMPLOYEE RETENTION, AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR IT EMPLOYEE TO OBTAIN CYBERSECURITY DEGREE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,200 (TO BE PAID FROM IT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-148-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.

Mayor Finley commented on how critical cyber security is to the city, short-term and long-term.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-151-R: AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN BROADCASTING LLC FOR RAINBOW MOUNTAIN TOWER

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-151-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. President Bartlett asked what this does. City Attorney Brian Kilgore advised that the city leases out spaces on the tower to example radio stations, and this specific lease space was given up and another entity wanted to fill the lease. This is not a renewal, it's an expansion of someone else's space on the tower and the fees are approximately \$300 a year. 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. 2023-152-R: AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH MADISON COUNTY VETERANS ASSOCIATION FOR RAINBOW MOUNTAIN TOWE

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-152-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.

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-137: CONVERSION OF A PORTION OF AN OPEN EASEMENT TO AN UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN LOTS 1-26 OF ACADIA AT ARLINGTON PARK SUBDIVISION (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-138: VACATION OF A PORTION OF A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN THE HEIGHTS AT TOWN MADISON SUBDIVISION (FIRST READING 04/10/2023)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-138. 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.

POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-132-R: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED TOWING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SARINA ENTERPRISE, INC., D/B/A IMPORT WRECKER, TO INCORPORATE CHANGES TO REGULATION OF TOWING COMPANIES

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-132-R. Council Member Powell 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

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BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5) HEATHERWOOD SUBDIVISION

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

- City budget concerns

- Earlier date of construction for the new elementary school
- Population growth
- Construction project
- City's improvements on pedestrian walkways and safety issues
- Dissatisfied with Madison Utilities

Council Member Wroblewski stated before Ms. Coe appeared before Council that the budget is online if you go to the Finance Department and click on it you can see the complete budget.

JENNIFER COE DISTRICT 5 ASHLEY ESTATES

- Council-Manager Form of Government
- Board of Director style of Government
- Publishing Public Notices

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

- City Council Fast-Tracking
- Unsafe street lighting
- Road repairs
- Citizen taxes
- Capital improvements
- City-Manager Form of Government
- Flyovers and roundabout roads
- Drainage maps unreadable

RICK MAKOWSKI (DISTRICT 7)

- Council-Manager Form of Government
- ICMA meeting at the library

ALAN SULLIVAN (DISTRICT 5)

- Council-Manager Form of Government

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Finley stated the following:

- The City Council did not endorse ICMA and had nothing to do with the meeting at the Library and had no idea who was coming to speak.
- 2020 Election: when campaigning, the people talking about transparency, at that point I said, "We are very transparent, we just can't make you care".
- Citizens need to take the time to learn and care about city government by attending public meetings and staying updated on the city website.
- This election has made people care about our city government and City Council Members are thrilled that more citizens are paying attention to what it takes to manage this incredible city.

- Very proud and passionate about the City of Madison and to have worked the past 10 years with Council, Boards, Department Heads and Employees
- Regardless of when a citizen has moved to the City of Madison the traffic is pretty good now and kids are in a safe community with incredibly good schools, good jobs, great churches, and good recreation programs.
- Discussions of City Manager have people of quality on both sides and we as a community will select what makes the most sense. Whatever the outcome our responsibility whether staying here doing what we were elected to do or helping the community transform to new and different, we'll be ready to do it.
- Asked that the last 2 weeks of this election we all should keep it professional and positive because everybody who cares about this is going to make our city better overall.
- Apologize for being quiet for a while but everybody is looking at us to try and manipulate something and the reality is we are not afraid to have an open discussion.

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 7:36 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-08-RG, dated April 24, 2023, read, approved and adopted this 8th day of May 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

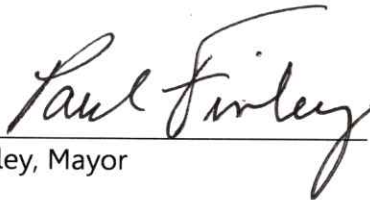


Council Member Karen Denzine
District Six



Council Member John Selfert
District Seven

Concur:



Paul Finley, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer



Lisa Ritz
Recording Secretary