



**MINUTES NO. 2023-19-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
October 09, 2023**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 09, 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.

Pastor Deborah Timmons, Asbury Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ranae Bartlett.

ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Paul Finley	Absent
Council District No. 1 Maura Wroblewski	Present
Council District No. 2 Connie Spears	Absent
Council District No. 3 Teddy Powell	Present
Council District No. 4 Greg Shaw	Present
Council District No. 5 Ranae Bartlett	Present
Council District No. 6 Karen Denzine	Present
Council District No. 7 John Seifert	Present

City Officials in attendance were: City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Kerri Sulyma, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Mayor's City Administrator Steve Smith, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Toby Jenkins, ERP Support Specialist Michelle Parker, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, , Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Kelly Johnson, and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren.

Public Attendance registered: John N. Merrill, John P. Rankin, Margi Daly, Ronald D. Johnson, Dawn Johnson, Rosalie Holcombe, Jean Ann Benefield, Bernadette Mayer, Jocelyn Broer, Robert Burns, Roslyn Pellerito, Jenny Parris, Butch Parris, Jon Howe

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2023-10-WS DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-10-WS. Council Member Seifert seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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. 2023-18-RG DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-18-RG. Council Member Seifert seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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

None

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 was 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.*

RON JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson appeared before Council to voice his concerns on the following items:

- Opposed to Resolution No. 2023-164-R, amending ground regulations for repair, and maintenance of headstones in the City of Madison Cemeteries
- Volunteers to maintain restoration and was told to stop from Cemetery Committee
- Conflicion of State Law and City of Madison regulations

JENNY PARIS (DISTRICT 2)

Ms. Paris appeared before Council to voice her concerns on the following items:

- Request for an armored vehicle for the Madison Police Swat Team for protection arriving at scenes instead of the bed of a F250 truck.

BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Unable to hear Council Members speak into the microphone
- Budget concerns
- Communications concerns between Mayor and Council Members
- Time limit for public comments

JOHN RANKIN

Mr. Rankin appeared before Council to voice his concerns on the following items:

- Opposed to Resolution No. 2023-164-R, Repair, and maintenance of Cemetery headstones
- Years of volunteering with City Cemeteries of historical research
- Conflication of State Law and City of Madison regulations

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Unsafe LED lighting in older neighborhoods
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Public records requests -Redevelopment areas
- Zoning
- Fire safety concerns

DEBBIE OVERCASH (DISTRICT 5)

Ms. Overcash appeared before Council to voice her concerns on the following items:

- Thanked Council Members and expressed appreciation and thanks for the volunteer work in the City Cemeteries from Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rankin
- Option from the City Historic Society to turn the Historic Cemetery for maintenance and repairs over to the State
- Historic Society present their paperwork to Council to report to the State

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 Wroblewski asked to mention the donation from Madison Visionary Partners (MVP). Council Member Shaw spoke of the donation thanking the joint effort with both organizations. Council Member Denzine asked if meetings were held with the Finance Committee. Council Member Powell replied these are reviewed

ahead of time with departments and it's not a meeting, it's just a review what the Finance Director sends.

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

General Operating Account	\$3,047,847.75
Special General Operating Accounts	\$14,974.87
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$931.64
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$231,780.14
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$43,509.61
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$558.90
CIP Bond Accounts	\$2,588,588.87
Library Building Fund	\$7,492.91
Water Distribution and Storage	\$1,000.00
Venue Maintenance	\$3,426.10
Multi-Use Venue Collection Fund	\$1,569,151.26

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Authorization of payment to NextSite, LLC in the amount of \$12,995.00 for annual renewal (to be paid from Planning Department budget)

Authorization of payment to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$90,187.39 for construction of the middle school roadway extension performed on CIP Project No 20-028 Phase 2 (to be paid from 2020-A Bond account)

Resolution No. 2023-329-R: Authorizing a service agreement with On-Line Information Services, Inc. for Legal Department research purposes (to be paid from Legal Department budget)

Resolution No. 2023-330-R: Approving partial settlement of a property damage claim for Main Street Cafe Building (proposed \$32,253.05).

Acceptance of donation from Madison Visionary Partners, Inc. in the amount of \$15,832.70 on behalf of The Rotary Club for the Home Place Park Project (to be deposited into 2015-A Bond account) softball field fencing at Hexagon Complex

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	Absent
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:

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- The annual Madison Street Festival on Saturday was a wonderful safe event with the huge turnout it had. Thanked all the volunteers, HEMSI, Madison Fire & Rescue, Police and Public Works for all their hard work and preparation.
- Friends of the Library will have a meeting tomorrow, October 10 at 6:30PM in the program room and are always looking for volunteers.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Thanked everyone that was involved with the Madison Street Festival and Council Member Denzine for her work with the committee. Members attending tonight's meeting and a lot of people that made this event successful.
- Appreciated having a set up at the festival for representation of the city to provide information and phone numbers of who to contact.
- Appreciated having the festival in downtown Madison
- Cemetery concerns

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

No new Business to report.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-327-R: AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR A SANTA FOR THE POLAR EXPRESS CHRISTMAS EVENT (\$250 TO BE PAID FROM THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-327-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked for this to be put in the annual budget. Council President Ranae Bartlett replied we will ask Finance Department. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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 President Ranae Bartlett reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Work Session scheduled for Wednesday October 18 @ 6:30pm in Council Chambers
- Topics on the agenda:
 - Fire Safety
 - Hexagon Building for other opportunities in that area.
 - Proposed Hands-Free ordinance.
 - Animal Shelter

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Madison Street Festival was a wonderful joyful event. Thanked Police, Fire and Public Works. Appreciated the volunteers and how the committee worked planning this for a whole year.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

No new business to report.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF DAMIAN BIANCA TO FILL THE SUPERNUMERARY 2 POSITION ON THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS.

Council Member Powell nominated Damian Bianca for appointment to Supernumerary 2 position. There being no further nominations, Mr. Bianca 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REDISTRICTING PLAN TO ESTABLISH NEW CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Mr. Mike Slaughter with Slaughter & Associates appeared before the council to present the Redistricting Plan Three. Mr. Slaughter first requested everyone in attendance to sign the sign in sheet on the table at the entrance door for their record since this is a legal public hearing, along with information from Justice.gov regarding redistricting that is covered in the presentation. Lastly the demographic data that I'll go over for both the benchmark plan and for plan three. Mr. Slaughter began his power point presentation on the following:

- Equal Distribution is required by the United States Constitution and Department of Justice of total population among all voting districts, applies to one person/one vote principle and is a total population deviation of 10% or less between the smallest and largest populated voting districts compared to the ideal population
- Concerns of redistricting is likely needed following the release of decennial census data to address disproportionate change in population between voting districts and is required after an annexation to address added population/territory in existing districts
- Redistricting is required when there is a deviation of greater than 10% in total population between smallest and largest populated voting districts compared to the ideal population
- Explanation of the five steps to proceed with redistricting
- Criteria for developing redistricting plans
 - Required standards (Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act)
 - Additional standards employed by Slaughter & Associates
- Significant official census population change increase of 32.6% from 2010 to 2020 in the City of Madison and racial composition
- Benchmark plan composed of current districts with 2010 and 2020 census data resulted the variance of all districts except for district 7 exceed the 5% above or below, districts 2 and 5 were the most over and under
- Redistricting line changes explained on the city map
- Council and public feedback from each plan presented to make the changes to current plan three

Council President Bartlett opened the floor for public comments.

JOCELYN BROER (DISTRICT 4)

Ms. Broer appeared before Council to voice her concerns on the following items:

- Opposed of redistricting, resides in the Taylor's Crossing Subdivision and neighborhood would be separated
- Small HOA community of only 45 homes on 3 streets
- Surrounded by wetlands of water affecting neighborhood
- Water controlled by concrete culverts behind home

- Drainage easements maintained by homeowners
- Concern of future drainage issues when new development fills in utilizing shared culverts
- One entrance/exit to subdivision concerns of increased traffic and emergencies

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Confusion on prior redistricting meetings
- Redistricting effective in 2025 which don't apply to current council districts
- Council Member leaving and is right next to another Council Member
- Suggest west side of city have own district or divide the city that is most convenient for citizens
- Opposed to separating subdivisions
- Establish a minority district
- Not enough public meetings
- Council separating neighborhoods for intentional political reasons

BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Multiple voting precincts
- Relevant comments from Ms. Broer not to split her subdivision
- Minority district
- Citizens right to have it more thoroughly looked into and not voted on now

Council President Bartlett clarified that this will not be voted on tonight, it is just a public hearing. Council President Bartlett asked if there were any more public comments and with there being none, public comments were closed. Council President Bartlett offered the opportunity for Council to ask any questions to Mr. Slaughter or Director of Developmental Services Mary Beth Broeren. Council Member Wroblewski stated several subdivisions have been divided, not just one, it would be ideal if districts and numbers were the same. Council Member Wroblewski further stated she requested Park Meadows subdivision stay together due to it being an older population and more challenging for them and was grateful for Mr. Slaughter to balance it out. Council Member Wroblewski pointed out that subdivisions are not being singled out to be divided and referred to Council Member Seifert having a subdivision divided in his district. Council Member Seifert replied it was Buckingham.

Director of Developmental Services Mary Beth Broeren wanted to clarify that this is the fourth meeting we've had on redistricting. Council President Bartlett had a follow up question to Mr. Slaughter regarding splitting neighborhoods. On review of three maps, you have been requested to draw a line or put a neighborhood back and it created a domino effect which doesn't seem to be a way to draw a map that every neighborhood stays completely together because you're using blocks. Mr. Slaughter replied that was right and it was practically impossible to avoid splitting up neighborhoods in a city as large as Madison. Council President Bartlett stated there was one allegation made during public hearings that we were trying to draw a district to move somebody out so they couldn't run for office, and asked Mr. Slaughter if he has had any communication with her or any member of Council asking you to change a line at any point of this process except for public hearings. Mr. Slaughter replied no, this

redistricting is for the one person/one vote principle taking into consideration on the minority voting and is not to block anyone from voting or being elected assuring that he hasn't been asked to do any redistricting that would disadvantage anyone in any way.

Council Member Seifert asked if the majority minority would not violate the act, you're trying to comply with for one vote to equal representation and equal demographics across the board. Mr. Slaughter replied with example scenarios and has evaluated the impacts of the minority voting strength. Council Member Seifert asked why one of the rules is you try to keep council in the same current and what the future rezoning is. Mr. Slaughter stated the way the Benchmark plan is defined is by taking the current election districts which you all of you reside in your own district, which is the rule from the Department of Justice, then determining if it's out of balance then begin to shift current election districts to become balanced.

City Attorney Brian Kilgore addressed Council Member Seifert referring to a State Law Alabama Code Section that specifically requires that no term of an incumbent member of the council shall be shortened because of any redistricting that is a requirement from the State that requires us to work within those boundaries.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-313: ADOPTING NEW LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-318-R: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-319; REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY PHILIMOND S. SMITH, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE AND LOCATED AT 312 PALMER ROAD, FROM M-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) TO M-1 (RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT (FIRST PUBLICATION 10/18/2023, SYNOPSIS 10/25/2023, PUBLIC HEARING 11/13/2023)

Council Member Wroblewski asked if the existing structure a home. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren replied it is a business.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to set the public hearing on 11/13/2023 for Resolution No. 2023-320-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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. 2023-320-R: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-321; REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY FUSION REALITY, LLC, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 5.5 ACRES LOCATED AT 13 PENSION ROAD (NORTH OF PALMER ROAD AND WEST OF PENSION ROAD), FROM AG (AGRICULTURE) TO R-1B (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT (FIRST PUBLICATION 10/18/2023, SYNOPSIS 10/25/2023, PUBLIC HEARING 11/13/2023)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to set the public hearing on 11/13/2023 for Resolution No. 2023-320-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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 Member Wroblewski asked what kind of homes are being built. Are they single-family homes, townhomes. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren replied those are proposed R1B zoning and only allows single-family homes with a minimum 15,000 square lots on this particular property the applicant indicates from 5 to 10 homes for the 5.5 acres.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-322-R: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-323; AMENDING SECTIONS 4-16-2 AND 4-16-4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ALLOWANCE OF MEDICAL OFFICE AND CHILDCARE CENTERS IN THE UC (URBAN CENTER) DISTRICT (FIRST PUBLICATION 10/18/2023, SYNOPSIS 10/25/2023, PUBLIC HEARING 11/13/2023)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to set the public hearing on 11/13/2023 for Resolution No. 2023-322-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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 President Ranae Bartlett asked Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren in terms of public hearings we did have a public hearing initially scheduled for this evening, but we are moving it to October 23. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren replied that's correct. Council President Ranae Bartlett stated for Resolution Number 2023-275-R, so we will hear that public hearing at the next council meeting.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-314: AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS AND AN APPEAL PROCESS FOR MURAL APPLICATIONS. (FIRST READING 09/25/23)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-314-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Seifert stated he had seen this applied in Auburn and is excited to see this come.

The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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. 2023-315: AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH A MURAL ADVISORY BOARD (FIRST READING 09/25/23)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-315-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Members received clarification from Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren to have general discussions at a work session and if a member from the Historical Society could apply, board members length of term, and when can applicants begin to apply, but first ordinance gets codified. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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 WORKS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-164: AMENDING THE GROUNDS REGULATIONS FOR CLEANING, RESTORING HEADSTONES IN THE CITY OF MADISON MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES (FIRST READING)

City Attorney Brian Kilgore presented the resolution on behalf of Public Works Department.

This is a first reading

Council President Ranae Bartlett opened this up to Council Members for comments and wanting to share some thoughts. Council Member Wroblewski advised this began from the Cemetery Committee having several discussions on how to clean a tombstone by following those specific regulations from the Alabama Historic Commission. If Mr. Rankin or Mr. Johnson want to continue volunteering, they need to complete an Alabama Historic Commission form that basically asks for their name and their schedule to volunteer the work along with providing what materials they are using. When Public Works personnel are mowing or cleaning the grounds, they will be aware that it's been approved. This is not for Montgomery to approve it; we're just following the guidelines from the Alabama Historic Commission for preserving tombstones. Anyone who enters the cemetery to visit family is always welcome, just asking people to not remove tombstones off-site without asking for permission.

City Attorney Brian Kilgore stated after review of the current version of the Alabama Code, it pre-creates authority in the Alabama Historical Commission to provide for the lawful preservation, investigation, restoration, or relocation of funerary objects, and shall promulgate rules and regulations for the issuance of a permit to those persons or company who seek to restore, preserve, or relocate. This provision pre-empts us to pass something different. After discussion with the Historical Commission, they believe they would have the authority for everyone to fill out an application. On the request of the Commission was to amend the Ordinance for this purpose.

Council Member Wroblewski stated there are additional issues, for example the laying of wreaths on Veterans Day by the Boy Scouts, or flags on July 4. This will be a good source of communication for the Director of Public Works regarding the schedule for these.

City Attorney Brian Kilgore added the provision of this is a Class A misdemeanor of removing the headstone, filling out a form would dismiss any prosecution.

Council Member Powell was displeased about the ordinance stopping a volunteer from doing something. Council Member Denzine asked if this form is just sent to Montgomery or filed with us, trying to understand what authority is necessary. City Attorney Brian Kilgore responded with a brief synopsis of regulations from the Alabama Historical Commission as previously stated that the applicant completes it and sends it to them for approval. Council Member Wroblewski explained we're not sending the form to Montgomery just asking for a courtesy copy to use that form for communication purposes. Council Member Seifert is displeased that this has come before the council, we have two respectful volunteers, and the communication should be with them regarding the city guidelines. This is complicated for them to fill out a lengthy form for the State.

Council President Bartlett agreed the form was long and would not vote for this in the format it is in and think the committee needs to know this. Should be a way for us to maintain local control of our own cemeteries, make sure it is being preserved and have everyone involved have a discussion for a process to satisfy everyone.

Council Member Powell had a few questions for Mr. Johnson requesting him to appear before the council and asked him if he has had any kind of training in repairing or cleaning headstones. Mr. Johnson replied that he has had training online and attended a two-day seminar in Tennessee hosted by the National Cemetery Headstone Conservatory. Council Member Powell also asked if he was aware of anyone on the Cemetery Committee that has had some type of training. Council Member Wroblewski stated she has not, and Mr. Johnson answered just Mr. Rankin and himself in the old cemetery. Council Member Powell asked if

had an apprentice that will take over what you're doing as a volunteer and doesn't want to fill out a lengthy form from the State. Mr. Johnson replied he didn't, and volunteers are hard to come by and believes that both of us would shut it down. He also stated the cemetery they are working on, there are dozen headstones that need work.

Council Member Denzine thanked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rankin for their community service, honoring those that have passed taking care of their gravestones so others that come by to remember them. Don't think we need a 32-line form for communication with Public Works, simply someone contact them and make them aware, and this can be worked out. Mr. Johnson agreed. Council Member Powell asked Mr. Johnson if had a solution for this. Mr. Johnson replied that he has and brought it with him. Council President Bartlett advised him to forward it to the Cemetery Committee of your proposal and to the City Attorney Brian Kilgore for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-332-R: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A BILLING AGREEMENT WITH ATHENS UTILITIES FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-332-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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. 2023-326-R: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR THE KIDS KINGDOM PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,390 THROUGH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT NO. 031622-SII (TO BE PAID FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT DONATION ACCOUNT)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-326-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked if there was an opening date. Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Kelly Johnson replied not yet. Council Member Powell asked to confirm it was coming out of the department donation. Assistant Director Kelly Johnson replied yes. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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.

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	Absent
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

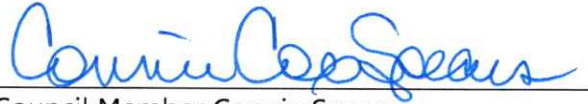
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-19-RG, dated October 9, 2023, read, approved, and adopted this 23 day of October 2023.



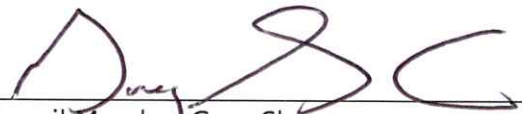
Council Member Maura Wroblewski
District One



Council Member Connie Spears
District Two



Council Member Teddy Powell
District Three

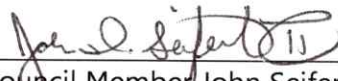


Council Member Greg Shaw
District Four



Council Member Ranae Bartlett
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Council Member Karen Denzine
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Council Member John Seifert
District Seven

Concur:

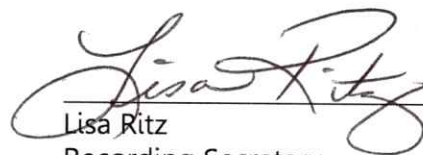


Paul Finley, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer



Lisa Ritz
Recording Secretary