

## **City of Madison**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 7:47 pm. Council members present: Earl Murphy, Jody Thomas, Jennifer Boles, Daryl May, and Bekah Selby-Leach.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart. Deputy Clerk, Cassandra Jordan.

Public: Kim Gaines with The Eureka Herald, Randy Harris, and Mimi (last name omitted on Zoom).

Newly appointed council member, Bekah Selby-Leach, was sworn into the vacant position.

**Approval of Agenda:** Jennifer made the first motion of approval. Jody seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Paul Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes – December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting:** Daryl made the first motion. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payable:** Daryl made the first motion of approval. Jody seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Water Adjustments:** Jennifer made the first motion. Earl seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Open Forum:** Randy Harris asked questions regarding the lead and copper survey sent out to residents. He asked what secondary plumbing was defined as and asked if homeowners would have to pay the costs of lines being excavated, if necessary. The Council stated that KDHE was not opposed to accepting educated guesses on water lines and they did not imagine anyone would have to have their lines dug up. They also explained that secondary plumbing most likely meant lines leading to a stand-alone water faucet or fountain in someone's yard. The Council asked residents to just answer the questions on the survey as best as they can.

**Clerk and Treasurer Reports:** There were no reports.

**Reports from the Governing Body:** Kansas Gas Service will require a survey from Geotech to be completed so they can install gas lines to the city maintenance building on the east side of town. The survey is necessary to allow Kansas Gas to draw up an easement agreement. The cost of the survey is Geotech's minimum cost of \$1,000.00. Daryl made the first motion to approve the survey and the cost. Jody seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council reviewed an email from Foley Equipment, regarding the previously approved purchase of generators for the water plant and sewer plant. The email explained that Caterpillar can no longer provide propane generators with a 125Kw rating and have cancelled all existing orders. The two options available are to either go with a diesel generator for an additional \$3,000.00 or get a Winco propane generator for an additional \$8,000.00. The Council was strongly opposed to purchasing a diesel-powered generator due to possible issues with the fuel. The Council decided to look for more quotes on generators before proceeding.

The Council discussed possible grants to assist with developing the area by Buffalo Heights, getting a LED sign for the median, and looking for small projects to complete around town.

Earl informed everyone that he met with APAC to look at the streets and is expecting a quote soon. They are interested in doing chip and seal work with a fog coating. Bekah asked if anything can be done about the dips in the streets downtown. The Council decided Schwab-Eaton would be a good resource to obtain that information, as a lot of the dips are used for drainage when it rains. The Council also discussed the trash truck and options for alleviating some of the damage it causes on the streets.

Bekah stated that she was happy to be on the Council and would like to get some students from ESU to assist the city with data analysis for grants. The Council thanked her for joining.

The Council approved the following appointments with first motion from Daryl, and Jody seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk, Victoria Stewart. City Treasurer, Michael Bartlow. City Attorney, Michael Helbert. City Judge, Ted Hollembeak. City Publication, The Madison News. City Bank, Citizen's State Bank. City Healthcare Services, Newman Regional Health.

**Adjournment:** Daryl made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 5-0.