

## **City of Madison**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm. Council members present: Jody Thomas, Jennifer Boles, and Bekah Leach. Daryl May and Earl Murphy were absent.

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

Public: Jannette Luthi representing the Madison Library Board, Randy Harris, Bob Kimberlin, and Marcie Harrison with The Madison News.

**Approval of Agenda:** Jody made the first motion of approval. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Bob Kimberlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting:** Jody made the first motion. Bekah seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payable:** Jody made the first motion of approval. Bekah seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Open Forum:** Jannette Luthi, with the Madison Library Board, approached the council to notify the city that Cassandra Jordan has been voted onto the library board. Jennifer made the first motion of approval. Jody seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Marcie Harrison asked the council when the demolition project next to Citizen's State Bank will be cleaned up. The building has been demolished, but the rubble and debris remains. She stated that the debris and equipment is causing issues with traffic flow and parking. The council responded that they understand her concerns and frustration, and believe that the removal of the debris is the next project on Leiser's list to clean up. They are currently working on a project Emporia that took longer than expected but are almost finished. Marcie thanked the council.

**Clerk and Treasurer Reports:** Victoria asked the council when they would like to have hay bids due by. The council asked for a March 6<sup>th</sup> deadline and will open the sealed bids at that meeting.

Michael Bartlow presented the December 2022 financial report. He first mentioned that the city's cash balance ended the year as proposed, at \$616,384.00. He had predicted the city would be up 87k from the previous year, but due to a 53k sewer lining project, the total over was up around 33k. Michael and the council also discussed ARPA funds the city has in the amount of \$96,000.00. The city has until 2026 to spend the funds. Reimbursing the sewer fund or extending sewer services for the possible development south of Buffalo Heights was discussed. He then reported that the city paid over the refuse budget, but he was able to move \$9,700.00 of the recycling expenditures into the general fund expenditures. The council discussed trash rates and discussed starting to raise the portion of the city's trash costs along with the increases that Republic Services makes. Currently, when Republic Services raises their garbage fee, the city does not raise their portion as well, but it remains the same. No decisions were made. It was also suggested to raise water rates due to increasing costs of chemicals for the water plant. The council requested a report to compare chemical costs from previous years. They will also elaborate on water rates with Mike Peroo when he presents the annual audit report.

Mike then presented the year-end transfers that need to be approved by the council. The council approved of the following transfers:

- \$25,000.00 from the Water Utility Fund to the General Fund
- \$189.81 from the Bond & Interest Fund to the General Fund
- \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund
- \$57,500.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund
- \$3,286.04 from the CDBG-CV to the General Fund

**Reports from the Governing Body:** The Council reviewed bids for heating the city maintenance building on the east side of town. Rayburn's Heating and Cooling bid of \$5,100.00 for two 100k BTU infrared heaters and to run gas lines to the units. Burd's Heat & Air bid of \$2,100.00 for two 75k BTU infrared heaters and to run gas lines to both heaters. Jody made a motion to accept Burd's bid of \$2,100.00. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The council reviewed an update from Foley Equipment regarding the generators for the water and sewer plants. The update explained that Foley could stagger the start times of the four pumps at the water plant, allowing the plant to run on a 96Kw generator rather than a 125Kw. The 125Kw generator that was originally approved to purchase was recently de-rated to a 96Kw. The council did not approve decreasing the generator power to 96Kw and would like to look at other options, including talking to industrial electricians. They would also like more information from Foley before making any decisions.

The council also discussed installing the new fire hydrants, painting railings, and replacing street signs around town to improve the aesthetic of Madison.

**Adjournment:** Jennifer made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 3-0.