

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 6th, 2023

Call to Order: Council President, Earl Murphy, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Council members present: Earl Murphy, Jody Thomas, Jennifer Boles, Daryl May, and Bekah Leach. Paul Dean joined the meeting at 7:50pm.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart.

Public: Mike Peroo with Michael D. Peroo CPA, Don Wagner with Foley Equipment, Chris Burd, Bob Kimberlin, Kim Gaines with The Eureka Herald, Scott Nusz, Mimi (last name omitted), Randy Harris, and Dustin McGuire.

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

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

Approval of Minutes – January 18th, 2023, Regular Meeting: The minutes stated that motions to automatically raise the city's portion of trash charges along with Republic Services rate were carried and approved. Jennifer corrected the minutes, stating that the council decided to do some more investigating into the increases before making any changes. Daryl made the first motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Open Forum: Mike Peroo, with Michael Peroo CPA in Overland Park, presented the city's audit report for 2021. He started off by reporting that the city did well at growing the cash balance and keeping it stable. He explained if the city did not take in any income, there would be a cash balance to last 249 days while using the balance for city need expenditures. He continued, stating that the city's tax base is stable, and there was a .33% growth in the rate of taxes. Cash flow is at 1.15, which means that for every dollar the city spent, 1.15 was made. He reported that the city budgets well and does not overspend. He mentioned that the city is behind on assessed values because they are not growing with inflation rates. Mike addressed the water fund and advised that the city raise the wholesale water rates and possibly the residential rates. He explained further by stating that \$5.86 represents the average cost per 1,000 gallons while the city's rate is only at \$5.00, net cash flow per meter per month is at -0.55 compared to a cash flow of +\$8.88 in 2014, and that the operating ratio comparing water sales to operating expenses is at .99, below the target of 1.20. Days in cash in the water fund is also at 77, which is under the target of 180 days. He reported that the sewer fund is in great shape, as well as the annual growth rate of the city budget. He suggested that the city consider looking in to the Municipal Investment Pool for better interest rates, or to ask the city's current bank to match the rates offered. He also suggested developing a 5 year comprehensive financial plan for the city, updated annually, to address ongoing city needs. The council thanked Mike for his report.

Chris Burd approached the council with questions about his property on Lincoln. He asked for clarification on if a portion of his driveway belonged to him, the state, or the city. He would like to install a gate to prevent people from driving over that area. The council stated that they would need to do research before giving a definitive answer.

Don Wagner with Foley Equipment approached the council regarding generators that had been approved previously to purchase with ARPA money from Greenwood County. When the Caterpillar 125kW generator for the water plant that was approved was de-rated to a 96kW, the council requested more information before accepting the change. They were not sure if a 96kW was sufficient and also questioned why the price didn't decrease along with the change. Don explained that even though the generator was de-rated to 96kW, it is the same generator so the price wouldn't change. He also stated that if he installed the pump switches to stagger by seconds, the water plant would need 80kW to start running after a power loss. But after the initial start-up, it would only use around 53kW to keep the water plant powered through the outage. The council felt comfortable with the changes and proceeded with the generator agreement already approved.

Clerk and Treasurer Reports: There were no reports.

Reports from the Governing Body:

The council approved an estimate from John North Ford for bucket truck repairs in the amount of \$4,300.00. Jennifer made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The council reviewed and approved a bid from APAC in the amount of \$79,535.39 to chip and seal, and fog seal, streets. The streets included were Lincoln (from Highway 58 to the ballfield), Third Street (from McKinley Street to McCurry Street), Fourth Street (from Elm Street to McCurry Street), and McCurry Street (from 249 to Highway 99). Jennifer made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Bob Kimberlin stated to the Council that he felt overlaying the streets was a better option and that McCurry would need it especially, due to high traffic and delivery trucks. The council explained that overlay is too expensive, there are a lot of streets that need attention other than McCurry, and that with the fog seal coat there should not be loose rocks from the chip and seal.

Bekah Leach informed the council that she has been reviewing the housing rehabilitation grant and that it is a program that the city would be able to apply for. She explained that a housing committee would need to be formed to apply for the grant. The committee would need to be represented by several stakeholders, including business owners, school representatives, ect. She and Paul Dean volunteered to serve on the committee. The city and council will seek others to serve as well. She also mentioned that a focus point in town for this grant will need to be determined.

The council also discussed repairs needed at the depot and possible grants to help replace the roof.

Adjournment: Jennifer made the first motion. Bekah seconded. Motion carried 5-0.