

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 21st, 2023

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

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart.

Public: Tony Haag, Britney Hinrichs, Kim Gaines with The Eureka Herald, Stephen Encino and Ganesh Chapagain with AOKA Engineering, Matthew Knobloch, Randy Harris, and Stacy Walstrom.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – February 6th, 2023, Regular Meeting: Bekah made the first motion of approval. Jody seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Open Forum: Ganesh Chapagain and Stephen Encino appeared via Zoom, representing AOKA Engineering, to discuss their services with the council. They specialize in home and building inspections to ensure plumbing, electrical, heating, and structural compliance. They do both on-site and virtual inspections. Mayor Dean asked Ganesh to provide a fee schedule and the council thanked AOKA for their time.

Britney Hinrichs presented to the council helpful tips and techniques for fundraising and grants. She is very involved in her town of Americus and has raised money for sports fields and playground equipment. She shared her experiences, challenges she faced, and helpful advice to be successful in raising money for projects. She included a slideshow in her presentation. The council thanked her for her time and insight.

Victoria requested on behalf of Madison librarian, Christine Inman, a donation from the city of twenty one-time pool passes for the library's Summer Reading Program. The council approved the request with Jennifer making the first motion. Bekah seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk and Treasurer Reports: Victoria reported to the council that there was an accident at the fire barn, causing one of the trucks to damage the east door. The cost to repair the door is \$3,330.35 while a full replacement costs \$7,539.18. The city's insurance company provided \$2,330.35 for the door. Jennifer made a motion to replace the door for \$7,539.18. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Victoria gave a report from Schwab-Eaton on various street dips that have been a concern of citizens. The dips are known as valley gutters and are there to carry stormwater off the roads. Re-constructing the valley gutters is possible but would cost \$10,000.00 each and would not eliminate the dip completely. There is also an option of installing enclosed storm pipes and inlets, but the cost would be approximately \$100k to \$200k for each location.

Victoria asked the council for a sewer cost deduction on the Methodist Church water account. They had a leak at their meter which caused their sewer costs to rise significantly. As the water went into the ground

and not the sewer system, the council approved to deduct \$85.00 off of their sewer charges. Jennifer made the first motion. Bekah seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports from the Governing Body: The council approved education costs for Victoria and Cassondra in the amount of approximately \$2,392.47 for 2023. Jody made the first motion. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The council approved a demolition program application from Chris Burd, along with a bid for the demolition. Bids received were from Knobloch Excavating in the amount of \$2,900.00 and from Leiser Excavating in the amount of \$3,155.00. The council approved Knobloch's bid of \$2,900.00. Earl made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Earl reported on the city tractor. It currently needs a new clutch and one has been located in Eureka. The estimated cost for the clutch and installation is \$2,000.00. Bekah made the first motion of approval. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Bekah reported that she is still looking for people to join the housing committee and would like to get a meeting set up when it is formed.

The council also discussed acquiring a generator for the water tower. Earl will call Generac to get some costs.

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