

## **City of Madison**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Council members present: Earl Murphy, Jody Thomas, Daryl May, and Bekah Leach. Jennifer Boles was absent.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart.

Public: Kim Gaines with The Eureka Herald, Marcie Harrison with The Madison News, Randy Harris, Ann Galbraith, Bob Kimberlin, and Amie May.

**Approval of Agenda:** Bekah made the first motion of approval. Jody seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**Approval of Minutes – March 6th, 2023, Regular Meeting:** Jody made the first motion of approval. Bekah seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes – March 6th, 2023, Special Meeting:** Bekah made the first motion of approval. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payable:** Jody made the first motion of approval. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Open Forum:** Bob Kimberlin presented a letter to the council regarding chip and seal planned for McCurry Street. The summary of his letter was that he has health concerns about the dust that can occur during chip and seal construction and the road itself. The council explained that the road would be fog sealed to significantly reduce dust after the construction is complete. After discussing the situation with Bob, the council stated they would talk to APAC to see what other options are available, such as using puff shale instead of limestone. The council also thanked Bob for his service in Vietnam.

Ann Galbraith spoke with the council about the Madison Historical Society Depot. She reported that the furnace is not working at the depot. The city will contact Burd's Heating and Cooling to see what the issue is. She also informed the board that the deck is in bad shape, wooden strips on the depot are deteriorated and need replaced, and inquired about the skunks going under the depot. Earl reported that one skunk has been captured and moth balls were put under the depot to hopefully deter any remaining skunks. She also expressed concerns that the hay bales behind the depot are a fire hazard. Ann and Bekah also discussed a possible grant for restoring the depot. Ann would also like to find a climate controlled place for some of the historical documents at the depot. The council stated there is most likely enough room in city hall to store a few filing cabinets and totes for the records. The council thanked Ann for her work and insight.

**Clerk and Treasurer Reports:** City Treasurer, Michael Bartlow, reported the January 2023 financial report. The city received a tax distribution payment in January, which will be the largest one of the year. The city's balance is at 763k as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, which is higher than previous years. All funds are at a positive balance.

Victoria presented a report and quote from Century Business Technologies regarding the computer used for streaming council meetings. The report states that the computer uses 75% of its memory when

nothing is running and 100% disk performance. It was recommended to get a computer with more memory and a better processor. The quote provided was a Dell OptiPlex 3000 Desktop Computer with an i5 processor, 16GB of RAM and 256 SSD for \$1,450.00. This includes installation, configuration, and migration. The council asked if the computer's memory would be expandable before deciding.

Victoria also reported on the status of the CCLIP grant. KDOT requires cities to select an engineering company for the project based on qualifications rather than cost. Request for qualifications letters have been sent out to multiple companies. Corey, Victoria, and Earl will use a grading system to select the company with the best qualifications.

**Reports from the Governing Body:** The council approved to donate \$200.00 to the Meals on Wheels/Friendship Meals for the Senior Center and Aging Projects Inc. Daryl made the first motion of approval. Jody seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Bekah made the first motion to approve the Code of Conduct agreement for KDOT's CCLIP grant awarded to the city. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Paul Dean approved a solar panel building permit for Madison Highschool.

Eight roll-off carts will be available this spring, along with six in the fall at the city park.

The Council also discussed violation complaints, the gas line being installed at the new city maintenance building, and a generator for the water tower. It was requested to contact Kansas Gas and check if they will reduce the cost of installing a gas line since it is for emergency services.

**Adjournment:** Daryl made the first motion. Bekah seconded. Motion carried 4-0.