

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 19th, 2023

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

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart.

Public: Marcie Harrison with The Madison News, Fire Chief Tim Melton, Denise Stewart, Randy Harris, Ann Galbraith, BJ Harlan, Ty Gaines, Tom Knobloch, Aaron Luthi, Matthew Knobloch, and Mimi (last name omitted on Zoom).

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – April 3rd, 2023, Regular Meeting: Jennifer made the first motion of approval. Jody seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes – April 12th, 2023, Special Meeting: Daryl made the first motion of approval. Bekah seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Open Forum: Aaron Luthi, on behalf of the Lifewise Program, approached the city council to discuss constructing a sidewalk from the Baptist Church to Madison Elementary. Denise Stewart and BJ Harlan also joined Aaron. Aaron explained that Lifewise is a bible-based education program that takes place during the school day and students would have to leave the school grounds to attend the class at the Baptist Church. To support the safety of the children walking back and forth from the school and church, Lifewise would like to install a sidewalk between each location. The proposed sidewalk would be built through two private properties, and both landowners have agreed to the project. The Council requested the permission of the property owners in writing. Aaron also stated that the sidewalk would be approximately four feet wide and four hundred feet long with ADA compliant slopes. He mentioned that he understands the concerns with engineering and drainage, and that all of that is being studied thoroughly. He continued by informing the council that Lifewise would like to utilize volunteer work for the construction phase. He asked the council if Lifewise would be able to apply for the sidewalk program. Mayor Dean stated that the council would have to look at the budget to confirm whether the city would be able to pay half of the costs and requested an estimate of the cost. Mayor Dean also recommended that Lifewise get everything documented and registered with the county to prevent issues in the future and volunteered to write something up for them at no charge.

Jessica Canchola forwarded a list to the council consisting of requests of the city for Madison Days. The list included: city employees hauling supplies into Madison, free swim on the Saturday of Madison Days, barricading streets, hanging up the Madison Days sign across Main Street, public drinking one block in all directions from the Main Street/3rd Street Intersection, have a city employee on call during Madison Days,

providing dumpsters, porta potties, and speakers. The council agreed to all requests but asked for clarification on what supplies were needed brought to town.

Wes Miller was on the agenda on behalf of The Ranch constructing an ADA compliant entrance to their business but could not attend the meeting. The council addressed his request and would like to approve it, but first need to see the construction plans.

Tim Melton approached the council on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Department. He informed the board that there is a fire/rescue truck for auction on purplewave.com with an auction date of May 16th. The truck is in Jefferson City, Missouri, and he stated that members of the department could travel to that location and inspect the truck before bidding. Paul Dean replied that the city would reimburse them for travel expenses. The truck is listed under \$50,000.00. Tim also stated that the cement in front of the north side of fire barn, along with the gutter and sidewalk, is crumbling. He offered that the fire department reconstruct the areas if the city pays for the concrete. The council stated they thought that was a good idea but would need pricing before voting on it.

Tom Knobloch approached the council with concerns about the city's salt bins. The salt bins are located next to the Apostolic Faith property, and when it rains the salt washes onto their lot into their trees. He expressed that he was nervous about the salt killing the trees. Tom offered a solution to the issue, explaining their idea to put in curb and gutter to funnel the water onto the street. He acquired a quote from Burlington Construction for \$8,000.00 and stated that the church would be willing to pay half of the costs if the city approved the construction. The council stated that it was a fantastic idea, and it could coincide with the concrete work the Fire Department has offered to do in front of the Fire Barn which would significantly improve the look of the area.

Marcie Harrison approached the council to make requests for Senior Cruise Night. She asked if it would be acceptable to barricade a portion of the intersection downtown, to provide a polycart for Main Street Mommas' cookout, to have access to power downtown, and if it was alright if FFA hosted their goat roping event at the City Park. The council okayed all the requests.

Ty Gaines approached the council on behalf of the Madison Recreation Commission. He requested city funds to run electricity to the batting cages, and to make minor electrical repairs at the ballfields. After acquiring pricing, the total came up to be approximately \$5,000.00. Jennifer made the first motion to budget up to \$5,000.00 to the Recreation Commission. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Matthew Knobloch offered to haul the storm siren from Eureka to Madison and asked where the council would like it installed. The council would like to receive public comments from citizens to get opinions on where it should be located. The council thanked Matthew for his willingness to haul in the siren.

Clerk and Treasurer Reports: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart, reported that Kansas Gas Service estimated a price of \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 to install a gas line to the water tower to support a generator. The city is awaiting a response from Southern Star, who have a gas main close to that location. No decisions were made.

A list of computers was presented to the council to stream meetings on Zoom. The computers presented were: HP Pavillion Desktop Computer for \$519.00, Dell OptiPlex 3000 for \$893.99, Lenovo IdeaCentre Mini 5 Computer for \$599.00, Dell OptiPlex 3000 Micro Computer for \$699.00, and a Lenovo Desktop Computer for \$1,185.00. The council voted to purchase the Lenovo IdeaCentre Mini 5 Computer for \$599.00. Daryl

made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 5-0. This computer has double the SSD than the other computers listed, at 512 SSD, and has 16 GB as recommended by Century Business Technologies.

Victoria presented feedback received from the public regarding the electric campsites at the lake. Many individuals have requested that when you reach your 7-day limit of camping, you should be required to leave the lake for a certain amount of time before camping again, to give others an opportunity to camp at that location. She explained that currently, campers are switching spots with each other or just moving over to a new spot when they reach the 7 days. The council was not in favor of campers monopolizing the spots but would like to receive public comment on the issue. They also discussed accepting reservations and would also like to receive public comment on that idea as well. Marcie did state that some people may disagree with having to make reservations if they had to do it months in advance, as people may not know if they will be able to go camping that far ahead in time. The council also discussed electrical issues at the camping spots.

Reports from the Governing Body: The council voted to approve a brushed aluminum Pledge of Allegiance sign for City Hall in the amount of \$95.00. Daryl made the first motion of approval. Jody seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The council reviewed a revised quote from APAC regarding previously approved street work to be completed this year. The original approved quote is \$79,535.39 to chip and seal portions of Lincoln Street, 4th street, and McCurry Street. Bob Kimberlin attended a previous meeting to express concerns for his health if McCurry was chip and sealed. He stated that breathing in dust the project will produce might cause him severe issues. The Council requested a new quote from APAC using puff shale or another material that would not produce as much dust. APAC reported that puff shale was too light of a material to use on McCurry but provided a quote using chat material. This brought the price up by \$1,694.70, making the total \$81,230.99. APAC also stated to Earl Murphy previously that they could fog seal McCurry the very next day they chip and sealed it, so that dust would not be blowing towards Bob's house for days or weeks. The council voted to stay with the original quote and to have it fog sealed the day after chip and seal. Earl made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The council also discussed budgeting money over a span of three to four years to begin replacing boards on the depot deck and potholes on highway 99 in town.

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