

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 6th, 2019

Call to Order: Council President Earl Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present: Samantha Watts, Nick Cherry, Daryl May and Earl Murphy. Mayor Paul Dean arrived to the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart and City Treasurer, Michael Bartlow.

Public: Tammy Seimears with Madison News and Bob Kimberlin.

Approval of Agenda: Samantha made the first motion. Nick seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Approval of Minutes for April 15th, 2019: Samantha made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable: Nick made the first motion. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Water Adjustments: Samantha made the first motion. Nick seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum: Bob Kimberlin approached the board with concerns of residents burning their fields. He stated that the field south of Dollar General was recently burned and the smoke was thick, blowing into his house to where he and his wife could not return home for several hours. Paul agreed with Bob, saying that he had noticed the smoke too. Bob asked why burning is allowed in Madison. Paul replied that burning for agriculture and haying purposes is allowed and burning it was not against any legislature. He continued, telling Bob he agrees that they should have chosen different weather conditions to burn in, and that the City can kindly ask them to burn when the wind blows south from now on.

Clerk and Treasurer Reports: Michael Bartlow, City Treasurer, presented the March 2019 financial reports. He stated that the City's cash position is higher than it has been in the last three years by \$30,000.00. He also reported that the Sewer fund is often in a negative balance, but is now in a positive position and should remain that way for the rest of the year, including the capital improvement fund being transferred each month versus at the end of the year. The Bond and Interest fund is still collecting money but it will be transferred out at the end of the year as the account is technically closed. Michael then asked the Council when they would like to have the Preliminary Budget Hearing. The first meeting in June was decided. Michael asked everyone to think of any special projects or expenditures that will need to be worked into the 2020 budget. Mayor Paul Dean mentioned setting money aside for the Demolition Assistance Program and sidewalk reconstruction assistance. Murphy suggested budgeting for sewer lining and generators. Samantha Watts suggested street repair.

City Clerk, Victoria Stewart handed out a survey to be completed by each councilmember, asking questions regarding community development needs. This survey has been provided by the KS Department of Commerce. After reviewing and compiling the answers, they will join a City meeting and present grants and opportunities that may help with the City needs. Citizens are welcome to take the survey as well.

Reports from the Governing Body: Earl Murphy discussed the need of a generator at the sewer plant. He presented the cost of purchasing and installing a new one at \$29,323.48 between the purchase of the generator from Miller Hardware and the installation by Gerald Schumann. Paul Dean stated that we should keep looking into fixing the one that we have. The Council also reviewed a letter from KCAMP, addressing our flood coverage. They also discussed recent issues with A-1 Pump and Jet Services. When A-1 was called to solve a sewer problem in a line, they did not have the crawler camera that was needed, and the City had to call Mayer to fix other issues that

arose. It was agreed to keep their bill on accounts payable and go forward with the payment along with Mayer's, but to speak with A-1 and make sure they have a crawler camera from this point forward.

Adjournment: Samantha made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick seconded. Motion carried 4-0.