

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 7th, 2018

Call to Order: Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Council members present were Samantha Watts, Daryl May and Earl Murphy. Nick Cherry and Evan Casey were absent.

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

Public: Tammy Seimears with The Madison News, Wilma Hess, Linda Gruber, Jody Thomas and Bob Kimberlin.

Approval of Agenda: First motion was made by Daryl. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Approval of Minutes of Meeting for April 16th, 2018: Daryl made the first motion of approval. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting for April 25th, 2018: Earl made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable: Daryl made the first motion. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Water Adjustments: Samantha made the first motion of approval. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Open Forum

Bob Kimberlin approached the board to inquire the status on the street signs to be installed on McCurry Street. He was informed that the City does not have the signs yet, but plans are set to order and install the signs. He also mentioned a "Trucks Entering Roadway" sign had been removed from a street and asked if it could be replaced. The sign is still intact and Paul Dean stated it could be re-installed as the Council had voted in the past to have all signs that were removed to be reinstated to their locations.

Linda Gruber and Wilma Hess approached the Council to address their concerns on a lot behind their properties. Their concerns included overgrowth of noxious weeds, inappropriate items found on the ground, trespassers, dead trees and brush, all of which are causing potential fire and health hazards. Mayor Paul Dean informed Linda and Wilma that this property is on the City's list of violations to be sent out on May 8th and the City will be attempting to address the owners with an Order of Violation to clean up their lot. He then explained the process on how the City does so. Wilma asked if the City still owned the alley that goes through this particular lot and was informed that it was not, as it has been vacated.

Clerk & Treasurer Reports

City Treasurer, Michael Bartlow, presented March 2018's financial reports. He stated that the City's cash position is the lowest it has been in four years, but it was not a cause of concern. The cash position started off lower than usual this year due to capital expenditures. The Sewer and Special Highway Funds are both in negative balances due to upfront costs on projects, but this also was not a cause for alarm and that these numbers should balance back to normal by the end of the year. His advice to the City was to keep the mill levy similar to what it is now and try to build up reserves for future projects. The City will also have a bond completely paid off this year and another bond paid off within 12 months.

Reports from the Governing Body

Mayor Paul Dean brought up discussion of the ball fields. It was decided to order and apply the red dirt to the fields after the season is over because there may not be enough time to finish it before this season starts. When the dirt is ordered, it will be three truckloads at an estimated cost of \$1,092.00 per load. Paul also made a motion to purchase a backstop and fence at the price of \$9,602.13 for the baseball fields. This price was also only available for a short amount of time and would rise after this offer expired. Earl made the first motion of approval of purchase. Daryl May seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Paul Dean asked the Council for the following appointments to be made to the Library Board: Angela Wolgram – Secretary, Ann Galbraith – Vice-Chairman, Amanda Ballard – Member, Sarah Adams – Member, Karen Engle – Chairman, Jolene Haas – Treasurer, Jennifer Boles – Member, and Mayor Paul Dean – Ex officio member. Daryl made the first motion of approval. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Council reviewed a list of violations to be sent out on May 8th. These violations included names, addresses, and pictures of properties, each being looked at individually. All violations were approved to be sent out. Daryl May made the first motion of approval. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Animal registration fines were also reviewed. These fines are assessed to pet owners who have not registered their animals with the City by March 31st of each year and the cost is \$75.00. Daryl made the first motion to issue fines. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Paul Dean issued Victoria Stewart, City Clerk, as the new Designated Agent for KPERS. Earl Murphy reported that the City has been working on Paul Mohesky's water line and also handed out a list of responsibilities that are fulfilled by the City maintenance employees, James Paugh and Corey Stutesman. He stated that he did not think people realized how many responsibilities the City employees fulfill.

Adjournment

Daryl made the first motion to adjourn. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.