

## **City of Madison**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Council President Earl Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Samantha Watts, Daryl May, and Nick Cherry. Paul Dean arrived to the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

Public: Tammy Seimears with The Madison News, Jody Thomas, Kenny Short, Diana Buchman, Kelly Buchman, and Janice Steinbach.

**Approval of Agenda:** First motion made by Samantha. Second motion made by Nick. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes of Meeting for June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** Nick made the first motion of approval. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

### **Open Forum**

Janice Steinbach approached the board to discuss parking at the Senior Center. She requested two handicapped signs be placed on each side of the front entrance. She explained that individuals who deliver Meals on Wheels have a difficult time getting in and out of the building as they need the ramp and closer access to the entrance. Citizens with disabilities are also in need of a closer place to park when they visit the Senior Center. The Council agreed that the requested handicapped signs could be installed.

Kelly and Diana Buchman attended the meeting to check on the status of their Elrod deed. They were informed that the deed will be ready by June 29<sup>th</sup> and they can begin work anytime.

Kenneth Short asked the Council if anything had been decided on McKinley Street yet. Samantha stated that widening McKinley to 60 feet would be a good start to fixing the issue with parking and for traffic safety. Mayor Paul Dean agreed, saying that widening the street would be the first step before making any other decisions on the situation. Parking would not need to be restricted if the streets are 60 feet wide.

Janice Steinbach brought up issues with 4<sup>th</sup> Street, explaining that the trash trucks are doing damages to that road. The Council discussed possible options in abating this situation and to look into fixing damages that have already been done.

### **Clerk & Treasurer Reports**

Treasurer Michael Bartlow first presented the 2018 May Financial Report. Cash is still at a low balance but that is due to previous projects. Special Highway is in a negative balance but it will correct itself once

the gas reimbursement is received. Capital improvement fund may need to be redefined to the general fund in the future.

Michael then summarized a review of the 2019 budget with several options discussed for the upcoming 2019 Budget Hearing. The Council requested Michael to prepare different presentations for each option, such as lowering the mill levy versus keeping it the same. He will have these presentations ready for the next meeting where the Council will decide details on the budget for the hearing on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Paul Dean requested Public Comment during the next meeting while the budget is being discussed.

Questions were raised regarding the State Trooper's police housing allowance. Paul Dean clarified that having a trooper in town is good back up for our local police officers and that it is beneficial to have a Highway Patrol Officer living in our county. He also stated that the City is at their max capacity of officers for police housing allowances.

### **Reports from the Governing Body**

Samantha asked when the Rec Commission could start building the fence. Paul stated that the concrete needs to be ordered and the fence can be started anytime once it arrives. Samantha also asked if the Rec Commission could use a shipping container for storage at the ball fields, it would be on a gravel pad and strapped down with tornado straps to secure it. The Council was not against this, however, they suggested the Rec Commission use the back of the old Madison News building for storage instead. The Council and Sheriff Heath Samuels are also interested in turning the front of the building into an office for the Greenwood County Sheriff's Department. It was discussed to wall off the building inside between the officers and the Rec Commission to not allow access to either side through the inside of the building. Earl Murphy also brought up the old Newman's Health Clinic on Main Street, informing everyone that it has been offered to the City for free. Mayor Paul Dean said he would like to look into more details concerning the offer but that it could be a good opportunity. The Council discussed allowing Main Street Mamas to use it as their headquarters and for events if they were interested. Samantha stated that Main Street Mamas has shown interest in this building in the past. It was also mentioned that since Newman Regional Health is a nonprofit organization, the tax roll will not be effected if given to another nonprofit organization.

The Council reviewed and approved pending violation notices. Daryl made the first motion to approve violations. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council also discussed the carwash sewer rates and a resident who had previous issues with their water pressure.

**Approval of Annual Advantage Computer Jayhawk Court Software Contract:** Nick made the first motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$375.00 for one year. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

There was no Executive Session held as originally listed on the Agenda.

### **Adjournment**

Earl made the first motion to adjourn. Nick seconded. Motion carried 4-0.