

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

July 2nd, 2018

Call to Order: Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Council members present were Samantha Watts, Daryl May, and Earl Murphy. Nick Cherry arrived to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart. Michael Bartlow phoned into the meeting during discussion of the 2019 Budget.

Public: Tammy Seimears with The Madison News, Jody Thomas, Bob Kimberlin, Mike Cordell and Jacob Kingery.

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

Approval of Minutes of Meeting for June 20th, 2018: Samantha made the first motion of approval. Earl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting for June 22nd, 2018: Earl made the first motion. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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

Open Forum

There was no Open Forum discussion.

Clerk & Treasurer Reports

Michael Bartlow phoned into the meeting to discuss the budget options for 2019. The Council had packets to review for each option, which were either lowering the mill levy or keeping it the same. Michael explained the outcomes and possibilities for each decision. Earl Murphy stated that he was not in favor of lowering the mill levy due to work needed on the City's streets and sewer system. Paul Dean was also cautious of lowering it in case of unforeseen circumstances such as a tornado. He also mentioned that raising the mill levy is difficult after lowering it because of new tax lids laws that went into effect in 2016. Tammy Seimears expressed her opinion of lowering the mill levy, as the Council had promised in the past. The mill levy was lowered ten mills last year, but resulted in only a two mill drop, due to the school raising theirs. Paul said that there are valid reasons to decide on either option, and he would like to compromise by lowering the mill levy, but not as low as what was presented. He said that there would still be a reduction in taxes. He asked the Council to review the budget proposals until the next meeting and they will decide what to do then. The budget hearing has been scheduled for August 6th, 2018.

City Clerk, Victoria Stewart, informed the Council that the Gilberts would like to donate their property to a non-profit organization and asked the Council if they had any ideas of who would be interested. Samantha said that she would talk to the Healthier Greenwood Coalition to see if they were interested but they would not be able to own the land. There are also individuals who are interested in the property, but they are not a part of an organization.

Reports from the Governing Body

Mayor Paul Dean reported that a conduit is damaged at the ballpark bathrooms and it needs to be fixed. He presented pictures of the damage.

Earl informed the Council that he had inspected the damaged portion of 4th Street caused by the trash truck. He suggested he and the two other residents on that street dump their trash in the dumpster downtown, while still paying for trash services, instead of having polycarts at their house to prevent the trash truck from continuing to drive down that street. Paul suggested that each resident take their polycarts to the corner of the street next to Elm, to keep the truck from having to drive on the damaged side of the street. Earl replied that the trash truck would still be driving in the same spot each time, but they could see if it would work. He also said he would talk to those who reside there and see what they would like to do.

Earl reported that he and Charlie Gowen inspected McKinley Street between 2nd and 3rd Street to assess what would need to be done to widen McKinley in that area. Gowen advised to Earl that it would be a bad idea to widen McKinley, because the street is in good shape as is and they would have to tear up the whole section of that street to widen it. It would also be very expensive, costing \$12,000-\$15,000 to re-do the street and would not be in as good of shape after it was finished. Paul Dean stated that KDOT paves the sides of streets to widen them all of the time, and they do not have to tear up the existing street and would like to look into that option. Samantha Watts mentioned widening 2nd street as well and the Council discussed possible ways to accomplish that. No decisions were made.

The Council also discussed a dilapidated trailer on Sherman Street and would like to have it removed. It is considered an unfit structure according to City code, and is causing issues with the sale of properties around it.

Earl reported that Rich Door Company will be fixing the fire barn doors as it was the lowest cost but with good quality and service.

Adjournment

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