

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 19th, 2019

Call to Order: Council President Earl Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Council Members present: Earl Murphy, Nick Cherry and Samantha Watts. Mayor Paul Dean arrived to the meeting at 7: 45 p.m. Daryl May was absent.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart. James Paugh arrived to the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Public: Tammy Seimears with the Madison News, Rosemary McGuire, Michael Cordell, Jody Thomas and Bob Kimberlin.

Approval of Agenda: Samantha made the first motion. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Approval of Minutes for August 5th, 2019: Samantha made the first motion. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Open Forum: Rosemary approached the Council and first stated that the paint job at the pool that was accomplished this year was fantastic and thanked the board. She also mentioned that the new paint seemed to help with the chemicals as they used less this year. She reported that the bath house floor needs refinished, pool tile walls need replaced and a grate need reinforced. The basketball goal was very popular this year but is already broken and she asked the Council to look into a more durable and permanent one. She also brought up the pool slide and the need for a new one. Earl Murphy stated that the City has been looking around at new pool slides.

Bob Kimberlin asked the board if there were any plans for street work on McCurry. Earl Murphy responded that he will be meeting with APAC to get bids on street work around town but Oak Street is a top priority as the City has promised to fix it after all of the sewer work that has been done in that area. Bob asked the Council not to choose chip and seal for McCurry because the rocks come out of the chip and seal and lay on the road.

Michael Cordell approached the Council regarding the tether law under Animal Control laws. Cordell would like to change the ordinance to allow tethering a dog at any given time length versus the current one hour maximum/any reasonable time limit given by an animal control officer. He presented a new ordinance example for the council to review. The proposed law had stipulations such as allowing the animal to walk at least eight feet, the tether must have swivels on both ends to prevent tangling, a proper collar, not allowing the animal to reach a stationary object that can either cause the animal to get entangled in it or to jump over it and cause hanging. Cordell also pointed out that if a dog was being tied up and neglected, it would be considered abuse and would become a police matter. Mayor Paul Dean stated he would like to have Public Comment on the current and proposed ordinances at the next meeting.

James Paugh attended the meeting to ask the Council if the ditch on Lincoln was the City's responsibility or that of the homeowners/tenants. Paul responded that he and Earl Murphy have measured it and it was technically the State's responsibility but they will not take care of it. Other ditches were discussed and Paul stated that any ditches with drainage or easements through the City should be the City's responsibility but natural ditches should be the property owners. James also mentioned there is damage under third street and Highway 58 that could cause issues in the future.

Clerk and Treasurer Reports: There were no reports.

Reports from the Governing Body: Samantha Watts reported that someone approached her about the City installing a sidewalk around the Dollar General as there is a lot of foot traffic since it has been opened. The City will look into it. Earl Murphy reported that the sewer line on McCurry has been fixed. He also stated that the alley there needs more gravel especially if the trash truck is using it. It was unsure between council members on if the trash truck is or should be using it. Paul Dean reported that in order to extend the water and sewer lines, an engineer will have to draw plans for the State of Kansas to approve before construction can proceed. Paul then asked for bid requests to be sent out to engineers. Samantha Watts inquired about the street sweepers, no street sweepers have been found at this time.

The Council reviewed and approved two violation notices.

The Council approved Resolution 1902 to mow the property at 221 S. 1st St. Nick made the first motion. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment: Earl made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.