

**City of Madison**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart. City Treasurer, Michael Bartlow, arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Public: Tammy Seimears with The Madison News, Gloria McDowell with SCKEDD, Mark Watts, Jody Thomas, and James Andrew.

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

Mayor Paul Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**Public Hearing: CDBG Resolutions for Submittal and Public Comment:** Mayor Paul Dean opened the public hearing at 7:05 for comments regarding the CDBG grant. No comments were made. Paul Dean closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Gloria McDowell, with SCKEDD, presented several items. The first item was Resolution 1710 certifying the legal authority to apply for the 2019 Kansas small cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce and authorizing Mayor Paul Dean to sign and submit the application. Paul Dean asked for authority to sign the Resolution. Daryl May made the first motion. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 4-0 and the Resolution was passed. The second item was Resolution 1711 assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the Madison water system to be financed with the Community Development Block Grant funds. Paul Dean was granted authority to sign the Resolution. Daryl made the first motion. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Gloria then presented a contract between SCKEDD and the City of Madison, allowing SCKEDD to provide grant administration services to Madison, which will be null and void if the grant is not approved and funded. The contract states that the City agrees to pay SCKEDD \$20,000.00 for administrative services in applying for the CDBG waterline replacement grant. Daryl made the first motion to approve the contact. Nick seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The contract was signed by Mayor Paul Dean. A disclosure report, level of review, statement of assurances, and anti-dislocation plan was also signed.

## **Open Forum**

Jody Thomas stated to the Council that there was an inoperable vehicle across the street from her house. It has two flat tires and is taking up half of the street. City Clerk, Victoria Stewart, informed Jody that a violation notice has been issued to the owner of the vehicle.

Mark Watts approached the board to let them know that he received the violation letter for his trailer that needs removed. He stated that he has been working on it and it is torn down, but requested a 60 day extension for his deadline to get it completely removed. Mayor Paul Dean called for a 10 minute recess at 7:23 p.m. to review the property on-site. Earl made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The Council personally looked at the progress of the trailer. Paul Dean re-opened the meeting to the public at 7:31 p.m. After reviewing the property, it was decided to give Mark a thirty (30) day extension, with an agreement to get the insulation contained and removed as soon as possible to prevent it from blowing onto other people's properties. It was also mentioned that the septic tank needs to be taken care of as well, as those are not legal in Madison. Earl made the first motion to approve a thirty (30) day extension to Mark Watts. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

James Andrew approached the board to state that the asphalt on West Sherman is falling into the ditch, and that the ditch needs filled with rock as it is also dangerous. Paul Dean mentioned that the street needs to be widened in the future. Mark Watts mentioned that Sherman is supposed to be 82 feet wide. Nick made the first motion to have rock hauled in to fill the ditches. Earl made the second motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Clerk & Treasurer Reports**

Michael Bartlow, City Treasurer, presented the July 2018 Financial Reports. He began by stating that we spent less than \$60,000.00 this year than what we have brought in but that we tend to spend more in the last few months of the fiscal year than at the beginning. He also mentioned that the Special Highway fund is still in a negative balance, but as explained at previous meetings, this is due to capital improvements and we will recap most of it when we receive all gas payments. Though we will recap most of it, we will still be short and will need to do a transfer from the water fund of \$2,000.00 at some point this year. Michael also presented a schedule of annual cash receipts and disbursements from 2015-present. The Council reviewed it and thanked Mike for all of his work.

## **Reports from the Governing Body**

A contract with Schwab and Eaton was proposed to the Council stating that the City agrees to grant Schwab and Eaton the permission of providing engineering and inspection services. Mayor Paul Dean stated that he would like to review this further before signing.

Paul asked if this would be a good time to start getting red dirt on the baseball fields. Councilmember Samantha Watts replied that the fields were ready, but the field on the hill didn't necessarily need the red dirt. Mayor Dean thought it would still be good to use because it will dry the field out. He stated that the Council had voted on the red dirt, so it needed to be done. Samantha also mentioned that the field by the City park still needs the fence finished. She continued, stating that Tony Haag has been doing an immense amount of work for the fields with no compensation and has been generously donating his time and effort. Mayor Dean replied that the City should compensate him but an amount was not discussed at that time.

Samantha Watts brought up lights for the field. A tournament in Madison is not possible until lights are installed at the fields by the park. Dean said that the City should look at Purple Wave and see if there are any available at a reasonable price. He would also like to look into grants that provide ballfield improvements.

Samantha Watts spoke on behalf of Main Street Mammias. She informed everyone that Fall Fest will be on September 29<sup>th</sup> this year and asked about dropping lines around town for electricity. Daryl May made the first motion to approve all Fall Fest requests that have been approved in previous years. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0, with Samantha abstaining.

Earl Murphy relayed to the Council that the pool motor had to be replaced and asked if we should get a back-up motor. The Council agreed that it would be a good idea.

Paul reported that he has been working on a grant for generators that is available through the County and County Emergency Management team. These would be portable plug-in generators that would be supplied to the City if the need ever arises. The City would be responsible for transfer switches and determining locations. Earl mentioned that the sewer plant needs a permanent generator versus a portable one. Paul replied he was interested in getting generators dedicated to certain locations, including the sewer plant and the Sauder Center.

Samantha Watts asked about the disrepair of the slide at the City pool. A company has been contacted for a quote on getting the slide fixed. Earl said that Rosemary wants the entire surface of the pool floor sandblasted and re-painted. Paul agreed that it needed to be done and asked Victoria to get quotes on the work. The City would like to get it sandblasted this Fall. Earl also mentioned that there is a leak at the pool and someone should hopefully be pinpointing where it is when they empty out the pool and close it down.

### **Adjournment**

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