

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 8th, 2020

Call to Order: Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members present: Jody Thomas, Earl Murphy, and Daryl May. Nick Cherry and Samantha Watts were absent. Members attended via video communication.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart

Public: Ryann Brooks with Madison News, Evan Casey, Kay Christopher and Bob Kimberlin.

Approval of Agenda: Daryl made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes for August 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting: Earl made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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

Open Forum

Public Comment: New Development Project – Mayor Paul Dean opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM. Bob Kimberlin approached the Governing Body to voice his opposition to the new development project south of Bluestem Drive. He first stated that projects such as these end up costing more money than anticipated, and that money could go towards things the City already has, or to redevelop empty houses or lots already in town. He also stated that tax payers owning 20k and 30k homes would be paying for people to own 100k homes and that if they do decide to develop the area, the residents who will live there should be responsible for the sewer and water line installation and then the City should take over maintenance once it is complete. He also mentioned the native grass that grows in the area, and he would hate to see it destroyed.

Earl Murphy gave his public comment and stated that he agreed with a lot of what Bob said, but he would like to see a final cost on the entire project. Earl also said that he thinks the City needs more public comments.

Kay Christopher agreed that the project will be very costly.

Mayor Paul Dean closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM.

Victoria spoke on behalf of Jaffar Agha with the Emporia Police Department. He requested Emporia's Police Department use of the Madison City Lake as a checkpoint for a bike ride the department is having. The Council agreed that it would be fine.

Paul Dean spoke on behalf of the Lamont Wesleyan Church requesting to use the shelter house by the dock at the lake for an event they are holding. The reservation is September 27th, 2020. The Council agreed with the reservation.

Victoria spoke on behalf and read an email from Nadine Conner with Great Plains Search and Rescue K9 Inc. Nadine requested to use the City Lake for training purposes for the dogs. People are also invited to come watch. The Council stated that as long as the City's insurance company was okay with it, they could hold the training at the lake. They also requested to let the Greenwood County Sheriff's Department know.

Kay Christopher spoke to the Council about her water pressure. She stated that she has had three different plumbers service her house and has replaced a couple of pipes and she cannot get adequate water pressure. The Council explained that things were checked out on the City side and everything was normal, so whatever problem was going on was in her house and her responsibility. It was then decided that the City would investigate the issue one more time, the following morning, with Kay there so she could see what was going on and see how the City tests it. Kay also had concerns with the water quality.

Clerk and Treasurer Reports: There was nothing to report.

Reports from the Governing Body: The Council approved the purchase of a new weed eater for 239.95. Earl made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Council approved the purchase of four new doghouses for the dog pound in the amount of \$299.96. Daryl made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Council approved a list of violations. Daryl made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

A building permit application was approved.

The Council voted to open the City Hall doors back up as installments for the safety of visitors and employees have been completed. These installations were precautionary measures for Covid-19. Daryl made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meetings will also take place in person, but Zoom will still be an option for those who would prefer to attend online. City Hall will also have masks available for anyone who may need them.

The Council also discussed locations for the hand sanitizing stations, looking at quotes for security cameras at the lake, and road repairs.

Adjournment: Daryl made the first motion. Jody seconded. Motion carried 3-0.