

## City of Madison

### Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Call to Order:** Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Councilmembers present: Council President Earl Murphy, Nick Cherry and Samantha Watts. Daryl May was absent.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart.

Public: Tammy Seimears with the Madison News, Bob Kimberlin, Jody Thomas, Theresa Pryor, Mike Peroo, Drew Huber and Beverly Huber.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes for October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** Samantha made the first motion. Earl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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

### Open Forum

Audit Report for 2018: Auditor Mike Peroo presented the 2018 Audit Report. He reported that 2018 was a fantastic year for Madison and that the accounting side of the City is handled very well. He stated that the City's cash position, assessed values and cash margin ratio are all great. Taxes per capita, total taxes and total receipts slightly dropped but that was partly due to overall taxes dropping. The annual growth rate of the City's cash position in 2018 rose 11.70% from 2017. Cash ratio and cash to debt ratio was very strong and the cash margin ratio was decent. He stated that the sewer fund has improved and will keep improving as debts have been paid off but it is still financially distressed. He commended the City for approving water adjustments, reporting and documenting information internally and to the State. He recommended that the City start taking an annual inventory of all tools, supplies and equipment. He also stated that the City should start saving back money in a separate fund to use for emergencies such as a piece of equipment breaking down.

Theresa Pryor presented plans to the Council to enlarge and add on to a building on a plot of land she just purchased. She requested that the water and sewer lines be moved to the back of her property. She also asked if she could make her sidewalk longer and curb it at the end of her property. Mayor Paul Dean stated that he would like to look at the property before making any decisions. Theresa would like to open two businesses on this plot.

Beverly and Drew Huber approached the Council regarding a water leak issue. They said a combination of the water pressure on their end of town and their two inch meter is causing the problem. The Council said the City could install a regular water meter and also install a pressure reducer to see if that would help the situation. The Hubers are required to purchase the meter.

**Clerk and Treasurer Reports:** There was nothing to report.

**Reports from the Governing Body:** Earl Murphy reported that the coax cable needs replaced at the water plant. The coax cable is approximately 500 feet long. Nick stated that MT Networks had some on hand and could probably sell one to the City. Earl also mentioned some fittings going out at the water plant and is in the process of trying to figure out how to get it fixed. The Council discussed roads that need repaired next year, such as Grant and McKinley. They also reported citizens seem very happy with the street work that was recently completed.

**Adjournment:** Nick made the first motion. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.