

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 21st, 2018

Call to Order: Council President Earl Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Council members present were Samantha Watts and Nick Cherry. Daryl May and Evan Casey were absent. Paul Dean arrived at meeting at 7:05 p.m.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart.

Public: Tammy Seimears with The Madison News, Jody Thomas, Michael Jennings, Kelly and Diana Buchman, Ezequiel and Sandra Villarreal, Carolyn Henery, Teresa Trester, and Jake Kingery.

Approval of Agenda: First motion made by Samantha. Nick seconded. Motion 3-0.

Pledge of Allegiance: Earl Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting for May 7th, 2018: Samantha made the first motion of approval. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting for May 16th, 2018: Nick made the first motion. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Open Forum

Carolyn Henery and Michael Jennings approached the board to discuss McKinley Street. They would like a No Parking sign placed between 2nd and 3rd street on McKinley. Carolyn stated that it is dangerous when people park there and she also has an issue with individuals parking in her grass. Michael Jennings expressed the same concerns, also stating that there is a blind spot at the intersection. Earl Murphy said that they will look at the streets and do an assessment of possibilities for improving safety in that area. Mayor Paul Dean announced he would like Public Comments on this issue so the City may receive more information, concerns, opinions and ideas from citizens.

Sandra and Ezequiel Villarreal approached the board to inform them of their plans to fix the roof of their property on Main Street. The Council thanked them for coming and agreed with their plan. Sandra also mentioned that there are many instances of people speeding down Lincoln Street. Paul Dean stated that the City will make the Sheriff's Department aware of this situation.

Kelly and Diana Buchman asked the Council if they can acquire two lots on Elrod and have their new home built in the middle of both of them. They also questioned what the next step was to continue the process. The Council did not disagree with having the house built on two lots, but the agreement requires more specifications to be provided before moving forward. Diana and Kelly let the Council know that they will bring those to City Hall as soon as possible.

The Madison Imagination Library requested a donation of a Family Pool Pass from the City of Madison. Nick made the first motion of approval. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Madison Days requested free swimming at the pool from noon to 5 pm on the Friday of Madison Days, porta-potties, dumpsters, bleachers and picnic tables moved for seating, use of electricity, a city worker to be available to help set up the event, a contact number from City personnel in case an issue arises during the weekend, non-glass open containers allowed starting on Main Street and the NW corner of Forum to the Park, barricades set up for Friday's Cruise Night, and barricades for Madison Days on Saturday. All requests were approved on account of the City getting a better specified location for open containers. First motion of approval by Samantha. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk & Treasurer Reports

City Clerk Victoria Stewart informed the Council that Lance Evans requested that they know he is getting a Bobcat to clean up debris on his property.

Reports from the Governing Body

Mayor Paul Dean explained that ordinances apply equally to both businesses and residential properties, with the exception of land inside the city that is used for haying. He also informed the Council that the fence materials for the ball fields have been shipped in. Earl Murphy addressed the curb by Forum Energy and that it needed to be fixed as soon as possible. The Council agreed with him and it was decided to hire out the work to complete it in a timely manner. There was also discussion of the NRCS project.

Paul Dean presented a resignation letter from Evan Casey. He voiced his gratitude towards Evan and also requested the City have a plaque made for him, thanking him for all of his time and dedication he has given to the City throughout the years.

Adjournment

Nick made the first motion to adjourn. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0.