

**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MADISON, FLORIDA
MAY 9, 2017**

The City Commission met in a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor/Commissioner Rayne Cooks (District 1), Commissioner Ina Thompson (District 2), Commissioner Jim Catron (District 3), Commissioner James E. Stanley, Jr. (District 4), and Commissioner Judy Townsend (District 5) were present.

City staff present were: Tim Bennett-City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, Clay Schnitker-City Attorney, Bruce Jordan-Fire Chief, Reginald Alexander-Police Chief, Efrem Edwards-Police Captain, Chuck Hitchcock-Director of Community Development, and Mike Smith-Natural Gas Superintendent.

Mr. Warren Irwin spoke during Citizens Participation concerning crime in his neighborhood.

Ms. Jennifer Johnson briefed the commission concerning the upcoming Madison Community Health Assessment Summit on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Commissioner Catron moved to adopt the agenda; as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanley and passed 5-0. (Agenda item #15 "Scheduling of an Appeal regarding a Personnel Disciplinary Matter" was removed from the agenda.)

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of April 11, 2017, (b) Minutes of Special Meeting of April 17, 2017, (c) Fire/Rescue Department Report, (d) Police Department Report, and (e) Amended Minutes of February 14, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanley and passed 5-0.

City Manager Tim Bennett introduced Warden Darryl Collins the new Warden at Madison Correctional Institution.

Mr. Richard Powell, of Powell and Jones, presented and reviewed the city's Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. Commissioner Catron moved to accept the Report and to include pages 81 and 82 of the Report as an attachment to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanley and passed 5-0.

Director of Community Development Chuck Hitchcock briefed the commissioners concerning the budget for the FRDAP/USTA project at Lanier Field.

Director of Community Development Chuck Hitchcock discussed the pros and cons of allowing loft living in the downtown area. After discussion, Commissioner Catron moved to direct staff to notify North Central Florida Regional Planning Council to begin the process to amend the zoning to allow loft living in the downtown area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

Natural Gas Superintendent Mike Smith briefed the commission concerning two upcoming letters to Natural Gas customers. He advised that one letter concerns natural gas safety awareness and customer responsibility and the other letter is an excess flow valve availability notice.

Police Chief Reginald Alexander discussed the Madison County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan, which involves the Madison County Sheriff's Office and City of Madison Police Department acting in concert to ensure individuals on an involuntary Baker Act/Marchman Act obtain immediate access to acute care services. City Manager Bennett advised that city and county staff would prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address details of the county and city collaboration in the program and the MOU would be presented to the county and city commission for review and possible approval.

Commissioner Catron moved to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2017-9 –A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL EMPLOYEES, APPLICANTS, EMPLOYEES OF ITS CONTRACTORS AND PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2017-10 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS, REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

City Manager Bennett gave a Code Enforcement update and the Financial Report.

Commissioner Catron moved to amend the agenda to add "Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board and the Code Enforcement Board". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Catron moved to appoint Phillip Wilkerson as a member and Clayte McWilliams as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Board for a four year term ending May, 2021 and Steve Hart as a member of the Code Enforcement Board for a four year term ending May, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Catron moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Townsend. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rayne J. Cooks, Mayor/Commissioner

Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk

