

**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MADISON, FLORIDA
MAY 9, 2023**

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

City staff present were: Jerome Wyche-City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, Clay Schnitker-City Attorney, Tyrone Edwards-Police Captain, Mark Joost-Police Sergeant, MyKayla Ware-Police Patrol Officer, Bruce Jordan-Fire Chief, David Floyd-Director of Public Works, and Mary Graham-Director of Community Development.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

During Citizens' Participation:

- Brett Lameier discussed the overgrowth of weeds and accumulation of trash on the properties around his business on highway 53 south.
- Ray Mobley expressed appreciation for the city's support of the Madison County Recreation Association.
- Sim Alexander discussed the salaries of the city's police officers and the removal of the picnic tables from Sumpter James Park.
- Vera Hill discussed the removal of the picnic tables from Sumpter James Park.
- Jennifer Poore thanked the city for its support of Down Home Days.
- Annette Reed encouraged all in attendance to report any observances of misconduct in the city parks.
- Renada McFarland-Revels discussed damage to her lawn.
- Jackie Young discussed the Park Loop water distribution improvements project.
- Linda Jones discussed the removal of the picnic tables from Sumpter James Park.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Poore. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Catron moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of April 11, 2023 Regular City Commission Meeting, (b) Minutes of May 3, 2023 Special Joint Meeting, (c) Department Head Reports, (d) Finance Report, and (e) Resolution No. 2023-1 RECOGNIZING THE MADISON COUNTY RECREATION ASSOCIATION'S CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTIETH OF MAY. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooks and passed 5-0.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Boyz to Kings, Inc. for their continued community support during the Annual Clean-Up Madison Event.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt, on second and final reading, proposed Ordinance No. 2023-1 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA REGULATING AND PROHIBITING THE EMISSION OF HARMFUL NOISE; DECLARING SUCH NOISES TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, COMFORT, CONVENIENCE, SAFETY, WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MADISON; ESTABLISHING AND DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS; ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL CIVIL REMEDIES AND CITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Poore. The meeting was opened for public comments. There were no comments. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to award the bid for the Critical Water System Improvement Project – Part A Public Service Building project to SGS Contracting Services, Inc in the amount of \$2,134,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 4-1. (Commissioners Catron, Cooks, Thompson, and Townsend voted to award; Commissioner Poore voted NOT to award.)

Usage of the city's parks and a process for accountability was discussed. The City Manager and City Attorney were directed to develop a city park policy containing rules and regulations for use of the city's parks to be considered by the Commission.

Deron Roberts and Chris Norris spoke in favor of amending Section 4.11.11 of the Land Development Regulations to remove the offstreet parking requirements for churches in the Central Business District.

Commissioner Poore moved to initiate City of Madison Land Development Regulations Amendment Application LDR 23-02 to amend the text of the Land Development Regulation by amending Section 4.11.11 entitled, Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements to delete the offstreet parking requirements for churches and other houses of worship within the Central Business District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 3-2. (Commissioners Catron, Cooks, and Poore voted to approve; and Commissioners Thompson and Townsend voted NOT to approve.)

The City Manager was directed to contact all non-compliant churches in the Central Business District once LDR 23-02 goes into effect.

Commissioner Townsend moved to initiate City of Madison Land Development Regulations Amendment Application LDR 23-01 concerning Bottle Clubs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooks and passed 5-0.

Florida Department of Health Administrator Kimberly Albritton reviewed a proposal to revitalize and enhance the city's parks through special funding from the Department of Health-Madison. Commissioner Cooks moved to accept the proposal to replace the playground equipment at JC Miller Park and to enhance the Merchant Quarters city owned property to create a fruit garden by adding additional fruit trees and adding two small playground structures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

The City Manager's Report was accepted.

New Patrol Officer MyKayla Ware was introduced.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ina Thompson, Mayor/Commissioner

Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk