**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**MADISON, FLORIDA**

**JULY 8, 2025**

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

City staff present were: Doug Brown-Interim City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, Clay Schnitker-City Attorney, Tyrone Edwards-Police Chief, Chris Cooks-Police Captain, and Bruce Jordan-Fire Chief.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

April Davis, Vera Hill, and Deloris Jones spoke during Citizen’s Participation.

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

Commissioner Akins moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of June 10, 2025 Regular City Commission Meeting, (b) Department Head Reports, (c) Finance Report, and (d) MCDC Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2025-04 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A UTILITY WORK BY HIGHWAY CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Finance Project ID: 210531-3-52-01). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed 5-0.

FCCMA/ICMA Senior Advisor, Mark Ryan gave an update on the progress of the City Manager Recruitment.

A request from Madison RV Resort and Golf Course, LLC for water and wastewater services was discussed. Commissioner Thompson moved to authorize Interim City Manager Brown and City Attorney Schnitker to work with the property owners on the development of a Utility Service Connection Agreement to be reviewed and approved by the City Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to tentatively set Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Millage Rate at 7 mills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Wilson moved to schedule the first public hearing for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget for September 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

No action was taken on a request from Mayor/Commissioner Poore for the initiation of formal discussions with Madison County to transition fire and EMS services to the County.

Commissioner Townsend moved to schedule a special meeting with the city’s fire department personnel for July 29, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. and with the city’s police department personnel for July 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss ideas to improve efficiency and services of the departments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed 5-0.

The City Manager’s Report was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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ATTEST: J. Byron Poore, II, Mayor/Commissioner

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Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk