

**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MADISON, FLORIDA
AUGUST 8, 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, Reggie Alexander-Police Chief, Efreem Edwards-Police Captain, Mike Smith-Natural Gas Department Superintendent, Edward Thompkins-Natural Gas Department, and Tony Hudson-Natural Gas Department.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

During Citizen's Participation, David Lawton discussed grounds keeping in front of his business, and discussed the city's policy concerning the Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Board.

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

Commissioner Stanley moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of July 11, 2017, (b) Fire/Rescue Department Report, (c) Police Department Report, (d) Lease Documents for Public Work's Grapple Truck and Sanitation's Garbage Truck, and (e) Declaration of Surplus Used Water Meters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Scott Harrison with the Youth Tennis Foundation of Florida presented a check for \$2,500.00 to assist with the construction of the tennis courts at Lanier Field.

City Manager Tim Bennett reviewed the results of the Annual Inspection by the Public Service Commission of the city's Natural Gas Department and the department's operations. He commended Natural Gas Department's personnel, Mike Smith, Edward Thompkins, and Tony Hudson for an outstanding job and thanked Shaun Sheffield of Energy Vision for assisting with the inspection.

Police Chief Reggie Alexander briefed the Commission on the impact of illegal drugs on the City of Madison.

Police Chief Alexander discussed the proposed four way stop signs at the intersection of Rutledge and Range and at the intersection of Hancock and Sumter. The Commission expressed their concerns about the proposal.

The Commission discussed the Police Department's take home car program. City staff was directed to prepare a policy for Commission review that would allow officers to take cars home if they lived in the county or adjacent counties.

Commissioner Catron moved to adopt on first reading proposed Ordinance No. 2017-2 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS AND SPECIFICALLY DEFINING A SPECIAL EVENT TO BE BASED UPON THE CAPACITY OF THE EVENT VENUE, TRAFFIC CONGESTION OR

MUNICIPAL RESOURCES REQUIRED TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN THE BODY OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR DEFINED SPECIAL EVENTS; CREATING A DUTY FOR PERSONS OWNING OR CONTROLLING PROPERTY ON WHICH A PERMITTED EVENT HAS EXCEEDED ITS LIMITS OR AN UNPERMITTED SPONTANEOUS SPECIAL EVENT HAS DEVELOPED, AS WELL AS PERSONS ENCOURAGING AN UNPERMITTED, SPONTANEOUS SPECIAL EVENT BY PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, TO MAKE EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE ACTIVITY OR EXCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE ACTIONS TO CONTROL, REDUCE OR TERMINATE THE EVENT AS APPROPRIATE; PROVIDING FOR THE NATURE OR ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT; ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE BY WHICH FEES AND APPLICATIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY FOR REVIEW; REQUIRING A PRE-PERMIT CONFERENCE; PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL SERVICES FEE; SPECIFYING THE GROUNDS UPON WHICH A PERMIT MAY BE DENIED; SPECIFYING TIMELINES FOR CITY ACTION ON A PERMIT APPLICATION; PROVIDING APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO APPEAL DENIAL OF A PERMIT OR THE SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE AMOUNT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES FEE REQUESTED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL AS WELL AS SEPARATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; PROVIDING THAT IF TWO OR MORE UNPERMITTED SPECIAL EVENTS OCCUR AT THE SAME LOCATION WITHIN A TWENTY FOUR (24) MONTH PERIOD, SUCH WILL BE GROUNDS TO DENY FURTHER SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS AT SUCH LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FIVE (5) YEARS, AND ALLOW THE CITY TO SEEK INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, WHICH IF GRANTED SHALL ACT AS A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AGAINST THE AFFECTED PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND REMEDIAL PURPOSE; REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanley. City Manager Bennett and City Attorney Schnitker explained the proposed ordinance. After discussion the motion to adopt on first reading failed 3-2. (Commissioners Cooks, Thompson and Townsend voted NOT to adopt; Commissioners Catron and Stanley voted to adopt.)

City Manager Bennett discussed the construction of a 25 X 25 basketball court at Sumpter James Park.

City Manager Bennett discussed the temporary closing of Jesse Solomon Park to allow staff to (a) ask Florida Fish and Wildlife to stock the pond with the appropriate type of fish that will consume the green plant that's taken over the pond, (b) allow the fish to clear the pond of the plant, (c) mow the grounds, and (d) address any repairs that's needed for the road and elsewhere on the property. It was the consensus to temporarily close the park.

During the City Manager's Report, City Manager Bennett gave an update on FY 17-18 budget preparation, discussed scheduling a workshop(s) regarding a walk-through of Bank of America and for FY 17-18 budget, and reviewed the Code Enforcement Update and the Projects Update.

Commissioner Catron moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Stanley. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rayne J. Cooks, Mayor/Commissioner

Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk