

**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MADISON, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 10, 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, and Reggie Alexander-Police Chief.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

During Citizens Participation, Daniel Plain, of Lester D. Plain & Son, LLC, voiced his concerns about how the city handled the acquisition of emergency clean up services for Hurricane Irma. Several questions from the commission were directed to the city manager and city attorney. City Attorney Schnitker advised the commission that the Contract for Natural Disaster Cleanup Services between the City of Madison and C. M. Brandies, Inc. was not an exclusive contract and that other contractors could be used. It was the consensus of the commission to direct the city attorney to prepare a competitive bid solicitation for storm debris cleanup services.

Commissioner Thompson moved to amend the agenda to add "Dedication of Tennis Courts at Lanier Field". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Catron moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of September 12, 2017, (b) Minutes of Special Meeting / September 26, 2017, (c) Quit Claim Deed to Terminate Easement, (d) Fire/Rescue Department Report, (e) Police Department Report, and (f) Proclamation – Declaring October 23-29, 2017 as Florida City Government Week. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanley and passed 5-0.

Kim Albritton with the Florida Department of Health for Madison and Jefferson Counties briefed the commission on the Madison County Community Health Needs Assessment.

Deana Hames, on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Madison, discussed "Light Up Madison" scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017 and requested the city's assistance with the event. City Manager Bennett advised that the city would assist with the event.

Jesse Solomon presented a street-renaming proposal to rename SW First Avenue and SW Scruggs Avenue as SW Pete Mobley Avenue. Mayor/Commissioner Cooks expressed her concerns over the expense to residents that would be affected by the name change. Mr. Solomon stated, for the record, that he would absorb any expenses incurred by the residents as a result of re-naming the roads. City Manager Bennett advised that the GIS 911 addressing office was concerned that the two roads were split in two by the CSX railroad track, which could cause a problem for emergency responders. After discussion, Commissioner Townsend moved to proceed with the renaming process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanley and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the installation of a three-way stop sign at the intersection of SE Oak Street and SE Cherokee Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Thompson read a letter aloud concerning the dedication of the tennis courts at Lanier Field.

Commissioner Thompson discussed the tennis equipment the city purchased through a USTA grant. She advised that she had been storing the equipment at her house and asked for direction as to where the city wished to store it. It was the consensus of the commission that she continue to store it and use it for events and tennis clinics. The City Manager was directed to prepare a letter to Commissioner Thompson stating the commissions' approval of such.

City Manager Bennett gave the Financial Report.

During the City Manager's Report, the following items were discussed: (1) tree removal program, (2) joint meeting with North Florida Community College concerning their lift station, and (3) downtown flower bed maintenance.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adjourn; second by Commissioner Catron. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rayne J. Cooks, Mayor/Commissioner



Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk