

Madison City Council
Minutes
August 16, 2021

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Hamm at 6:00 p.m., Follow by request for roll call. Present were: Alderpersons Browley, Crochrell, Dixon, Hampsey, Haynes, Jenkins, Johnson and Vrabec Absent: none

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Alderman Crochrell, seconded by Alderwoman Browley, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 16, 2021. Voice vote as follows: six (8) ayes; no nays Absent: none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Vrabec, seconded by Alderman Hampsey, to approve the presentation of the Comptroller's Report as submitted and that bills be allowed as drawn on the treasury and presented to the Council, unless there are any questions of the Summary of Expenses for the period of August 2, 2021 through August 16, 2021 in the amount of \$366,639.69. The Comptroller's Report was accepted as presented, to be placed on file. Roll call as follows: Browley, Crochrell, Dixon, Hampsey, Haynes, Jenkins, Johnson and Vrabec. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Vrabec, seconded by Alderman Hampsey approve the appointment of Police Chief Jeffrey Bridick roll call vote as follows: Browley, Crochrell, Dixon, Hampsey, Haynes, Jenkins, Johnson and Vrabec Absent none Motion

Members of Public:

Alderman Crochrell addressed the counsel with a concern regarding a citizen name Ed who owns a trucking company within Madison City Limits. He stated that Ed has been in contact with the Mayor regarding gaining a liquor license and starting a new business. Crochrell stated he has been denied. Alderman Crochrell express that he believes he should be granted his request. Alderman Crochrell believes others request was granted without any issues but this was being denied because of race.

The Mayor express that the City of Madison has an Ordinance on file of the amount of liquor license that can be issued and at this time it is full. Mayor Hamm stated that Mr. Ed never put in any paperwork for him to deny any request. Mayor Hamm did ask Ed if he denied him. Mr. Ed responded technically no. However he did not apply because he did not get the Mayors blessings. He express that he reached out to Mayor Hamm to discuss his idea. He did not want to go through all the paperwork and fixing up the building if he was going to be deny.

There was further discussion on what Ed's plans were for the building. The Mayor did state to Mr. Ed that he should come by the office tomorrow and they will discuss on they get things started.

Mr. Strathers(member of the public) did address the floor and ask Mayor Hamm if there is a limited number of liquor license that can be issue, is there way it can be changed. Mayor Hamm responded that yes it could be changed if the Aldermen decides to place a motion on the floor to change the amount.

Department Offices Report:

Building Inspector Mr. Buckles stated the City of Madison is still looking to hire 2 more summer workers. He is asking if anyone has any recommendations to contact him or come up to the City Office for an application. He also stated they did a demo of 1829 5th Street.

Mayor Hamm informed the counsel that the City of Venice reached out to help patrol the City of Venice due to they did not have any Police Officer at this time. Madison Police Department along with the State Police and The Sherriff Department will assist.

Police Commissioner Donald Turner advise he submitted all applicants to Major Pinero to finish the investigation. This is a lengthy process and is still under review.

It was moved by Alderman Vrabec and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to accept reports from department officer voice vote as follow Eight (8) ayes no nays. Absent none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Vrabec and seconded by Alderwoman Hampsey to approve the Street Department Contract effective 4/1/2021 to 3/31/2025 roll call vote as follows: Browley, Crochrell, Dixon, Hampsey, Haynes, Jenkins, Johnson and Vrabec Absent none Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderman Vrabec, seconded by Alderman Hampsey to approve the Finance Committee Recommendation regarding the use of the Recreation Center voice vote as follow Eight (8) ayes no nays. Absent none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Vrabec, seconded by Alderwoman Hampsey to approve the S & S bill payment for Cleaning Services roll call vote as follows: Browley, Crochrell, Dixon, Hampsey, Haynes, Jenkins, Johnson and Vrabec Absent none. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the council, it was moved by Alderwoman Browley and, seconded by Alderman Crochrell to adjourned meeting at 6:38pm. Voice vote as follow Six (8) ayes; No nays Absent: none Motion Carried.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 30, 2021.

City Clerk:

Alena Bentley

Mayor:

J. H. [unclear]

Date:

9-7-2021