

Madison City Council Legislative Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 23, 2026

Alderson Crochrell called meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Members of Finance Committee Present: Morris, Crawford (arrived at 4:25 pm) and Crochrell

Other Alderson Present: Johnson, Browley and Miller

Discussion was about the Trash Ordinance at 1722 Kennedy Drive. Alderson Johnson suggested using our trash dumpster instead of the individual units. Sue advised she offer the 6-yard dumpster but it was not big enough. Alderson advised she spoke with him, and she believes he has agreed to go ahead and use the city dumpster. Sue will offer them the 6-yard dumpster and will let the counsel know the owner's response. It was also asked if they could waive fees. Alderson Crochrell also asked if the dumpster can get picked up twice a week.

Alderson talked about the trash bill being raised in increments. Sue stating raising the trash bill every year will be a lot of work with updating the system early with the new amounts. The city has an estimate of 1600 units. This could be an additional revenue of \$57,000 a year. Alderson Browley asked about how much revenue we received off the trash bill currently and it is an estimate of \$230,000 annually.

There was also discussion about collecting the trash bill that is severely delinquent. Crochrell asked if we could use outside contractors to collect the city funds.

Crawford suggest providing facts about the cost of trash bill and how much it costs to run the trash truck and repairs.

Crochrell talked about the city has 10 liquor licenses for Type A for Tavern. There is 1 Type A for Tavern still open. Crochrell asked if the city could raise it to about 15 Type A liquor licenses. The city has a Class B license and currently Family Dollar and Dollar General have these types of licenses. Additional discussion regarding all the different liquor licenses.

The City currently charges \$1000 for video license and \$250 for the machines. The city is getting around \$200,000 to \$300,000 from the state. The council discuss possible raising the license to \$1500 for \$500 for the machines. The deputy clerk will call around the areas to see what the surrounding city charges for these types of licenses.

Crochrell discusses the city going Home Rule. Crochrell feels that there are a lot of benefits to go Home Rule. The attorney would like to look into the benefits.

Crochrell request that Home Rule will be placed on the agenda.

Discussion about the Redevelopment of the houses. There are about 10 houses, and the city is looking at for possible rehab. The council is asking to provide a timeline and board up sooner, keep it up and charge a lien fee. Crawford wants to clear that we need to start from the beginning on the future homes.

Discussion about Demolition of homes in West Madison on Franklin and 2nd Street.

Pace Hardward does not have a roof and wants the city to take it. Grand and 12th Street need a new roof and they are not in good condition.

Garrett adjourned at 5:21pm Legislative Meeting.

Finance Meeting called to order at 5:22pm

Roll Call: Crochrell, Johnson and Garrett

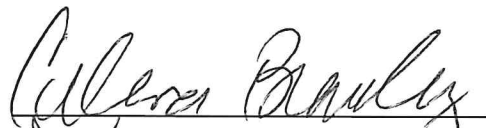

Browley asked about the Racetrack bringing in big venues. They have events every weekend. They discussed the raising of vendor pricing at the Racetrack.

Garrett asked if they are able to place ADS on the police cars, Alarm company does make some money. Madison charges \$29 for citizens and \$39 a month for alarm services, City does not own billboards, the police will begin weighing trucks, attorney fees are minimum, asked question about billing accounts.

Aldersperson Johnson asked about how long before the Racetrack will be paying Real Estate taxes. She asked if the Railroad could give donations and asked if they could stop sitting on the tracks for a very long time. She also asked if a billboard could be made to promote the city.

Crochrell talked about solar panels as well as a charging station for electric cars by the Racetrack.

Meeting adjourned by Crochrell at 5:55pm.

City Clerk: 
Mayor: 
Date: 4-6-24