

Madison City Council Personnel Committee Meeting
Minutes April 20, 2026

Members of Personnel Committee Present: Johnson, Crawford and Dixon

Other Alderperson Present: Crochrell, Miller and Garrett.

Members of Public Presents: Detective Ritcher, Mr. and Mrs. Glasper, Police Commissioners Turner and Hardin, Mayor Assistant Sue, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Strauther, Director of Public Works Tyrone, Deputy Clerk Kadeja, City Engineer Juneau Kathy with TIF, Juneau, Mr. Treadway, Mr. Strauther, P. Hardin.

Alderperson Crawford called meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Alderperson asked if there were any police officer present that would like to speak.

A question was asked about whether the police had everything they needed. Detective said for the most part they have everything they need. Newer technology would be great.

Question was imposed about the use of body cams. Detective advises the officers are using the body cams. Some officers may turn on camera later than he would like but for the most part, they are being used properly.

Detective mention about translation software on body cam they can use when someone can't speak English. This will help with communication. There are some programs for AI that could be useful. He discusses the different usage of AI that would be beneficial.

We have a 5-year contract for the usage of body cameras. There is a technology refresh at 2 and half years.

Alderperson Garrett asked how long he was with the Madison Police Department and it has been 8 years and he has been a detective for about 5 years. Madison has 2 Detectives. The Detective is appointed by the Police Chief. They also talked about the usage of body cameras.

Alderperson Miller asked how the council can support the Police Officers. Detective can't think of anything specific at this time. Technology is always good.

Alderperson Garrett asked if there was an objection to a call about not being recorded. Detective said it is a gray area. It becomes a balance of the benefit of recording or the situation. People have expectations of privacy within their home but if it is criminal activity going on, they may need to keep it on. It all depends on the assessment of the officers.

Crochrell spoke about maybe having a meeting every quarter.

Crawford thank the police officers for protecting the city.

Garrett asked how many officers we have in the city and the Detective responded around 12 or 13. He wanted to know why only 1 officer showed up. Detective does not have an answer.

Crawford adjourned the meeting at 5:43pm.

City Clerk: Clem Bruley
Mayor: John H. B.
Date: 5-4-20