

Madison City Council
Minutes April 6, 2026

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamm at 6:01 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Follow by request for roll call. Present were Alderperson Crochrell, Browley, Morris, Johnson, Garrett, Dixon and Crawford. Absent: Miller

It was moved by Alderperson Browley, seconded by Alderperson Crawford to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on March 16, 2026. Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: Miller Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderperson Crawford, seconded by Alderperson Johnson to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 16, 2026. Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: Miller Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderperson Crochrell, seconded by Alderperson Dixon to approve the minutes of the Finance and Legislative Meeting held on March 23, 2026. Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: Miller Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderperson Crochrell, seconded by Alderperson Dixon, 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 March 14, 2026 through April 6, 2026, in the amount of \$376,860.61. The Comptroller's Report was accepted as presented to be placed on file. Roll call as follows: Crochrell, Browley, Crawford, Morris, Dixon, Garrett and Johnson Absent: Miller Motion carried

Member of Public:

Citizen William spoke about how Duke and Mike from the Public Works Department did a good job.

Reports of Department Officer

Alderperson advise they are looking to do a fishing trip with Joe Willie Roberts on April 25, 2026 and wanted to see if the property will be ok to get to the lakes.

Public Works director asks Alderperson Crochrell to send a text or email about the dates for the fishing trip.

Police Commissioners are going to conduct new applicants interviews for entry level police officers. Commissioner is asking if each Alderperson can speak with the citizens in their Ward

and asked if they had anyone that would like to be a Police Officer. Also make sure it is someone they would recommend and can pass the exams.

City Engineer advise that there are items in the package that is coming up and if anyone wants to ask any questions to please feel free.

Aldersperson Crochrell asked about the Madison County Transit grant, specifically between Reynolds and Greenwood.

Aldersperson Browley asked about the Recreation Center regarding the elevators. City Engineer said they encountered a change of code by the State Fire Marshall. It has to do with sprinkler system and advance safety and security measures. The architect is working on it now. A question about will the change cost the city more funds. The initial proposal was upper around \$70,000 and it came down around \$40,000 plus. It doesn't have to re-bid. Mayor advise people is looking to use the Madison Recreation Center.

Aldersperson Johnson asked about the MCT grant if they were all suggestions.

It was moved by Aldersperson Crochrell seconded by Aldersperson Crawford to accept the reports of Department Officers Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: Miller Motion Carried

It was moved by Aldersperson Crochrell seconded by Aldersperson Crawford to approve Joint Funding Agreement for Construction Work for Old Chain of Rocks Canal Bridge Temporary Repairs for the total Amount of \$7,083,000.00. Voice vote as follows: Six (6) ayes; no nays Absent: Miller and Garrett Motion Carried

City Engineer talked about the motions on the Agenda for the Chain of Rock Bridge project.

It was moved by Aldersperson Crochrell seconded by Aldersperson Dixon to approve the West Chain of Rocks Bridge Repair Bid for the total amount of \$3,931,862.67. Roll call as follows: Crochrell, Browley, Crawford, Morris, Dixon, Garrett Absent: Miller Motion carried

It was moved by Aldersperson Crochrell seconded by Aldersperson Johnson to approve the Joint Funding Agreement for State Participation Addendum for the total amount of \$4,516,865.00. Roll call as follows: Crochrell, Browley, Crawford, Morris, Dixon, Garrett Absent: Miller Motion carried

City Elbert Branch said that he wants to second the motion. He said he works on Chain of Rocks Bridge, and it is a dangerous job, and he is a carpenter and city of Madison. He provided his address and zip code.

Aldersperson Johnson asked about the dispatcher position and if the person must have experience or will we train them. The Chief of Police said the city will train the new dispatcher.

Alderson Crochrell asked if we voted on the land for the houses to be built regarding the presentation that was presented. The houses were to start building in April. The Attorney said she can talk about the restrictions they want. They want to know if we donated the land or if they paid for it. They asked if someone else came if they can less the timeframe from 1yr to 6 months.

Alderson Johnson spoke about Mrs. Clay and the City is now at a standstill. Mrs. Clay doesn't want to be told what could go into the dumpster. Alderson Morris advises certain things cannot go into the dumpster.

Alderson Johnson talked about the baseball program for the recreation ages 10-14. Bowling is on hold for now. Volleyball camp is scheduled for June 1-5.

Alderson Browley said she would go to the library to meet with them to see what they need to see what they can do to help the library function better.

It was moved by Alderson Crochrell seconded by Alderson Morris to an Ordinance Amending Title 11 Chapter 122 Section 17 of the City of Madison Code of Ordinances Roll call as follows: Crochrell, Browley, Crawford, Morris, Dixon, Garrett and Johnson Absent: Miller Motion carried

It was moved by Alderson Crochrell seconded by Alderson Morris to an Ordinance Amending Title 15 Chapter 151 Section 2(B)(3) (Permit Fee Schedule) of the City of Madison Code of Ordinances Roll call as follows: Crochrell, Browley, Crawford, Morris, Dixon, Garrett and Johnson Absent: Miller Motion carried

There was discussion about the rollover of the vacation and sick time. Alderson Browley asked will it be stop. Alderson Morris asked if it was a cut off. Attorney said no rollover for vacation. Alderson Crochrell asked if it is different from the Union. Attorney said Sue advised it was only a change for an additional personal day only. Deputy Clerk agreed with attorney that Sue said it was only one additional personal day being added. Alderson Browley asked if they had like 500 and something vacation days roll over. Alderson Crochrell said Union had 5 personal days and non-union has 4 and they want to have 5 like the Union.

It was moved by Alderson Crochrell seconded by Alderson Morris to approve an Ordinance Establishing Leave/Time Off for Employees of the City of Madison, Illinois (Holiday/Sick/Vacation) Roll call as follows: Crochrell, Browley, Crawford, Morris, Garrett, Dixon and Johnson Absent: Miller Motion carried

It was moved by Alderson Johnson seconded by Alderson Morris to approve the Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Apply for Agency for Community Transit Funds from Madison County Transit. Roll call as follows: Crochrell, Browley, Crawford, Johnson, Morris, Garrett and Dixon Absent: Miller Motion carried

It was moved by Alderperson Browley seconded by Alderperson Crochrell to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Employment and Litigation at 6:31pm. Roll call as follows: Crochrell, Browley, Crawford, Johnson, Morris, Garrett and Dixon Absent: Miller Motion carried

Return from Executive Session at 7:13pm.

Alderperson Crochrell would like to make a motion to place on the agenda about hiring of the outside lawyer and they do their own investigation of the employees or open session to come talk to the employees like they did the Street department.

It was moved by Alderperson Crochrell seconded by Alderperson Dixon to discuss the hiring of an outside attorney. Roll call as follows: Crochrell, Browley, Crawford, Johnson, Morris, Garrett and Dixon Absent: Miller Motion carried

It was moved by Alderperson Crawford seconded by Alderperson Crochrell to call a Personnel Committee Meeting with the Police Officers on April 20, 2026 at 5pm. Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: Miller Motion Carried

There being no further business before the council meeting was adjourned at 7:23p.m. by Alderperson Garrett seconded by Alderperson Browley Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: Miller and Garrett Motion Carried

The next Council meeting will be held on May 4, 2026.

City Clerk:

Celena Bradley

Mayor:

John H. [Signature]

Date:

4-20-26