

Madison City Council  
Minutes  
August 19, 2024

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Crochrell at 6:00 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Follow by request for roll call. Present were Alderperson Dixon, Browley, Crawford, Garrett, Miller, Johnson and Morris Absent: none

It was moved by Alderperson Miller, seconded by Alderperson Browley, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 5, 2024. Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: none Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderperson Miller, seconded by Alderperson Johnson, to approve the minutes of the Recreational Committee meeting held on August 5, 2024. Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: none Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderperson Morris, seconded by Alderperson Browley, 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 5, 2024 through August 19, 2024 in the amount of \$226,766.92. The Comptroller's Report was accepted as presented to be placed on file. Roll call as follows: Browley, Crawford, Garrett, Miller, Johnson, Dixon and Morris Absent: none Motion carried

Members of Public:

Mr. Strauther talked about the American Waters. He would like to be able to speak later and asked questions regarding the Asset Purchase Agreement.

During Member of Public session the floor was turn over to American Water reps and council to discuss.

Alderperson Garret asked if there could be a long term lease agreement with American Water. Attorney Schooley advise the overall plan is to purchase. Crochrell provided his support to the sale of American Water. Alderperson Miller agrees the bill will go up.

Alderperson Crawford ask American Water if they can show proof of bills from other areas they took over. Also will the City of Madison be treated like the other cities like Edwardsville, etc, or will the City of Madison be treated unfairly and have higher bills.

American Water rep spoke about they have options for hardships. She also advise they provided sample of bills in the packets.

Aldersperson Crawford asked if American Water will be available in the middle of the night if a water breaks happen and what is the cost associated. American Water advise they will be available in the middle of the night.

Aldersperson Garrett asked if they have an estimated amount on how much the water bill will increase. American Water doesn't have a rough estimate to provide at this time.

Aldersperson Browley asked about the usage of 4500 is that the baseline, high or low end.

Aldersperson Johnson asked Attorney Schooley what is the benefit of turning over to American Water. Attorney provided example and benefits.

Aldersperson Johnson asked how often will be the Water/Sewer bill be increased. American Water rep advise the last increased was 7years ago.

Community member Strauther asked Does the city pay American Water for the treatment of waste water? Who will pay? Juneau advise ultimately treatment will be done by American Water and it will be sent down to the citizens. Strauther advise there was an increased Jan 1, 2024 and another one coming Jan 1, 2025.

Alderspersons asked for a Public Hearing on the American Water purchasing of the Sewer System.

It was moved by Aldersperson Miller, seconded by Aldersperson Dixon to layover the approval for Asset Purchase Agreement with Illinois American Water Company Roll call as follows:  
Browley, Crawford, Garrett, Miller, Johnson, Dixon and Morris Absent: none Motion carried

Report of Department Offices:

Director of Public Works advised the race was a success. Everything went smooth.

City Engineer advise the Center Point Energy repair is needed.

Aldersperson Morris asked Building Inspector about the how tall the grass is needed for a ticket. She is concern about some neighbors grass is over 7inches high. She would like it to be addressed.

It was moved by Aldersperson Dixon, seconded by Aldersperson Morris to accept the reports of Department Officers Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: none Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderperson Miller, seconded by Alderperson Browley approve to layover the motion to open and award bid on 806 Iowa Street and 2036 Edwardsville Road Roll call as follows: Browley, Crawford, Garrett, Miller, Johnson, Dixon and Morris Absent: none Motion carried

Alderperson Johnson advise A grant we were working on was denied for the recreational program but she is looking into other grants.

There being no further business before the council meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. by Alderperson Dixon seconded by Alderperson Crawford Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: none Motion Carried

The next Council meeting will be held on September 16, 2024.

City Clerk:

Celena Browley

Mayor:

John W. Henry

Date:

9-3-2024