

Madison City Council
Minutes
December 4, 2023

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Hamm at 6:00 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

It was moved by Alderperson Browley, seconded by Alderperson Miller, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on November 20, 2023. Voice vote as follows: Eight (8) ayes; no nays Absent: none Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderperson Morris, seconded by Alderperson Garrett, 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 November 21, 2023, through December 4, 2023 in the amount of \$337,218.94. The Comptroller's Report was accepted as presented to be placed on file. Roll call as follows: Browley, Miller, Crochrell, Garrett, Dixon Crawford, Johnson and Morris Absent: none Motion carried

Members of Public

Mr. Strauther has concern that the Member of Public doesn't have an option to speak about issues that is on the agenda. He would like it to go to the end of the agenda. Attorney advise typically it is first because the people of the public wants to talk about issues before the council vote on issues. Mayor doesnt mind moving to the end of agenda.

Alderperson Morris advise the Christ Center Community Church will have an Annual Toy Giveaway at the Fire Station for children ages 0-12 years old on December 15, 2023 from 5pm to 8pm.

Alderperson Crochrell advise that Joe Roberts and Venice Park District will have they Annual Toy Coat Drive and Candy on December 15, 2023 from 4 to 6pm at the Venice Recreation Center. Also the Township will have they Annual Toy Giveaway on Dec 21, 2023. The township will also be taking a group of kids to see the lights in December.

Alderperson Crochrell advise he receive complaints about the new 911 call center on how it is operated and sent to a different city then routed back to Madison. Police Chief advise he has not receive any complaints. Alderperson Crochrell asked if letters can be sent out to the community regarding the change in the 911 center or operations. Mayor does not have a problem with sending the letters out just would like to know what the council would like to be placed in the

letter. Alderperson Johnson believes sending out a letter would be a good idea regarding the new 911 system.

The City Attorney will draft a letter regarding the 911 system. The council will hold a meeting on Monday Dec 18, 2023 at 5:30pm to review and discuss.

It was moved by Alderperson Miller and seconded by Alderperson Crochrell to accept reports from department officer: Voice vote as follows: Eight (8) ayes; no nays Absent: none Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderperson Chrochrell, seconded by Alderperson Miller to open and award the winning bid of 1426 6th Street to 1416 6th Street Roll call as follows: Browley, Miller, Dixon, Crochrell, Garrett, Crawford, Johnson and Morris Absent: none Motion carried

Alderperson Johnson advise the council that they are wrapping up last year grant. The new Grant is still underway and once complete, she will provide the council with the information requested.

Alderperson Morris reviewed information about the requirements and hiring for the dispatcher job and mention the only thing that was being added was the psychological, mental and polygraph testing. The Aldermen as an whole advise they did not ask for the psychological, mental or polygraph test to be added. The Aldermen as an whole advise they wanted everything to remain the same as the previous requirement. The Aldermen advise they will need to review the testing information as an whole before approving.

Alderperson Crochrell asked if we can get some credential made for identifying the Aldermen. It was some discussion that the citizens may not know there Alderperson and the Alderperson would like something to identify them when they are speaking with the citizens. Alderperson Miller asked about the business cards and he would like some. Alderperson Crochrell advise the city use to give out badges reading Aldermen on them to identify them as Aldermen. It was discuss further and they Mayor advise they will get business cards. Deputy Clerk Sue asked who was paying for them. Some Aldermen said the city and some said if not the city, they can purchase they own. The Mayor stated he can get business cards purchase for them.

Mayor asked for Public Input

Mr. Strauther made a comment about if the citizens does not know they Alderperson that is due to the Alderperson not getting out to introduce themselves to the citizens. Some additional discussion was had regarding the credentials.

There being no further business before the council meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. by Alderperson Garrett seconded by Alderperson Johnson Voice vote as follows: Eight (8) ayes; no nays Absent: none Motion Carried

The next Council meeting will be held on January 2, 2024.

City Clerk:

William D. ...

Mayor:

[Signature]

Date:

12-18-23