

Madison City Council  
Minutes  
September 3, 2024

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

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

It was moved by Alderperson Browley, seconded by Alderperson Miller, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 19, 2024. Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: Crawford Motion Carried

It was moved by Alderperson Morris, seconded by Alderperson Crochrell, 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 20, 2024 through September 3, 2024 in the amount of \$293,384.42. The Comptroller's Report was accepted as presented to be placed on file. Roll call as follows: Browley, Garrett, Miller, Johnson, Dixon and Morris Absent: Crawford Motion carried

Members of Public:

Mrs. Simon spoke about a misdemeanor criminal trespass charge that was filed against her with the Madison Police Department. She feels that she has being targeted and label as being difficult because she speaks up for her rights. She recited she has had issues with Officer Smith with the Madison Police Department. She wants an investigation to be done and all parties involved she feels she be fired. She advise she will be speaking with some colleagues of hers and go to the news about this.

Mr. Baker spoke about getting assistance from the City of Madison for the Madison Youth programs. He mention that he was advise about a grant no longer available that he felt he was going to receive assistance from. Now he is asking for assistance from anyone.

Alderperson Johnson advise that the funds are not available yet. Once she gets an update she will let him know. In the meantime, Alderperson Johnson asked if the people can donate to the program.

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

City Comptroller spoke about the TIF Report and said that he provided 3 different firms and Alderperson Crochrell went in a different direction. He said he talk to Crochrell and he believes it is political.

Alderperson Crochrell provided a copy of the contract that he signed with Jeremy Plank.

Alderperson Morris asked if we had to do it a certain way or not. Alderperson Morris wants to know the hiring process.

The Attorney said it should be a scope and wants to know the number of hours.

Alderperson Garrett asked if he can provide a scope to TIF limited only. If the city can get a proposal and estimated cost.

Alderperson Dixon ask how long does an audit takes and who picks them. The City Comptroller advise the council hires them. They will do a 1 to 3 years proposal and the city had this firm since 2019.

Additional discussion was discuss regarding the auditing. It was layover. It was a request for additional information from the auditor Jeremy Plank so the attorney can review.

It was moved by Alderperson Crochrell, seconded by Alderperson Dixon to layover motion to continue the contract agreement with Forensic Auditor Jeremy Plank, CFE, CPA, which was previously approved by the council on July 15, 2024 to hire an external auditor and signed by Mayor Pro Tem Crochrell TIF funds accounts Roll call as follows: Browley, Garrett, Miller, Johnson, Dixon and Morris Absent: Crawford Motion carried

Alderperson Garrett asked if a member of the public can speak.

Member of Public(no name provided) talked about the drainage system around 3rd and Franklin and the sewer system. She said the sewer system is too small. She wants to know if the city can fix it. The Mayor said he would look into it. Director of Public Works said it only happens when it rains 3 inches in a short period of time.

It was moved by Alderperson Crochrell, seconded by Alderperson Morris to approve motion to open and award bid on 806 Iowa Street Roll call as follows: Browley, Garrett, Miller, Johnson, Dixon and Morris Absent: Crawford Motion carried

Alderperson Johnson advise that 3 young men passed the CDL program.

Alderson Crochrell talks about the high grass ordinance. He asked if the city can have something written up or shows something showing how high grass was over 5 inches. Mayor will work on getting the ordinance reviewed.

Alderson Morris asked about the ditches. She wanted to know if they are being cut by her home. She stated her spouse is older and is constantly out there cutting the ditch. Director of Public Works asked if he can stop cutting the ditches and allow the city workers to cut them.

There being no further business before the council meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Alderson Garrett seconded by Alderson Browley Voice vote as follows: Seven (7) ayes; no nays Absent: Crawford Motion Carried

The next Council meeting will be held on October 7, 2024.

City Clerk: Calvin Dudley  
Mayor: [Signature]  
Date: September 16, 2024