

MINUTES NO. 2015-03-WS
PUBLIC WORK SESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA
MARCH 18, 2015

The Madison City Council met for a public work session on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 130 of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama.

The published purpose of the work session was as follows:

- CIP Update
- Any other business Council deems necessary

The work session began at 5:39 p.m. when called to order by Council President Pro Tempore Tim Holcombe. Elected Governing Officials in attendance:

Mayor Troy Trulock	Present
Council District No. 1 Tim Holcombe	Present
Council District No. 2 Steve Smith	Present
Council District No. 3 D. J. Klein	Absent
Council District No. 4 Mike Potter	Present
Council District No. 5 Tommy Overcash	Present
Council District No. 6 Gerald Clark	Present
Council District No. 7 Ronica Ondocsin	Present

Also in attendance were: Chief Building Official Jimmy Morgan, Recreation Director Kory Alfred, Public Works Director Steve Abbott, City Engineer Gary Chynoweth, Police Chief Larry Muncey, ADEM Administrator Gina Romine, Administrative Assistant to the City Engineer Jenny Spain, City Attorney Kelly Butler, Fire Chief Ralph Cobb, Special Events Coordinator Gayle Milam, and City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard.

Public in attendance: BeBe Oetjen.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

City Engineer Gary Chynoweth advised Council that the City is now controlling the timing and maintenance of the traffic signals located at the I-565/County Line Road intersection.

City Engineer Chynoweth updated Council on the progress with bridge projects within the City. He advised that the Wall-Triana is complete and is working on close out. The Mill Creek bridge project is ready for bid and anticipates that the project will be constructed during the summer school break. The total amount of time for the construction project is 90 days with a majority of that being for prep work for the project. The road will need to be closed for about 30 days and the time schedule is dependent on the weather.

City Engineer Chynoweth advised Council that the drawings for the Downtown Streetscape Phase III are currently being reviewed by staff. Discussed budget for the project and return of the TAP grant to the State due to use of the grant will increase the cost and time line of the project.

City Engineer Chynoweth updated Council on the Portal Lane retention pond project. The project was started today and will be worked on as weather allows.

Council was updated on progress with design for Biltmore Bend, retention/detention pond at the YMCA and the Mose Chapel pond project.

SAFE ROOM POLICIES:

Mayor Trulock and Special Events Coordinator Gayle Milam distributed rules of operation for the safe room at James Clemens High School. Ms. Milam advised that the policy is based on FEMA operation plan. Mayor Trulock advised that he has discussed this policy with AMIC, the city's insurance carrier and that they are good with it. City Attorney Butler advised that an agreement with the School System is needed for this issue. Council requested that Attorney Butler work with the School Systems Attorney to develop an agreement for the use of James Clemens.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

March 23 Council agenda overview:

Council President Overcash updated Council on the upcoming March 23 Council agenda.

Proposed tax on public utilities:

Council President Overcash also advised Council of the Governor's proposal to put a tax on utilities gross profits. If this is approved, it would cost the City funds that it received from the North Alabama Gas District and possibly from Madison Utilities.

Inmate labor update:

Council was advised that the use of inmate labor is commencing and that they have been in the City cleaning streets as weather allows.

Increase lodging tax discussion:

Mayor Trulock introduced the idea of increasing the City's lodging tax by 1% to be used for the Recreation campus project. It would generate approximately \$140,000 per year.

Council received an email update from Planning Director Sturdivant regarding miscellaneous projects.

2015 Bond issue discussion:

Council discussed possible bond issue in the amount of \$20,000,000. During the recent bond trip to New York, the City retained its Aa2 rating with Moody's. Standard & Poors representatives visited Madison and we are awaiting what our rating will be with them.

Library project update:

Council Member Ondocsin updated Council on the Library project. Council will need to set a budget for the project and then the design can move forward from there. The options are to renovate the current library or sell the current library and construction a new facility. It is possible that there is a party interested in purchasing the current library facility. Council discussed a budget for the project of between \$6,000,000 & \$6,500,000.

Recreation campus project:

Council discussed proposed recreation campus project including funding for the project, revenues that could be generated from the project, ongoing expenses for the facility, economic impact of the facility and assistance from the private company with payment of the bond funding for the project.

Joint fueling station:

Discussed joint fueling station project including Madison Utilities and Madison County Commission.

2015 CIP items:

Discussed creating a list of 3 or 4 small projects to include in the new CIP along with cost estimates for the projects.

174 Hughes Road:

Public Works Director Steve Abbott updated Council on work that has been done on the property at 174 Hughes Road next to City Hall. Discussed preparation of a plan for the property.

Zoning issue:

Council discussed some issues that have arisen with some businesses due to recent changes to the zoning codes. Attorney Butler, Building Official Morgan and Planning Director Sturdivant will work on some possible solutions to these issues and report back to Council.

Cemetery items:

Council Member Clark advised Council that approximately \$2,000 is needed for some miscellaneous items for the cemeteries. Funding is needed to purchase and installation of the plaque for the historic cemetery designation and construction of cement pads for installation of benches donated by the Beautification-Tree Board.

Miscellaneous items:

Council discussed the issue of easement needed at the Williams property. Council was advised that Madison Utilities will purchase the easement needed.

BeBe Oetjen asked Council about the condition of the new paving on Sullivan Street. It is developing cracks and it was just completed. City Engineer Chynoweth advised that it will need to be

repaired by the City because when the paving project was done, it was discovered that there was not enough base remaining from the old paving.

BeBe Oetjen also asked about some issues with the new cemetery regulations. She was advised that the ordinance can be tweaked to resolve any issues.

Department topics:

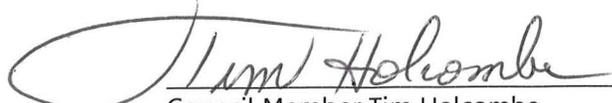
Chief Muncey outlined for Council the detailed process that is used when hiring new police officers.

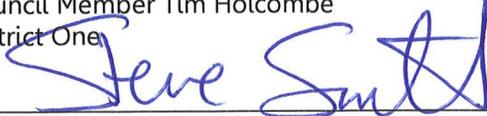
Chief Muncey also informed Council of an option to purchase 28 new cameras for the vehicles. These are new cameras and would be purchased from the Sheriff's Department for approximately ½ price.

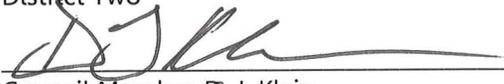
Having no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

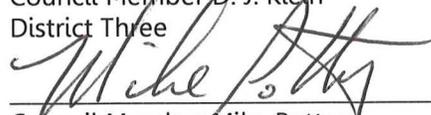
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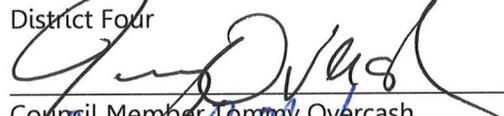
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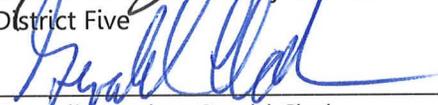

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Attest:


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