



**MINUTES NO. 2016-02-WS**  
**OF A**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF**  
**THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

The Madison City Council met for a public work session on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room 130 of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama.

**ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

The Work Session began at 5:40 PM when called to order by Council President Tim Holcombe. Elected Governing Officials in attendance were;

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

(arrived @ 6:15)

Also in attendance were: Finance Director Roger Bellomy, Deputy Finance Director Jon Howard, Court Magistrate Beth Bellomy, City Engineer Gary Chynoweth, Public Works Director Kent Smith, City Planning Director Mary Beth Broener, Recreation Director Kory Alfred, ADEM Administrator Gina Romine, Administrative Assistant to the City Engineer Jenny Spain, Police Chief Larry Muncey, Revenue Director Cameron Grounds, Human Resource Director Terri Towry, IT Director Jason Colee, Fire Chief Ralph Cobb and City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie A. Williard

Public Attendance registered: Tom Butler, Tom Scoville, Tim Cowles, Jonathan McGee, BeBe Oetjen, Karen Denzine, Susan Pierce.

**Opening Comments:**

Council President Holcombe reminded those in attendance that Monday, February 22 will be the second regular Council meeting for the month. Council President Holcombe also advised those in attendance that on Wednesday, February 24 there will be a meeting at Main Street Café regarding the Downtown Phase III project.

**Finance:**

Finance Director Bellomy advised that there is \$141,000 remaining in Special Projects budget. Council discussed \$6,500 funding from that budget line item for playground equipment for the Rickwood park.

Council discussed request for approximately \$15,000 in funding for the "Trains on Main" program. Council Member Klein will contact the Chamber regarding this project.

Director Bellomy advised that mid-year budget review will begin in April and that the reimbursement check for the Balch Road project has been mailed to ALDOT.

**Planning:**

Planning Director Broener updated Council on the Western Growth plan and draft annexation policy.

**CIP Project discussions:**

Assistant Finance Director Howard distributed CIP funding update information. It was discussed that there should be adequate funding for the projects if there are no overages involved with those projects.

Discussed Zierdt Road project and funding. Council was advised that the design is mostly complete.

Council discussed the improvements needed at the intersection of Wall Triana & Browns Ferry Road. This can be removed from the CIP list as the improvements are being made by the developer.

Council was advised that Commissioner Haraway is working with the property owners to obtain right-of-way for the extension of the road to Castle Drive.

Discussed approval of resolution to list projects that will continue to be funded with 2013 Bond CIP funding. Finance Director Bellomy will draft this resolution for inclusion on a future Council agenda.

Discussed public/private funding for the recreation campus project and assistance from the Redevelopment Authority on the project.

**2015 Bond Funds:**

Council was advised that there is currently \$23,000,000 remaining in this bond fund. Council discussed projects that are funded in this bond issue and the possible need to remove some projects.

City Engineer Chynoweth updated Council on the Garner Street project. Council discussed putting the road project on hold until the recreation campus project is resolved.

Council was advised that the recreation campus bid will be out this week, with bids to be opened on March 15.

Discussed negotiating for the right-of-way needed for the road project. Following discussion, it was consensus to go forward with the drainage project but to put the road project on hold for 60 days.

**Library update:**

City Planner Broener updated Council on the library project. Design for the project is being worked on along with site selection. Discussed cost of the project. Mrs. Broener advised that she may be bringing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Library Board to Council for approval in March.

**Downtown Phase III:**

Mrs. Broener advised that there will be a public meeting regarding this project on Wednesday, February 24 from 4:30 to 6:00 at Main Street Café. The approximate cost for the project is \$1,300,000.

**Branding Update:**

Mrs. Broener advised Council that she is evaluating this project and has met with Red Sage.

**Redevelopment Authority:**

Mayor Trulock advised that the Redevelopment Authority is on track with paperwork necessary.

**TVA Tax:**

Council discussed restarting discussions regarding the TVA payment in lieu of tax issue. Council would like to have Senator Holtzclaw and former Mayor Finley come to a work session and give a recap on this issue. Madison County Commission is also interested in getting involved with the resolution of this issue.

**Animal Shelter:**

Mayor Trulock updated Council on recent meetings he has had with Huntsville representatives regarding a joint animal shelter project. He advised that the City of Huntsville is not interested in a joint venture.

Following discussion, Police Chief Muncey advised that he will meet with City of Athens and Limestone County officials to determine if they are interested in a joint animal shelter venture.

**Balch Road:**

City Engineer Chynoweth updated Council on the Balch Road project. Discussed submission of an application for a grant to construct a roundabout at Balch/Gillespie intersection.

Discussed funding from ALDOT for a new Balch Road project. Discussed what that project should be. Funding would be in the amount of \$1,500,000.

**County Line Road:**

Engineer Chynoweth advised Council that the County Line Road project is approximately 50% complete but has recently been shut down due to weather.

**Annexation:**

Council discussed waiving of fees in the amount of approximately \$4,500 for annexation of key project needed for the economic development of the city.

**ADEM Update:**

ADEM Administrator Gina Romine advised Council that the City has been asked to host the 2016 Clean Water Seminar. It will be held August 24-25. Cost to rent Insanity Skate Park for the event will be \$4,500.

**Quarry Property:**

Council discussed request from Madison Utilities for transfer of approximately 30 feet of property at the quarry to be used for water line installation. Council Member Clark will obtain more information and update Council.

**Bridge-Greenway Project:**

Engineer Chynoweth gave an update on miscellaneous bridge & greenway projects.

**Mosquito Control:**

Council was updated on organic solutions to mosquito control including installation of bat houses and purple martin houses.

**Town Madison Update:**

Council Member Overcash gave an update on the Town Madison project including the recent public input meeting.

**Gas Tax Increase:**

Council discussed the idea of a 2 or 3 cent increase in local gas tax.

**City Board Update:**

City Clerk-Treasurer Williard updated Council on current board vacancies and applications that are currently on file.

**Legal Update:**

Council President Holcombe read an email update from the Legal Department regarding the update of the Municipal Code, the ongoing hotel issue and agreement with Madison County for garbage pickup.

**Schools Update:**

Council was updated on the recent public meeting held at Bob Jones High School, charter schools and the ongoing tax issue with Limestone County.

**Trains on Main:**

Council was advised that the proof of the train is complete. Further updates to come later on this project.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

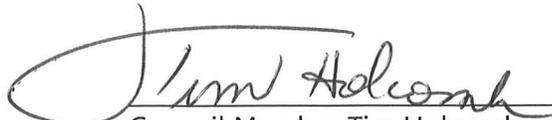
Chief Cobb advised Council the weather siren update is complete.

Council also discussed issue with one of the fire trucks. Chief Cobb will send Council an update on the truck

Having no further business, the Work Session was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

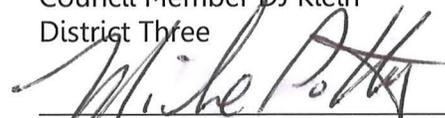
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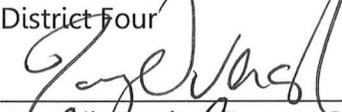
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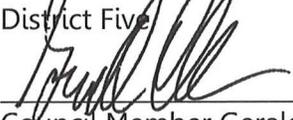
  
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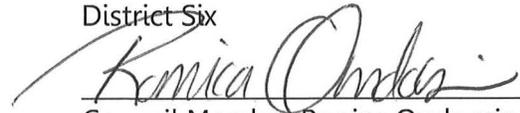
  
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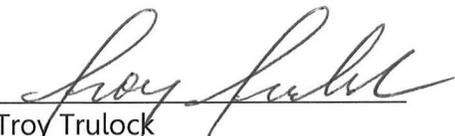
  
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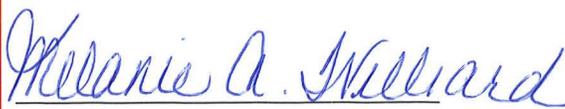
  
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Troy Trulock  
Mayor

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City Clerk-Treasurer