

January 13, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Madison was held Monday, January 13, 2020, at 5:30 PM at the City of Madison Public Safety Building Meeting Hall, located at 160 N Main Street, Suite 400. Present were the following: Mayor Fred Perriman; Mayor Pro Tem Rick Blanton; Council Member Carrie Peters-Reid; Eric Joyce; and Ed Latham; City Manager David Nunn; and City Clerk Hawk. Absent were the following: Council Member Chris Hodges, and Attorney Jim Carter.

Approval Of Minutes Of Previous Meeting(S)

Peters-Reid moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 9, 2019 and Work Session and Called Meeting on January 03, 2020. Blanton second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved (3:0 Hodges and Joyce Absent)

Consent Agenda

Blanton moved to approve the consent agenda which included a construction agreement with Braswell Construction for the Madison water plant roof and another construction agreement with Braswell Construction for the Welcome Center roof. Peters-Reid second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved. (3:0 Hodges & Joyce Absent)

Legal Matters

Audit Committee Report – Financials for FY 2019

Tim Ligon reported that the audit committee met the morning of January 13, 2020 and reviewed the 2019 audit financial report. Ligon explained that financials had an unmodified opinion which is the best opinion, and the city ended the year with a 27% reserve which is within policy. He said there were three minor adjustments made to the finances. Latham moved to approve the audit committee report. Blanton second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved. (3:0 Hodges & Joyce Absent)

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Peters-Reid moved to elect Rick Blanton as Mayor Pro Tem for a two-year term. Latham second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved. (3:0 Hodges & Joyce Absent)

Agreement – Whitsel Construction – Smith Building re-model

Nunn said the agreement with Whitsel Construction, which was discussed at the work session, is for the re-model of the Smith building located at 162 N Main St. which will house the Planning and Main Street Department when the re-model is complete. The estimated cost is \$272,320. He explained that all backup documentation is included, and the contract is the preferred form of the contractor. Blanton moved to approve the construction agreement with Whitsel Construction for the Smith building re-model as presented. Peters-Reid second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved. (3:0 Hodges & Joyce Absent)

City Solicitor Salary Increase

Perriman said the current salary for the city solicitor is \$750 a month and proposed a raise of \$100 per month to equal \$850 per month. Peters-Reid moved to increase the City Solicitor salary

by \$100 per month. Blanton second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved. (3:0 Hodges & Joyce Absent)

Unfinished Business

Historic Resource Survey – Letter of Intent

Ken Kocher, Information Officer and staff for the Historic Preservation Commission, asked for approval of the letter of intent for the Historic Resource Survey grant request previously discussed at a work session. The grant would fund 60% of the resource survey. Kocher asked that the Mayor sign the letter. Blanton moved to approve the letter of intent with the mayors signature. Peters-Reid second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved. (3:0 Hodges & Joyce Absent)

New Business

Council Member Joyce arrives.

Police Department Presentation – Bill Ashburn

Ashburn announced the promotion of Colin Campbell to Assistant Police chief.

Public Service Appointment – Planning & Zoning Commission & Corridor Design Commission

Planning and Zoning Commission - Joyce moved to appoint Grady Tuell and reappoint Herb Anderson and Nancy Kuperberg to the Planning and Zoning Commission. No second. Motion fails for lack of a second.

Peters-Reid moved to appoint Joe DiLetto to a three-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Latham second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved (3:1 Joyce Opposed).

Peters-Reid moved to reappoint Herb Anderson and Nancy Kuperberg to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Blanton second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved (4:0).

Corridor Design Commission – Blanton moved to re-appoint Rick Wadsworth and Jamie Williams to the Corridor Design Commission. Joyce second. Opportunity for discussion. Approved (4:0).

Other Business of Council

Public Comments

Comments were heard from Ronnie Brown regarding increased security for a local neighborhood. Brown said a grant was mentioned at a previous meeting and inquired about the status. Nunn said he and Chief Bill Ashburn have discussed the possibilities of increased security. Ashburn said an annual study is conducted regarding call volume. He said in 2018, 43 calls were received from Morgan Circle, and in 2019, 44 calls were received from Morgan Circle. Ashburn asserted that it would be hard to dedicate a single officer to the area due to a shortage of officers. Brown asked about the severity of the number of calls received in the Morgan Circle area. Ashburn assured Brown that the Police Department will patrol the area diligently. Perriman asked about the number of night officers, and Ashburn said two officers patrol the city at night.

Nunn said the grant received several years ago allowed for added security on housing authority properties but asserted both properties are in a much better place due to a detailed vetting process. Brown again requested increased surveillance and proactive actions to prevent another tragedy. Nunn said there are other neighborhoods who also require attention in addition to Morgan Circle, but the police department will continue to police the area. Nunn said he cannot promise a dedicated officer. Ashburn said current officers make an effort to visit with residents in the area.

Peters-Reid asked that the housing authority request officers or security personnel, not specifically the Madison Police department, who can help with extra patrol. Brown agreed. Ashburn said it was not a true grant, based on his understanding, but instead the housing authority was paying the city for security. He agreed that he would speak with the authority about making these arrangements.

Donald Melvin asked if the Sheriff Department could help as well, and Ashburn said he would speak with them again.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Perriman adjourned the regular meeting.

Approved: _____
Fred Perriman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Ashley Hawk, City Clerk

Date: _____