

**Madison Board of Aldermen
Regular Meeting
Madison Municipal Building
May 9, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mayor William Phillips
Alderman Matt Bullins
Alderman Alan Hensley
Alderman Virginia Hoover
Alderman Tom Rogers
Alderman Micky Silvers

Members Absent: Alderman Michael Scales

Staff Present:

Town Attorney: Michael Cassidy
Interim Town Manager: Amy Roberts
Police Chief: Richard Hester
Police Captain: Kevin Jones
Finance Director: Tina West
Fire Chief: Jim Ritchey
Public Works Director: Josh Shuler

Others Present:

Lance Metzler, County Manager
Bobbie Webster

Call to Order

Items 1A: Moment of Silence & 1B: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Phillips called for a Moment of Silence after which he asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2: Approval of Agenda for May 9, 2024

Aldermen Silvers requested that the Agenda be amended to include a request for funding to the Madison Rockingham Rescue Squad for a third party audit.

MOTION, by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to approve the May 9, 2024 Agenda, as amended to include Item 5B. Request for Funding a third-party audit for the Madison Rockingham Rescue Squad. Ayes: Aldermen Bullins, Hensley, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 3: Public Comments

Bobbie Webster, Madison Merchants Guild stated that since this is budget time, she wanted to update the Board on how funding was disbursed by the Guild for three festivals, Downtown trick or treat and Christmas Stroll. Ms. Webster further stated that funding is used for the Big Bands, advertising, banners, decorations, maps, etc. plus the Guild receives sponsorship from McMichael Mills and others to supplement funding.

Consent Agenda

Items: 4A: Minutes & 6B: Budget Report

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Bullins, to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 11, 2024 as amended to change adjourned to recessed to April 29, 2024 and the minutes of the meeting held April 29, 2024 along with the Budget Report ending April 30, 2024.

Ayes: Aldermen Bullins, Hensley, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 5A: Continued Discussion on FY 24-25 Budget

Interim Town Manager Amy Roberts presented the requested tax rates of .68 and .69 per \$100 along with .70 per \$100 for comparison, 7-10% pay increases and reduction of Fund Balance to 90%. Ms. Roberts explained the Budget worksheets and advised that the Board will notice needed items starting to disappear once the tax rates are reduced and pay is increased. Ms. Roberts encouraged the Board to make a final decision on the tax rates and pay increases at this meeting so a balanced budget can be presented by June 1, as required by NCGS.

The Board discussed employee pay increases, tax rates and needed equipment for departments.

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to set the tax rate for FY 24-25 at 0.70 per \$100 and include 8% employee pay increases. Ayes: Aldermen Bullins, Hensley, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ms. Roberts reminded the Board that a meeting will need to be held before June 1, 2024 for presentation of a balanced budget and to call for a Public Hearing on adopting the FY 24-25 Budget.

The consensus of the Board was to meet Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 3:00 pm for budget presentation.

Item 5B: Request for Funding a Third-Party Audit for Madison Rockingham Rescue Squad

MOTION, by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hensley, to recuse Aldermen Silvers from discussion on the Madison Rockingham Rescue Squad Ayes: Aldermen Bullins, Hensley, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MOTION, by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Bullins, to approve one-half of funding, up to \$3500 for a third-party audit for the Madison Rockingham Rescue Squad contingent to Mayodan agreeing to pay one-half of funding. Ayes: Aldermen Bullins, Hensley, Hoover, Rogers, and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Manager/Mayor Comments & Announcements

Item 6A: Mayor/Manager Comments & Announcements

Mayor Phillips highlighted the Announcements including Customer Appreciation Day at Food Lion beginning at Noon, Friday, May 10, 2024, Chamber Coffee hosted by the Town Madison on May 16, 2024, and Town Offices closed for Memorial Day on May 27, 2024.

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to go into Closed Session to discuss a Personnel Matter Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11a (6). Ayes: Aldermen Bullins, Hensley, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board entered Closed Session at 6:32 pm.

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to appoint Amy Roberts as the Town Manager and approve Employment Contract. Ayes: Aldermen Bullins, Hensley, Hoover, Rogers,

Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 9: Adjournment

MOTION, by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Bullins, to recess the meeting until May 28, 2024 at 3:00 pm. Ayes: Aldermen Bullins, Hensley, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Amy Roberts, Town Clerk

William Phillips, Mayor