

**Madison Board of Aldermen
Regular Meeting
Madison Municipal Building
January 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Tom Rogers
Alderman Alan Hensley
Alderman Virginia Hoover
Alderman Michael Scales
Alderman Micky Silvers

Members Absent: Mayor William Phillips
Alderman Matt Bullins

Staff Present:

Town Attorney: Michael Cassidy
Interim Town Manager: Amy Roberts
Assistant Police Chief: Kevin Jones
Fire Chief: Jim Ritchey
Public Works Director: Josh Shuler

Others Present:

Mavis Dillon, WRCC
Other Interested Citizens

Bobbie Webster, Madison Merchants Guild

Call to Order

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Rogers called for a Moment of Silence after which he asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2: Approval of Agenda for January 11, 2024

MOTION, by Alderman Hoover, seconded by Alderman Silvers, to approve the January 11, 2024 Agenda, as revised and presented. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 3: Public Comments

Bobbie Webster, Madison Merchants advised of Downtown Events for 2024 including Spring into Madison on April 27, Beach 'n' BBQ on July 20, Fall for Madison on October 19, Small Business Saturday on November 30 and the Christmas Stroll on December 7. Ms. Webster further advised that streets will need to be closed for Spring into Madison and Fall for Madison Festivals.

Mavis Dillon, WRCC provided the yearly report for the Chamber and stated that 6 of the 8 ribbon cuttings were for Madison businesses.

Consent Agenda

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

MOTION, by Alderman Hensley, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 14, 2023 as presented along with the Budget Report ending December 31, 2023. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 5A: Resolution of AIA Funding

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to approve the Resolution by the Town of Madison Board of Aldermen for AIA Funding. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF MADISON BOARD OF ALDERMAN

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funded from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund was established in S.L. 2021-180 to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water/wastewater infrastructure needs, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding in the amount of \$150,000 to perform an Asset Inventory and Assessment study of the Town’s Water System detailed in the submitted application, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Madison intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF MADISON:

That Town of Madison does hereby accept the American Rescue Plan (ARP) offer of \$150,000.

That the Town of Madison does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.

That Amy Roberts, Interim Town Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this the Thursday, January 11th, 2024 at Madison, North Carolina.

Tom Rogers, Mayor Pro Tem

Date

Item 5B: Approval of Funding Offer & Acceptance of AIA Funding

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to approve the Funding Offer & Acceptance of AIA Funding. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A Copy of the Funding Offer & Acceptance of AIA funding will be on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Item 5C: Consideration of Guaranteed Sewer Capacity for Development on NC Hwy 704

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hensley, to approve guaranteed sewer capacity of 40,320 gpd for Phase 1 of Development and reserve and guarantee 47,930 gpd for Phase 2 of Development until December 31, 2024 pending approval of voluntary annexation and site plans for property owned by Amer Estate Holdings, LLC located on NC Hwy 704, known as Parcels 122240, 122275, 184667 and 184667Z1. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 5D: Leaf Collection

Mayor Pro Tem Rogers stated that Public Works is currently extremely behind on curbside leaf collection due to weather, multiple water leaks and understaffing issues.

Public Works Director Josh Shuler advised that he has contacted several contractors and only Tredway Lawn Care has answered/returned his call. Mr. Shuler further advised that Tredway’s rate is \$800 a day and they will give us 2 days at no cost since we helped them out when their leaf machine was out of service.

Interim Town Manager Amy Roberts advised that we have had an issue with leaf collection over the last 3-4 years and looking back at budgets found that in 2019 four employees retired and all four positions were cut from the 2020-21 Budget, leaving this department with only seven employees including a current vacancy. Ms. Roberts stated that Public Works is doing all they can with the staff they have but need assistance until they can hire additional employees. Ms. Roberts further stated that funding is not budgeted and requested the Board approve contracting leaf collection not to exceed \$7,000.

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hensley, to hire a contractor to assist with leaf collection not to exceed \$7,000. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board and Committee Appointments:

Item 6A: Planning Board

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hensley, to reappoint Kelly Hawkins to the Planning Board for a term of two years, ending January 12, 2026. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 6B: Trustee of Fireman’s Relief Fund

MOTION, by Alderman Hensley, seconded by Alderman Silvers, to reappoint Jimmy Shelton and David Stewart as Trustees of the Fireman’s Relief Fund for a term of two years, ending January 11, 2026. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Hoover questioned where Boards and Committees within the Town are posted and suggested a list be posted on the bulletin board in the Finance Department.

Budget Amendment

Item 7A: Budget Amendment No. 3

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hensly, to approve Budget Amendment No. 3. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

To:	Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen			
From:	Tina West, Finance Director			
Date:	January 11, 2023			
Subject:	Budget Amendment No. 3			
We respectfully request to amend the 2023-2024 Budget as follows:				
Entry 1:	Increase	10-510-5800	Expenses - Police Department- K9 Unit	15,000.00
Entry 2:	Increase	10-335-0003	Revenues- One Time Contribution- Police Department	(15,000.00)
Entry 3:	Increase	10-510-3300	Expenses- Police Department- Department Supplies	10,000.00
Entry 4:	Increase	10-335-0003	Revenues- One Time Contribution- Police Department	(10,000.00)
Total Fund 10				-
The Purpose of this Amendment is to Amend the Budget by Recording:				
Entries 1 & 2	A one time grant awarded by Nestle Purina to the Police Department, for K9 expenses.			
Entries 3 & 4	A one time contribution from Nancy Penn to the Police Department			

Manager/Mayor Comments & Announcements

Item A &B : Manager Comments & Announcements

Interim Town Manager Amy Roberts advised that required Ethics Training for newly elected Aldermen will be available online in May and must be completed within a year of appointment. Ms.

Roberts further advised that the Town will host the Chamber Coffee in May at Madison Town Hall. Ms. Roberts updated the Board on grants which total approximately 30M, including Stormwater Improvements, Sewer Rehab & Flood Protection, Water Plant Improvements, Water System Improvements and Lindsey Bridge/NC 704 River Park funding along with an AIA grant and Design Grant at Big Beaver Island Creek.

Ms. Roberts advised that Town Offices will be Closed Monday, January 15, 2024 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the Chamber will host a Nonprofit Networking Event on January 23, 2024 from 4:00-5:00 pm at the WRCC office.

Ms. Hoover advised that Sharon Baptist Church will host a Martin Luther King, Jr. program on Monday, January 15, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am.

Item 9: Adjournment

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to adjourn. Ayes: Aldermen Hensley, Hoover, Scales, Silvers and Mayor Pro Tem Rogers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Amy Roberts, Town Clerk

Tom Rogers, Mayor Pro Tem