

**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MADISON, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

The City Commission met in a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor/Commissioner Rayne Cooks (District 1), Commissioner Ina Thompson (District 2), Commissioner Jim Catron (District 3), Commissioner James E. Stanley, Jr. (District 4), and Commissioner Judy Townsend (District 5) were present.

City staff present were: Tim Bennett-City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, Clay Schnitker-City Attorney, Bruce Jordan-Fire Chief, Reggie Alexander-Police Chief, Efrem Edwards-Police Captain, and Chuck Hitchcock-Community Development Director.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

No one wished to speak during Citizen's Participation.

Commissioner Stanley moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Catron. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Thompson moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of August 8, 2017, (b) Minutes of Budget Workshop September 5, 2017, (c) Minutes of Budget Workshop September 5, 2017, (d) Resolution regarding "Greenlight a Vet", (e) Fire/Rescue Department Report, (f) Police Department Report, (g) Declaration of Surplus Materials from the Natural Gas Department, and (h) Fiscal Year 2018 Agreement Between City of Madison and North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Catron moved to tentatively set the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 millage rate at 7 mills; seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The meeting was opened for public comments. There were no comments. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Stanley moved to tentatively adopt the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget; seconded by Commissioner Catron. The meeting was opened for public comments. There were no comments from the public. Expenditures for a full time MCI inmate work crew were discussed at length. Motion passed 3-2. (Commissioners Catron, Cooks, and Stanley voted in favor of the motion; Commissioners Thompson and Townsend voted NOT in favor of the motion.)

Commissioner Catron moved to schedule the second public hearing for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget for September 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanley and passed 5-0.

A conference called was held with Danny Collins, Government Community Relations Representative with Duke Energy. He briefed the Commission concerning the restoration of power to city residents affected by Hurricane Irma.

City Manager Bennett briefed on the status of the city's efforts to clean-up debris caused by Hurricane Irma.

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve and authorize the mayor to execute a Contract for Natural Disaster Cleanup Services between the City of Madison and C.M. Brandies, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanley and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Stanley moved to authorize staff to work with North Central Florida Regional Planning Council to amend the city's Land Development Regulations to include "Mini-Self-Storage Building and Mini-Storage Facility" as a special exception in a C-4 zoning district. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Stanley moved to approve an application for a Range Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Loan from the National Rural Water Association and the US Department of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

No action was taken on agenda item "Proposed Renaming of First Street and Scruggs Street to Pete Mobley Street".

Commissioner Thompson discussed possible projects and events for fund raisers after the opening of the youth tennis courts at Lanier Field.

The Commission discussed a request from citizen John L. Davis, III of 716 SW Bunker Street to purchase the vacant city-owned parcel directly east of his residence. City Manager Bennett advised the city is already underway with developing the above-mentioned city property into additional parking for citizens using Sumpter James Park. Commissioner Catron moved to deny Mr. Davis' request; seconded by Commissioner Stanley. Motion passed 5-0.

City Manager Bennett requested the commission's direction regarding ownership and maintenance of lift stations. Commissioner Stanley moved to direct the city manager to continue developing agreements with those businesses that utilize their own lift stations; with each agreement being subject to final approval by the city commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

During the City Manager's Report the following items were discussed: (a) Projects Update – Ribbon-cutting for Sumpter James Park and for youth tennis courts at Lanier Field, (b) Code Enforcement Update, (c) Vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board, and (e) Vacancy on the Police Pension Board.

Commissioner Stanley moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Catron. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rayne J. Cooks, Mayor/Commissioner

Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk