



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2023

MINUTES

The Madisonville City Council met in a regular council meeting on January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at 210 W. Cottonwood, Madisonville, Texas.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Chris McGilbra – Mayor Pro Tem
Jessie Jaenicke – Council Member
Terri Davis – Council Member
Melissa Hinojosa – Council Member
Brady Taylor – Council Member
Fabrice Kabona – City Manager
Art Rodriguez – City Attorney
James Greene – City Secretary
Herbert Gilbert – Chief of Police
Krystal Carroll – Director of Finance
Kevin Story – Director of Public Works
Richard Byrd – Street Superintendent
Robert Bustamante – Director of Parks and Rec
Lacy Schilling – Assistant to the City Manager
Thom Jones – Fire Chief

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem McGilbra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Jaenicke gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGES

Chief Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Jessica Hartley addressed Council. She said that the Ordinance regulating temporary signs is harshly impacting Non-Profit organizations and Businesses in the City. She also suggested that each person opening a water account should be given a Copy of the Code of Ordinances.

Valerie Shaw addressed Council: Good evening, Mayor pro tem, City Council Members and others in attendance. My name is Valerie Shaw and I am a homeowner on Thompson Street off of McIver and just north of West Collard. I am here representing the homeowners of Thompson Street. We are a small street of four homes located on an incomplete dirt road filled with potholes and often more mud than you can imagine. The entrance to our small development is three potholes that have grown together and a manhole cover. The manhole cover is 3-5 inches higher than the surrounding dirt, potholes or pavement. This means when your tires enter or exit our road, the underneath of your vehicle can bottom out and scrape the manhole cover. I've included a handout with photos taken a couple of days after a rain. The water and mud just sit. It's difficult to walk over to your neighbor's home or let pets out without encountering dirt and mud everywhere regardless of the time of year. Three of the four homes are owned by retirees – an Aggie and a Longhorn, that's me, among them as well as Aggie parents, also includes me, and our newest owner a Madisonville police Officer. While he is sworn to serve and protect, unfortunately, he cannot protect us from this road and also seeks to have the road paved. We are not requesting the entire loop be paved, just the portion that passes by our homes, which is approximately half of it. In fact, we prefer the other half be left as is – mostly grass and some light gravel, not built up. And, if you are feeling generous, we also don't have a streetlight and would love to have one on top of the electrical pole between 305 and 309 Thompson St. In that position, it would be in the center of the homes yet not cast light into any bedrooms on our street. Over the past two years we've spoken to various city workers and have heard various reasons why the road has not been paved including that the developer, Gordon Wells, is responsible for the road or that the manhole cover makes it impossible to pave. Our combined property taxes for 2022 alone were \$22,372, per public records. We respectfully request the reason and responsibility for not having paved our street be investigated. While we are fully aware our City has an endless list of needs for a limited budget, we request paving half of Thompson Street be considered and, further, prioritized. We welcome each of you to take a field trip to visit us and, meanwhile, have provided a handout to familiarize you with the reality of Thompson – bring your muck boots – Street. Thank you for your time and dedication to our City.

Kevin Counsil addressed Council. I appreciate the time, I know the City Manager called me last week and I don't have to tell him the problems we have had with Entergy. I shared on Facebook power poles that you can stick your arm through. I have called them several times and the third time I was told that they would create a ticket and that was months ago. I appreciate that you and Clark are calling them and stepping up for us. I appreciate your time.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the minutes as written for December 12, 2022**
- 2. Approval of Accounts Payable for the previous month**

3. Approval of the Financial report for the previous month

Councilmember Hinojosa made a motion to approve the consent agenda and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor with all Councilmembers voting AYE, motion carried.

VI. WORK SESSION

1. Receive a presentation on Legislative Priorities for the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature

City Manager Kabona introduced the item to Council. He noted that it is recommended that the City Council establish Legislative Priorities that are important to the City. He noted that these priorities would guide City staff to watch the legislation through the Legislative Session and will be able to draft letters to member of the Texas Legislature to ensure that the City has a voice in the process.

Councilmember Davis asked that several additional priorities be added to the list. Kabona asked for an email listing the priorities to ensure that the items be added. He also asked that if any other councilmembers had wishes for priorities to be added to also provide him with a list.

2. Receive a presentation on the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Fire Rating of the Volunteer Fire Department

Joel Duke, Public Oversight Protection Classification Officer with the Texas State Fire Marshall's Office, gave council a presentation on the ISO rating of the City and how the rating is developed.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Resolution establishing the City of Madisonville's Legislative Priorities for the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature

City Secretary Greene read the caption.

Councilmember Jaenicke made a motion to approve the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis with all Councilmembers voting AYE, motion carried.

2. Resolution approving a finance contract with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring miscellaneous equipment

Councilmember Jaenicke made a motion to table the item and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis with all Councilmembers voting AYE, motion carried.

3. Resolution approving the terms and conditions of an agreement with Dixie Electric & Maintenance for electrical services and electric inspection services

City Secretary Greene read the caption.

Councilmember Jaenicke made a motion to approve the resolution and contract and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hinojosa with all Councilmembers voting AYE, motion carried.

VIII. City Manager's report

1. FY 2022-2023 First Quarter Department Reports

1. Police Department

Chief Gilbert delivered the Police Department report to Council

2. Municipal Court

3. Fire Department

Chief Jones delivered the Volunteer Fire Department report to Council

4. Code Enforcement

Lacy Schilling delivered the Code Enforcement report to Council

5. Permits and Inspections

James Greene delivered the Permits and Inspections report to Council

6. Public Works

Kevin Story delivered the Public Works report to Council

- **Water**

- **Wastewater**

- **Streets**

Richard Byrd delivered the Streets report to Council

- **Parks & Recreation**

Robert Bustamante delivered the Parks & Recreation report to Council

7. Marketing & Tourism

City Manager Kabona announced that Woofstock was happening March 11 at 8am at Lake Madison park; the Farmers market and vendor show was restarting on March 18 from 10 am – 3 pm at the Kimbro Center; the Mudbug festival would be on April 15th from 11 am -9 pm at the County Fairgrounds.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Jaenicke made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hinojosa with all Councilmembers voting AYE, motion carried.