

**June 30, 2008**

The called meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Madison was held Monday, June 30, 2008, at 5:30 PM at the former Senior Center, located at 434 Hancock Street. Present were the following: Mayor DuPree; Council Members Perriman, Blanton, Hunt, Naples, and Booth; City Manager Nunn; City Clerk Thomas; Planner Callahan; Project Coordinator Huff; and City Attorney Abney. City Attorney Reitman was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor DuPree.

Council Member Perriman conducted the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Council Member Naples requested to amend the minutes of June 9, 2008, by addition. On fifth page (Appointment of Municipal Judge), after word “reported,” add “that he (Nunn),”. Council Member Hunt motion to approve the minutes as presented with addition proposed by Council Member Naples. Perriman second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

**Approval of Order of Agenda Items - Mayor** DuPree said there were no changes to the agenda, and he reviewed the items requiring votes and those items available for public comment.

**Zoning Hearings** - No zoning hearings.

### **Legal Matters**

**Budget Amendment – FY 2008-02** – Mayor DuPree opened the public hearing. City Clerk Thomas explained this is a year-end clean up. Mayor DuPree said adjustments are primarily results of retirement, health insurance, etc. Mayor DuPree offered an opportunity for public comments in favor of or against the amendment. With no comments, Mayor DuPree closed the public hearing. Council Member Naples motion to approve budget amendment FY 2008-02. Booth second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

**Contract – Madison-Morgan Chamber of Commerce** – City Manager Nunn and City Clerk Thomas reported the amount is the same as the previous year - 45% of the previous year’s hotel/motel tax revenue and the 45% includes the allocation for the Welcome Center. Council Member Booth asked for copies of the Chamber’s quarterly financial reports. Council Member Hunt asked for further clarification of the Welcome Center. City Manager Nunn explained this has always been separated as a line item. Nunn said the genesis of the additional funding for the Welcome Center came from the need to staff the Welcome Center on the weekends. Council Member Naples asked the City Attorney to explain the first paragraph of the contract. Attorney Abney said this paragraph quotes the Official Code of Georgia and sets a limit on the amount

that the City can tax and the % that must be expended for tourism through a private sector non-profit organization. After further discussion, Council Member Perriman motion to approve the contract with Madison-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce for another year. Naples second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

**Contract – Economic Development** - Mayor DuPree verified that all financial reports had been received. City Clerk Thomas explained economic development is included in the Chamber reports. Council Member Naples said the City and County were fortunate to secure the services of Bob Hughes, the Economic Development Coordinator, at this salary level. After further discussion, Council Member Booth motion to approve the contract with Economic Development for the next fiscal year. Naples second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

**Extension of Temporary Alcohol License – (90 Day) Beer & Wine Retail – Golden Pantry #85 – 769 N. Main St – Calvin T. Griffith, Applicant** – City Clerk Thomas confirmed that the City is awaiting receipt of fingerprint reports. Council Member Blanton motion to approve extension of temporary license beer & wine license for Golden Pantry #85 and to convert to a permanent license after receipt of satisfactory fingerprint reports. Naples second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote 4:1. Council Member Perriman abstained.

**Water Rates – Wholesale Customers – Bostwick/Buckhead/Rutledge** – City Manager Nunn said he recommends an increase in the wholesale rate of water from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 1000 gallons. Nunn said he will give the municipalities a 60-day notice. He said he recommends that the next increase be 8% in January, 2009, and 5% in January, 2010. After discussion, Council Member Naples motion to increase the wholesale water customers' rate effective through the proper notice of 60 days from \$3 to \$3.50 per 1000 gallons and to match the next two scheduled rate increases of 8% in 2009 and 5% in 2010. Council Member Blanton second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Davis Academy Road** – City Manager Nunn said that one City-owned gas line and a customer-owned water line run across this property. Nunn said the property owner has requested that these lines be removed. After discussion with Attorney Reitman, Nunn said he still recommends putting the gas line on public right-of-way in order to service other customers. This will cost approximately \$5000. Nunn said he recommends installing a minimum water line of 2 inches at someone else's cost or at little or no cost to the City. Nunn said the lines across the property won't be removed, but they will be abandoned. The Mayor and Council did not take any action, but they were in agreement with Nunn's recommendation.

## **New Business**

**Town Park Presentation – DDA** – Kevin Meeler, Chairperson of the Downtown Development Authority, explained there is a need to bridge the gap between the estimated cost of the park and fund raising. He said the DDA is requesting an intergovernmental agreement with the City to assist with this funding. He said the estimated cost, including acquisition, will be approximately 2.7 million dollars. He said the completed value will be approximately 4 million dollars. He reviewed the current cash position and said the amount needed is approximately 1.2 million dollars. Meeler said fund raising will continue and potential grants are being researched. He said the DDA is proposing a multiple draw note from the Bank of Madison with an interest rate 3.58% for four-years (this was the bid chosen). This will be an interest-only structure with payments of approximately \$55,000 per year paid in quarterly increments.

Planner Callahan said value engineering is being utilized and the interest-only structure will allow time for additional fund raising before the final amount for financing is determined. Callahan also reviewed the catalyst that this venue has provided. She reviewed the positive effects of this on the City's tax base. She said this has created approximately 75 new jobs and an increase to the City tax revenues of an estimated \$30,000. Mayor DuPree said if the City can help bridge this gap for four years (approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year), this will allow for additional fund raising and will only have a modest effect on the budget. Opportunity for additional comments. No comments.

**Bicentennial Update** – Project Coordinator Huff presented a timeline of events. The Chairs of the committees will report at the July meeting. Planner Callahan said marker reveals will be conducted in 2009. These are from the Preserve America grant. Callahan said most events are no charge. Planner Callahan reviewed some of the items on the timeline and explained the color coding. Project Coordinator Huff said events are scheduled for the school children, such as a street dance.

Planner Callahan reported the Cemetery Open House was a success. She said a written report will be prepared and presented at the next meeting.

Council Member Naples asked when the Impact Fee Committee is scheduled to present their recommendation. Callahan said she believes this is scheduled for the second meeting in August.

**City Manager's Report** – City Manager Nunn reported the Indian Creek Water Reclamation Facility has been on-line for three weeks. Most of the lab work for all three plants will eventually be done at this facility. There is still a punch list of things to be done. Mayor DuPree asked about the scores of the effluent from the new facility. Nunn said they are within limits. He said the I-20 pump station has

been taken out of service and the 200,000 gallons per day are now going to the Indian Creek facility.

Nunn said the pumps at the I-20 pump station are now no longer necessary and these can be sold. He said Hancock State Prison is interested in purchasing these used pumps. Nunn asked the Mayor and Council to declare these pumps as surplus property. Nunn said a minimum bid will be placed on the two used pumps at \$2000 each and on one new pump at \$8500. He will advertise these as surplus property and offer them for bid. Council Member Naples motion to declare the three 40 HP pumps from the I-20 pump station as surplus property. Booth second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

Nunn said Project 2.1 at the Park is close to completion. The poles should be pulled soon. Laslie Brothers is the contractor for Project 2.2, concrete work. The openings for the park will be visible soon. Nunn reported the cost of the cottage has been value engineered down to \$250,000.

Block is being laid at the Public Works Building. The pole barn is near completion. The airport waiting room is near completion.

The fireworks display will take place on July 3, at Heritage Park. Funding for the fireworks is approximately \$3500.

City Manager Nunn reported public hearings on the millage rate will be conducted on Thursday, July 10, at 12:00 Noon and at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station. The third hearing will be on Thursday, July 17, at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station. This hearing will be followed by a called meeting of the Mayor and Council at 6:30 PM to adopt the millage rate.

**Other Business of Council – None.**

**Public Comments** – City Manager Nunn thanked Police Chief Stapp for coming to the meeting.

**Adjournment** – Council Member Naples motion to adjourn. Booth second. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

Prepared by: Mellie A. Thomas  
City Clerk

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_