

»Madison City Council Hospital work starts Dec. 8

Facility hopes to be open for patients in February 2012

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MADISON – Christmas is coming early this year for the citizens of Madison.

Monday night at the Madison City Council meeting, Huntsville Hospital CEO David Spillers told a packed City Council chambers something residents have been waiting to hear many years – a groundbreaking ceremony date for the new Madison Hospital.

“We want to invite every-



Courtesy of Huntsville Hospital

Architect's drawing of new Madison Hospital

one to attend the groundbreaking Dec. 8 at 11 a.m.,” said Spillers during the PowerPoint presentation and unveiling of the rendering of the \$71 million, 60-bed hospital. “We plan to open it for patient

care in February 2012. It’s going to be a beautiful hospital. It will be high tech blended with Southern hospitality. We wanted to make

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it so it won’t feel like a hospital and you won’t get lost in it.”

Spillers said the community-owned, nonprofit hospital will eventually employ approximately 500 people and have an estimated \$500 million economic impact.

Madison Mayor Paul Finley said he is excited about the

reality of the new hospital.

“What many said would not happen is now less than a month away,” he said. “We have truly enjoyed working with David Spillers and his team. They have totally involved the community in this project.”

The full-service hospital, which will include a five-story building on the left side and the emergency/urgent care section on the right side, will be located in Madison Medical Park at the in-

tersection of Balch Road and U.S. 72 in Madison. Services will include emergency/urgent care, medical, surgical, obstetrics, noninvasive cardiology, diagnostic, and therapy and wellness services.

Spillers said the hospital will eventually house up to 200 beds.

He said it will take between six and 12 months to organize the medical staff, do site work, preliminary construction and to develop legal and regulatory plans.

It will take between 12 and 36 months to complete operational plans, policies and procedures, physician recruitment and construction.

Spillers said there will be many philanthropic opportunities for anyone wanting to donate to the new hospital. He urges civic and other groups in Madison that would like a PowerPoint presentation of the new Madison Hospital to call 256-265-8317 or visit madisonhospital.org/.