

**The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting**  
**January 17, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**  
**106 West Bourke Street**  
**Macon, Missouri 63552**

Mayor Tony Petre called the meeting to order with the following members in attendance: Caleb Dwiggins, Talt Holman, Jerold Carr, Jerry Thompson, Cheryl Blaise, Steve Iwanowicz, and Ernie Lea.

Absent: Chris Walk.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Councilwoman Blaise moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Councilman Iwanowicz moved to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2023, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blaise and approved by all present voting in favor.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2023, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Accounts Payable:**

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve accounts payable as presented. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Financial Report:**

Councilman Carr moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Mayor presentation of FAQ's:**

Mayor Petre invited anyone who would like to submit a question or topic for future presentation to email Petre at [mayor@cityofmacon-mo.gov](mailto:mayor@cityofmacon-mo.gov).

Petre advised that “Waste Management” is the company that provides residential trash pickup. The City is not in charge of the company but does works to facilitate pickup when bulk items are set out and when regular weekly trash pickup is missed.

Petre also explained the snowplow truck operations and ice treatment product temperature limitations as it related to snow and ice removal from the latest winter storm. A great deal of effort goes into making the roadways accessible and safe.

**MIRMA Grant Award Presentation – Kelly Beets:**

The City’s insurance provider, MIRMA, awards Risk Management Grants annually. Member cities were awarded almost \$223,048 in 2024. MIRMA Loss Control Representative, Kelly Beets, presented a summary list of the grants awarded to Macon for FY-2024 to cover 75% of the product costs as follows:

Police Dept	in-car camera	\$3,375.00
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Police Dept	AED & accessories	\$1,200.00
Police Dept	Stop Stix	\$ 463.50
Street Dept	MUTCD Signage	\$1,335.00
Street Dept	Hydraulic Hammer	\$7,500.00

**Approval of Warbonnet Enterprise LLC Revolving Loan Amendment:**

Councilman Dwiggins recused himself since he is part owner of Warbonnet Enterprise LLC.

In June of 2022, the Revolving Loan Fund Commission endorsed, and the Council subsequently approved, a loan to Warbonnet Enterprises, LLC. Warbonnet is a Micro Engineering Company that manufactures and sells track, switch, and structure products for the model railroad hobby industry. The company, in business for 57 years under prior ownership, is currently owned in equal shares by Caleb Dwiggins, Jack Dwiggins, and Jon Dwiggins. At the time of purchase by the Dwiggins, the business was operating out of a facility in Fenton, MO; however, as promised, the operations have been moved to Macon, MO. Future plans include expanding the product line. Projections included a workforce of 8 to 15 people.

The Revolving Loan Fund Commission met at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> to review a request by Warbonnet Enterprises LLC to defer monthly loan payments for one year. The Committee voted to recommend that Council approve a 12-month deferral of the loan payments, with interest continuing to accrue throughout the deferral period, and a restructure of the loan amortization schedule at the end of the deferral period. Further, they are strongly encouraging the company to take out a life insurance policy on their primary owner/operator with proceeds earmarked to cover any outstanding business loans.

Councilman Iwanowicz moved to approve the Revolving Loan Fund Commission’s recommendation authorizing a 12-month loan payment deferral. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Approval to purchase skid-steer loader brush cutter attachment:**

Approved in the 2024 budget was a request to purchase a brush cutter attachment for the transportation department skid-steer loader.

Three quotes were received; two of which are below budget. The prices are as follows:

<b>Skid-Steer Loader Brush Cutter Attachment</b>		
Vendor	Type	Total
2024 Budgeted Amount		16,500.00
Crown Power & Equip	Kubota SC6072 Heavy Duty SSL cutter with open front and carbide teeth under	13,090.00
Crown Power & Equip	Virnig IRC72-25 standard flow SSL cutter with open front and carbide teeth under	14,600.00
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<p style="text-align: center;">These cutters are comparable with each other and have the same operating features. All of them are also compatible with our recently ordered skid-steer loader that will be delivered mid-year 2024.</p>		

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve purchase the Kubota SC6072 from Crown Power & Equipment at a cost of \$13,090.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Ordinance – OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACON AND STONEY CREEK CABINS FOR RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES RELATED TO THE ROUND HOUSE REPAIR PROJECT:**

A request for bid was issued for repair and maintenance of the Round House. This project will involve minimal log damage/rot repair and/or replacement, stripping, chinking/caulking, application of UV protectant and fungus & insect control products, staining, and clear coating to the structure known as the Round House at Brees Park. This maintenance was last completed in 2017 at a cost of \$21,250.00.

One bid was received. Stoney Creek Cabins (David Schrock) bid \$22,392.00. David was our contractor for the 2017 restoration and maintenance project. Mr. Schrock visited the facility prior to submitting his bid and has a complete understanding of the project scope.

Councilman Thompson moved to approve the first reading, the bill approving the ordinance authorizing the contract agreement between the City of Macon and Stoney Creek Cabins for restoration and maintenance services related to the Round House repair project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Iwanowicz, Lea.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Walk.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the second reading, the bill approving the ordinance authorizing the contract agreement between the City of Macon and Stoney Creek Cabins for restoration and maintenance services related to the Round House repair project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Iwanowicz, Lea.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Walk.

**Ordinance – OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO A POWER SALES AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC CAPACITY AND ENERGY BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACON AND THE MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION d/b/a MISSOURI ELECTRIC COMMISSION:**

This contract is a standard renewal of the sale and purchase of capacity agreement and covers the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the first reading, the bill approving the ordinance authorizing to enter into a power sales agreement for the sale and purchase of electric capacity and energy between the City of Macon and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission d/b/a Missouri Electric Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Iwanowicz, Lea.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Walk.

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Yea: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Iwanowicz, Lea.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Walk.

**Appointment to Board of Public Works:**

Mayor Petre recommended appointment of Chris Nelson to the Board of Public Works to fill the term vacated by the resignation to Scott Lucas serving through December 2025.

Councilwoman Blaise moved to approve the appointment of Chris Nelson to the Board of Public Works to fill the term vacated by the resignation of Scott Lucas serving through December 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by the majority of those present voting in favor.

**Appointment to Housing Authority Board of Commissioners:**

Mayor Petre recommended the appointment of Bernie Orman and the re-appointment of Frank Grimshaw to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to serve through December 2027.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the appointment of Bernie Orman to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to serve through December 2027. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the re-appointment of Frank Grimshaw to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to serve through December 2027. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Appointment to Macon Public Library Board of Trustees:**

Mayor Petre recommended appointment of Leesa Hemkens to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the term vacated by Mary Fiedler to serve through July 2024.

Councilman Carr moved to approve the appointment of Leesa Hemkens to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the term vacated by Mary Fiedler to serve through July 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Mayor's report:**

Mayor Tony Petre extended congratulations to Council Ernie Lea and Police Chief Joey Roberts on becoming new Grandpa's.

Petre reported that the latest photos of the swimming pool construction progress have been posted and the project is currently on schedule.

**Council reports:**

Council members complimented the city departments for how they restored electrical service and cleared the streets following the last winter storm.

**City Administrator's report:**

None.

**City Clerk's report:**

None.

**Closed Meeting:**

At 7:12 P.M. Councilman Iwanowicz moved to go into closed session pursuant to §610.021(3) Personnel and §610.021(12) Contract Negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Iwanowicz, Lea.

Nay: None.

Absent: Walk.

Closed session attendance: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Iwanowicz, Lea, Petre, Interim City Administrator Steve Norwood, and Craig.

Closed Session ended at 7:50 P.M.

No closed session action is reportable at this time.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

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Mary Lou Craigg, City Clerk

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Anthony E. Petre, Mayor