

**The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting**  
**June 8, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.**  
**106 West Bourke Street**  
**Macon, Missouri 63552**

Mayor Talt Holman called the meeting to order with the following members in attendance: Tony Petre, Dick Schlanker, Ernie Lea, Jerry Thompson, Chris Walk, and Jerold Carr.

Absent: Caleb Dwiggins

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Councilman Lea moved to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting, May 24, 2021 special meeting, and May 27, 2021 special meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Petre and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Accounts Payable:**

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

**Financial Report:**

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

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Appointment to City Council – 4th Ward Councilman**

Mayor Holman recommended appointment of Greg Wiggans as 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman to serve through April 2023.

Councilman Petre moved to approve the appointment of Greg Wiggans as 4th Ward Councilman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Oath of Office for newly appointed official:**

City Clerk Craig administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed official. Sworn into office was the following:

Greg Wiggans, Ward 4 Councilman

**2020 Audit Report – Williams Keepers**

Amanda Schultz of Williams Keepers, LLC provided a brief overview of the year 2020 Audit.

The auditors issued an unmodified clean opinion which is the best opinion that can be issued. An unmodified opinion means that the users of the financial statements can rely on them. No material weaknesses or deficiencies were identified, and the Financial Statements fairly and truly represent the City's financial position.

Councilman Thompson moved to accept the 2020 Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Uncollectable 2017 Personal Property Tax Write Off List – City Collector:**

City Collector, Rebecca Sims, submitted the 2017 Uncollectable Personal Property Tax List to write off.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the 2017 Uncollectable Personal Property Tax Write Off List as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Petre and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Resolution designating Authorized Signers for the Depository Account.**

Due to banking law changes, the City can no longer pass a blanket resolution naming the incumbent Mayor, City Clerk, and City Treasurer as the signatures for banking transactions. All future certificate of deposit transactions will require a depository resolution authorizing powers and designating the authorized signers and their rights specific to the reinvestment identified by the deposit number.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the Depository Resolution for CD#800113 authorizing powers and designating authorized signers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Credit card application authorization.**

The City Clerk requested approval to get low limit credit cards through MA Bank for each city department to replace the current Business Office card that is in her personal name. The new department cards would remain active through staff changes, only requiring notice of the department head name change. Each department head would be responsible for the department charges and accounts payable documentation. Use of the cards would continue to be minimal (pre-paid subscriptions, training attendance/hotel expenses, Walmart supplies, and emergency purchases) since it is much more useful to have the specific product vendor name associated with the expense in the general ledger rather than the credit card company name.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the resolution designating Authorized Signers for the Depository Account – Credit Cards. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Approval of the Macon Fower Memorial Airport Aerial Application Permit**

The Airport Advisory Board recommended that the city implement a permitting process for every business, corporation, or person operating aircraft from the Macon Fower-Memorial Airport for hire or for profit. An Annual flat-fee permit would be charged at a rate of five hundred dollars (\$500) per aircraft per calendar year for each airplane operating from the Macon Fower-Memorial Airport unless the applicant purchases 500-gallons of fuel per day, in which case the permit fee would be waived. The permit would also regulate private fuel system containers brought on site.

Councilman Thompson moved to approve the Macon Fower Memorial Airport Aerial Application Permit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Petre and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Approval to purchase new Police Department patrol vehicles.**

MIRMA has advised that the patrol vehicle involved in the May 16, 2021 accident is a total loss leaving the department with only three patrol vehicles in rotation. Insurance proceeds are estimated at \$29,035.00. Purchase of a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor fully

equipped for service is \$57,023. City Administrator, Avis Marshall, requested approval to purchase two new fully equipped patrol vehicles.

Councilman Thompson expressed concern about warranty period coverage if two 2020 vehicles were purchased.

Councilman Petre moved to approve the purchase of one 2020 patrol vehicle (currently on temporary hold at Lou Fusz) and order a 2021 patrol vehicle, not to exceed \$90,000 for both vehicles fully equipped. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

#### **Appointment to the Revolving Loan Fund Commission**

Mayor Holman recommended the re-appointment of David Brown to the Revolving Loan Fund Commission.

Councilman Carr moved to approve the re-appointment of David Brown to the Revolving Loan Fund Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

#### **Mayor's report:**

Mayor Holman reported that the Boots and Black-Tie event went well for the community, and it was a fun gathering for all. He welcomed new business "385 Nutrition" recently opened on Rollins Street. He reminded everyone of the Chamber of Commerce fireworks display that will be held at dusk on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Macon County Fairgrounds and welcomed Greg Wiggans back to City Council.

#### **Council reports:**

None.

#### **City Administrator's report:**

City Administrator, Avis Marshall, reported on the following:

- Both wading pools at Jackson and Rubey Street Park are fully staffed and will be open thru August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Macon Rotary Club is interested in partnering with the city to build a larger disc golf course. With the help of the Macon Rotary Club, the originally planned 9-hole course can be expanded to an 18-hole course which the group would like to locate on the new Bourke Street Park property.
- Council Retreat is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Zak Hicks, newly hired public grounds laborer, has been a great asset to the Public Grounds Department and we welcome him to the city.
- There has been vandalism at multiple parks. Please contact the Macon Police Department if vandalism is noticed.
- Crossroads Christian Church's Loving Our Community event included repainting the City's welcome sign on Highway 36; the sign really stands out now. Thank you to Crossroads Christian Church for helping our community.
- The Street Department completed the underground drainpipe installation at the Police/Fire Department to redirect the roof drains and sump pump discharge away from the street and street-side parking areas. Project clean up, reseeding, and replacement of the concrete parking lot entrance will be completed as time allows.
- Nick Blomberg, Airport Advisory Board Member, has been volunteering his time repairing and painting the airport terminal building.

- The Fire Department has been distributing the latest shipment of COVID-19 relief supplies to Region B Fire Departments. Work on the kitchen expansion continues. The brush truck (Dodge Dakota) continues to have ignition problems and discussions about replacing the vehicle are ongoing. The SCBA units were retro fitted with universal connectors, free of charge by the vendor, to be compatible with other departments equipment within our mutual aid territory. This allows firefighters to share oxygen supply with other firefighters responding to the emergency.
- Jeanette Lewis, newly hired dispatch officer, has been a great asset at the Macon Police Department and we welcome her to the city. Officer Dylan Wertz is recovering steadily since May 16<sup>th</sup> accident.
- State of Missouri Department of Public Safety issued a letter confirming that our Police Department has met all requirements to maintain eligibility for grant funding.

**City Clerk's report:**

None.

**Closed Sessions:**

At 7:20 P.M. Councilman Petre moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo.§610.021 (3) Personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Thompson, Wiggans, Walk, Carr.

Nay: None.

Absent: Dwiggins

Closed session attendance: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Thompson, Wiggans, Walk, Carr, Holman, Marshall, Craig.

At 7:54 P.M. Councilman Thompson moved to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schlanker and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Thompson, Wiggans, Walk, Carr.

Nay: None.

Absent: Dwiggins

**Adjournment:**

Councilman Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wiggans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

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Mary Lou Craig, City Clerk

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James T Holman, Mayor