

**The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting  
July 13, 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, Greg Wiggans, Chris Walk, and Jerold Carr.

Absent: Caleb Dwiggins

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Councilman Carr moved to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2021, regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Accounts Payable:**

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

**Financial Report:**

Councilman Thompson 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:**

**Certification of Election Results:**

The results, as certified by Macon County Clerk, Shirley Sims, for the Macon County General Municipal Special Election held on June 15, 2021, were as follows:

Ward 3 Councilman	Jeff Skjeveland	27
	Chris Walk	42

The results include absentee ballots.

**Oath of Office:**

Deputy City Clerk, Hannah Hartung, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected official. Sworn into office were the following:

Chris Walk, Ward 3 Councilman

**Appointment to City Council Committees:**

Mayor Holman recommended to keep all appointments to the council committees the same as the February 2021 roster.

Councilman Petre moved to approve all appointments to council committees the same as the February 2021 roster. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Discussion – Tennis Court to Pickleball Court conversion:**

City Administrator, Avis Marshall, began the discussion by reminding everyone that the current budget of \$30,997.00 (based on 10/6/2020 quote) was to convert the single tennis court at Blee Park into four pickleball courts, including the backstop fence replacement, and further advised that we have been informed that prices have increased roughly 15-20% since that quote was issued (at 20% = \$6,199.00 inflation increase). Additionally, council was reminded that these funds are budgeted out of the Park Improvements Tax Fund.

Sandy Smith, Director of the newly formed Macon Pickleball LLC, has presented the club's request to convert the double tennis court into six pickleball courts instead of conversion of the single court. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport, experiencing a 20% growth since the onset of the covid pandemic. Six courts would open opportunities for the Macon pickleball club to host tournaments normally consisting of 100-200 participants. The club requested installation of an east/west divider fence instead of replacement of the backstop. The club will make temporary repairs to the existing backstop and is interested in assisting funding future repairs/improvements. The cost difference to convert the double court instead of the single court, including inflation on the base quote, is an estimated increase of \$15,817.00.

MMU estimates re-lighting the Blee Park double court and lighting the single court would cost \$5,000. Council was agreeable to pursue the double court conversion provided that the remaining three tennis courts (single court at Blee Park and double court on Noll Dr) were also resurfaced and lit and requested a cost estimate for that resurfacing and lighting.

Council also requested a cost estimate for new construction of a six-court pickleball court (dirt work not included).

**Ordinance – ESTABLISHING USER CHARGE RATES IN THE CITY OF MACON, COUNTY OF MACON, STATE OF MISSOURI, TO PROVIDE FUNDS NEEDED TO PAY FOR ALL EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS:**

Municipal Utilities General Manager, Stephanie Wilson, explained the proposed wastewater 13.5% rate increase was necessary to avoid an operational loss in the coming fiscal year 2022 and beyond. Further explaining that the FY2021 projected net income is due to the \$500,000 grant received for the headworks project.

While Councilman Petre acknowledges a lot of good work overall is put into MMU operations he expressed concern on a few item details including cash outlay reporting, inter-fund transfers and current code requirements, depreciation, and fundamental approach related to rates, rate stabilization, and fund balances/reserves. He would like time for more information and discussion of these topics prior to considering the wastewater rate increase.

Following review and discussion, Councilman Petre moved to postpone this agenda item to the August 10, 2021, meeting to allow time for the Board of Public Works/General Manager to provide additional information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walk and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Petre, Schlanker, Wiggans, Walk  
Nay: Lea, Thompson, Carr  
Absent: Dwiggins

**Ordinance – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 204-H, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 75 (ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI), IN RELATION TO USE DISTRICT, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI**

(Rezone 1114 Enterprise Road from I-1 light industrial to B-2 Business Highway – Dan West)

At the June 22, 2021, meeting, Planning & Zoning unanimously recommend that the Council approve the request to rezone.

Councilman Lea moved to place on the first reading, the bill amending Ordinance No. 204-H, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 75 (zoning ordinance of the City of Macon, Missouri), in relation to use district, rezoning property located in the City of Macon, Missouri. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walk and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Thompson, Wiggans, Walk, Carr.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Dwiggins

Councilman Carr moved to place on the second and final reading, the bill amending Ordinance No. 204-H, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 75 (zoning ordinance of the City of Macon, Missouri), in relation to use district, rezoning property located in the City of Macon, Missouri. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Thompson, Wiggans, Walk, Carr.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Dwiggins

**Ordinance – AMENDING THE CITY CODE AMEDNING PROVISIONS REGARDING ABANDONED AND DERELICT MOTOR VEHICLES**

Refined the code language to streamline and clarify the process that is congruent with the changes in state statute language regarding the same. Primary changes are the length time it takes to process the enforcement of the code, the regulations on storage requirements of derelict vehicles on private property (must be in enclosed garage, no longer allowed under tarp or carport), and statutory processes for towing, impoundment, and disposal of unclaimed vehicles.

Councilman Wiggans moved to place on the first reading, the bill amending the City Code amending provisions regarding abandoned and derelict motor vehicles. 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

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Yea: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Thompson, Wiggins, Walk, Carr.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Dwiggins

**Discussion – Providing for the licensing and regulation of short-term rental businesses**

Discussion followed concerning what elements the council would like to see included in proposed regulations of short-term rentals (example, Airbnb and VRBO). The purpose to regulate is to minimize potential negative effects on surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Following much discussion, City Administrator Marshall will collect more options for council’s review related to zoning districts, permitting and renewals, fees, signage, parking, limited use, owner’s responsibilities, fire and occupancy inspections, occupancy maximum limits, Planning & Zoning Commission role, and number of units allowed within a geographical area.

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

Mayor Holman recommended appointment of Chris Nelson and Gloria Gill to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the term through July 2024.

Councilman Thompson moved to approve the appointment of Chris Nelson to the Library Board of Trustees to serve through July 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

Councilman Carr moved to approve the appointment of Gloria Gill to the Library Board of Trustees to serve through July 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Mayor’s report:**

Mayor Holman reported the following:

- Complimented the Fire Department employee on the kitchen renovation. All work was completed through volunteer work and looks great.
- Macon County Historical Society hosted Governor Parson as part of the Missouri Bicentennial Tour. Governor Parsons presented Edith Harrington an award for her service as a nurse during World War II.
- Thanked Macon Area Chamber of Commerce for their great firework display for Independence Day.

**Council reports:**

Councilman Wiggins reported zero firework complaints in his ward and thanked the Police Department their enforcement efforts. He also thanked the Street Department for their great flood control work during the recent heavy rain event.

Nothing further reported.

**City Administrator’s report:**

City Administrator, Avis Marshall, reported the following:

- Fire Department assisted at a vehicle rollover scene utilizing the recently replaced pneumatic airbag lifting system. The system has a 26,000-pound lift capacity and, though it is rarely needed, it is a significantly valuable rescue tool.
- Fire Department hosted a Safety Town event and continues with hydrant maintenance and continues with new-employee training.
- Street Department continues preparing roads for the August overlay project.
- City’s 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter update has been published and reminded citizens they can sign up for notifications through the City’s website.
- Reminded everyone that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Open Mic Night on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Annual Fly Wheel Reunion event is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> at Macon County Fairgrounds.
- EAA will host a Fly-In event on July 24<sup>th</sup> at Macon Fower-Memorial Airport.
- Annual Chamber of Commerce Fork & Cork Festival is scheduled for August 21, 2021.

**City Clerk’s report:**

Deputy City Clerk (and member of the County’s Missouri Bicentennial Planning Committee), Hannah Hartung, provided a brief summary of upcoming activities that will be part of Macon County’s Celebration of the Missouri Bicentennial event scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Closed Sessions:**

At 8:00 P.M. Councilman Schlanker moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo.§610.021(2) Leasing, purchasing, or sale of real estate and 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: Dwiggin

Closed session attendance: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Thompson, Wiggans, Walk, Carr, Holman, Marshall, Stephanie Wilson, Cindy Hultz of MTRCOG, and Craig.

Councilman Petre moved to approve proceeding with an application for CDBG funding for the 501 Main Street project and selection of Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments (MTRCOG) to administer the grant if awarded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by roll call vote as follows:

- Yea: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Thompson, Wiggans, Walk, Carr.
- Nay: None.
- Absent: Dwiggin

At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Thompson moved to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wiggans and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Thompson, Wiggans, Walk, Carr.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Dwiggin

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

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Mary Lou Craigg, City Clerk

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James T Holman, Mayor