

**The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting**  
**August 10, 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, Caleb Dwiggins, Jerry Thompson, Greg Wiggans, Chris Walk, and Jerold Carr.

Absent: None.

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Councilman Thompson moved to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2021 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr 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 Petre 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 Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Little Library in Rubey Park:**

Friends of the Macon Library requested approval to place a community book box, “Little Library”, in Rubey Street Park. It would be similar to the one installed in Jackson Street Park in 2019 which is filled with books people can take or exchange with one of their own books, a take-one leave-one system. Friends of the Macon Library, Parks and Recreation Department, and the City Administrator would meet to discuss location options for placement of little library.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the placement of a Little Library in Rubey Street Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schlanker and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Ordinance – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REAL ESTATE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACON AND DOUGLASS COMMUNITY SERVICES INC. RELATED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE PROJECT HEAD START GRANT:**

(Early Head Start facility on City property at 408 Bles Industrial Drive, behind the Literacy Center)

City Administrator, Avis Marshall, explained in 2015 the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services expanded their Head Start program to include early childhood development. Under an initial five-year lease, Douglass Community Services constructed the learning facility, parking lot, and playground on the City’s property in 2015 and have requested to renew the lease for a ten-year period as they intend to make additional

improvements to the facility which involves a ten-year debt service component. All other elements of the lease agreement remain the same

Councilman Lea moved to place on the first reading, the bill authorizing execution of a real estate lease agreement between the City of Macon and Douglas Community Services Inc. related to Health and Human Service project Head Start Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Carr moved to place on the second and final reading, the bill authorizing execution of a real estate lease agreement between the City of Macon and Douglas Community Services Inc. related to Health and Human Service project Head Start Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schlanker and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

**Approval to open separate bank/checking account to facilitate American Rescue Plan Act money deposits and disbursements:**

As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies are being infused into eligible state, local, and tribal governments. In order to track deposits and expenditures, City Administrator Avis Marshall discussed the importance of opening a separate bank account.

Councilman Petre moved to approve opening a separate bank/checking account to facilitate American Rescue Plan Act money deposits and disbursements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Approve City Administrator to select abandoned and derelict vehicle tow contractor and authorize the Mayor to sign contract:**

City Administrator, Avis Marshall, advised that both local towing companies have verbally quoted towing services for our abandoned and derelict vehicles will be at no-cost to the City. The City will seek bids for a one-year services contract to ensure the City is performing due diligence with regards to the costs being charged to our citizens for towing, storage, and disposal services. Marshal requested authority to select the lowest and best bidder for contract award and requested approval for the Mayor to execute said contract.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the City Administrator to select abandoned and derelict vehicle tow contractor and authorize Mayor Holman to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

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

Mayor Holman recommended appointment of Mary Fiedler to the Library Board of Trustees to complete the seat vacated by JD King and serve through July 2023.

Councilman Carr moved to approve the appointment of Mary Fiedler to the Library Board of Trustees to complete the seat vacated by JD King and serve through July 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Appointment to Police Merit Board:**

Mayor Holman recommended re-appointment of Rod Applebury and Brent Bernhardt to the Police Merit Board to serve through August 2024.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the appointment of Rod Applebury to the Police Merit Board to serve through August 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walk and approved by all present voting in favor.

Councilman Carr moved to approve the re-appointment of Brent Bernhardt to the Police Merit Board to serve through August 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Mayor's report:**

Mayor Holman welcomed our new Italian food restaurant , “Sorell’s Italian Express”, located on Briggs Drive, which opened tonight, and the Mexican food restaurant, “Fiesta Bar & Grill”, soon to open downtown in the Ole Beaumont.

Holman reported that the Class of 1998 held an event/ceremony in remembrance of Destiny Riekeberg at Rubey Street Park on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at which they dedicated three donated park features: bleachers at the basketball courts, an ADA accessible swing, and a memorial bench. Holman presented a Proclamation to the family honoring 9-year-old Destiny’s life and fight with liver cancer.

Holman reminded everyone that the Outlaw Truck & Tractor Pulling Association is hosting a Central Missouri Honor Flight Charity Tractor Pull on Saturday, August 14, 2021. (Pro Stock Tractors, Modified’s, Pro Stock 4x4 Trucks, Light Super Stock Tractors, Limited Pro Stock Tractor, Light Limited Pro Stock Tractors, 2 Wheel Drive Trucks, and Modified 4 Wheel Drive Trucks. Tickets: Adults \$20, Children 6-12 \$10. Gates open at 4:00pm. Event ends at 9:00pm).

Also, the annual Fork & Cork Festival is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> and will include the activities/displays related to Missouri’s Bicentennial.

**Council reports:**

Councilman Petre reminded everyone that Missouri State Parks division is hosting a public meeting at Long Branch State Park on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00pm at the north shelter house, at which the public is invited to share comments and ask questions about the park and its operations. These meetings give staff the opportunity to let people know the current status and future plans for the park and offer visitors the opportunity to comment on the facilities.

Councilman Dwiggins recognized the Street Department for their work on street improvements in preparation for the hot mix overlay project.

Nothing further reported.

**City Administrator's report:**

City Administrator, Avis Marshall, reported the following:

- Kevin Myers, Hannah Hartung, and Avis Marshall attended the MIRMA conference in Branson, MO from July 21-23.
- The Bourke Street house demolition is completed, less the garage. The Street Department would like to move the garage so they can use it for covered storage.
- The Missouri Municipal League Conference will be held September 26-29 at Union Station in St. Louis.
- Flowers and items are to be removed by August 13<sup>th</sup> at Woodlawn Cemetery for mowing purposes. They may be placed back by August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- E.A.A. hosted their annual Fly-In on July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Fire Department continues to complete Firefighter I and II training and hydrant maintenance.
- The new stainless-steel guardrails outside of the Police Department have been installed.
- Police Department continues their new online training through MIRMA's Virtual Academy. Chief of Police and Police Officers seem to like new training.

**City Clerk's report:**

- The City has received notification that the \$13,000 that the airport applied for has been approved and the contract has been sent and ready for signatures. The City is ready to request grant funds by submitting fuel billing.
- EPA ordered demolition of the Toastmaster facility is scheduled for demolition early-to-mid September.

**Closed Sessions:**

At 6:50 P.M. Councilman Petre 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, Dwiggins, Thompson, Wiggans, Walk, Carr.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

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

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Councilman Thompson moved to approve Aric Bowzer's secondary employment request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wiggans and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

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Councilman Petre moved to place on the first reading, the bill approving purchase of real estate from Central Beef Packers LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Carr moved to place on the second and final reading, the bill approving the purchase real estate from Central Beef Packers LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

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Councilman Thompson moved to approve contributing \$2,000 in-kind match and \$30,000 local cash match for the Covid-19 related Community Development Block Grant project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

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Councilman Petre moved to select McClure Engineering as they were the highest scoring firm at the June 28, 2021, Qualifications Scoring Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wiggans and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

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A Public Hearing related to the approved Covid-19 Community Development Block Grant application was scheduled for August 18, 2021, at 5:45 P.M.

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At 7:39 P.M. Councilman Wiggans moved to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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Mary Lou Craigg, City Clerk

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James T Holman, Mayor