

**The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting
September 22, 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, Caleb Dwiggins, Ernie Lea, Jerry Thompson, Greg Wiggans, and Jerold Carr.

Absent: Dick Schlanker and Chris Walk

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Councilman Carr moved to approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

Accounts Payable:

Since the September meeting was delayed due to a scheduling conflict, Accounts Payable was approved by majority signature prior to the meeting.

Financial Report:

Councilman Thompson 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:

HSHP Grant Award

The Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee for Region B facilitates, with the help of Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, the collection, scoring, and award funding distribution for the State Homeland Security Program Grant program. The City submitted an application for funding in April 2021 with a request for funding of five Motorola APX 8000 all-band portable radios and vehicular repeaters. This 100% grant has no required city match and was awarded in full for \$39,639.50.

Councilman Petre moved to accept the HSHP Grant Award. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

MO Department of Public Safety Grants

The Missouri Department of Public Safety announced a new grant opportunity on August 20, 2021. The grant is for Officer Safety and Technology (OSET) and is awarded at 100% with no cash match required. The Macon Police Department is requesting a \$7,559.00 award.

Upon approval of grant submittal by the City Administrator and document execution by Mayor Holman, the application was submitted on the deadline of September 15, 2021. The application requests one Mobil Data Terminal (MDT) with vehicle mount equipment and two stop stick bag kits to use in patrol vehicles.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the MO Department of Public Safety grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

Discussion – Planning Commission begin re-assessment of City Zoning Map and construction setback requirements

City Administrator, Avis Marshall, discussed that Mayor Holman would like the Planning and Zoning Commission to review setback rules outlined in City Code in different zoning districts throughout town. The focus of the review is to ensure that zoning setbacks are set forth to allow modern infrastructure improvements even in older areas of town. This focus; however, must stay in line with citizen and community safety.

The change can be accomplished by a non-comprehensive Text Amendment. The process would require a Planning & Zoning Commission work session, publication notice in a newspaper of legal notification, Public Hearing, and recommendation to City Council.

Councilman Petre moved to approve the re-assessment of the City Zoning Map, construction setback requirements, and the training. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

Re-appointment to Community Child Development Center Board of Directors

Mayor Holman recommended re-appointment of Danielle Crawford to the Community Child Development Center Board of Directors to fill the term through September 2024.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the re-appointment of Danielle Crawford to the Community Child Development Center Board of Directors to fill the term through September 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Petre and approved by all present voting in favor.

Request for a 1-year Hay Contract extension – Jim Willis

The City of Macon solicits bids for the baling of hay crop at 1001 Patton Street (Macon Fower Memorial Airport) and 1307 Vine Street. In 2021, the 903 W. Bourke Street Park property was added to this list. Previously this was a three-year contract, however, the City made some changes to the airport property portion of the bid as requested by MoDOT aviation and decided to reduce it to a two-year contract so that if the changes were not favorable, the City would be locked in for a shorter time period. The reduction in the airport hayfield area has been well received.

The 2020-2021 awarded bidder, Jim Willis, has requested a one-year extension on the bid. If approved this extension would go through fall of 2022.

The current terms are that Jim Willis receives \$16.50 per 1,100-pound bale (.015¢ per pound).

Councilman Thompson moved to approve a one-year Hay Contract extension for Jim Willis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

Request for relief of fees related to tax sale property – 203 S. Pinkhart

Macon County has a party interested in purchasing a property located at 203 S. Pinkhart and have requested the relief of related fees. City Collector, Rebecca Sims reports the following uncollected fees:

2008 – 2020 Taxes	\$ 208.38
Advertising fees	\$ 93.50
Property Lien (nuisance abatement fees)	\$ 3,900.00
Recording fees	\$ 48.00
Total current due	\$ 4,249.88

Requested relief\$ (3,900.00)
Proposed final balance for collection.....\$ 349.88

Historically, City Council has agreed to remove the nuisance abatement fee portion of the aged tax bill to facilitate a sale by the County Collector, provided that ownership transfers completely from the current ownership.

Councilman Petre moved to approve the request for relief of fees related to tax sale property – 203 S. Pinkhart. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

Discussion – Don Schelle fields Management Contract language review

The City has partnered with the Macon Area YMCA in the management and maintenance of the Don Schelle Ball Field Complex. Labor and maintenance costs are shared between the City and YMCA with the management agreement. The largest expenditure for the City is the cost of a field maintenance tractor rental of \$150.00 monthly/\$1,050.00 total. Last year it was discussed to review this contract prior to the next year's budget discussions to see if there was another option to inhouse the tractor and avoid the rental fees. Superintendent Coleman reported that he has a lawn tractor at the airport that is not used for mowing and feels it would fit the requirements needed for field maintenance. Following this discussion, there will not be tractor rental costs in the 2022 budget related to the ballfields and there was no further recommendations on changes to the contract language.

Mayor's report:

Mayor Holman reported the following:

- The Fork and Cork Festival held on August 21, 2021 was a great community event and was the largest the community has seen.
- The Street Dances have been well attended in Downtown Macon.
- Street improvements are going well and should be completed by next week.
- Toastmaster demolition is under way.
- Macon Police Department has received their new patrol car (replacement car#3).

Council reports:

- Councilman Petre reported that the street preparations completed by the Street Department were very helpful for the street overlay project.
- Councilman Dwiggins thanked Avis and Mary Lou for the coordination of the Council Retreat. It was helpful for creating a plan and vision for the City.

City Administrator's report:

City Administrator, Avis Marshall, reported the following:

- Census redistricting will be looked at as the Census has been completed
- Budget packets have been given to all departments
- Towing bid contract was awarded to Still Towing, LLC
- Strategic Government Resources will send a follow up report on the City Council Management Retreat.
- Drain tube was relaced on Vine Street by the Street Department and they have been working with the milling/paving crews during the street overlay project.
- Public Grounds has been preparing parks for the fall season.
- Airport staff underwent a training session with the office staff to understand airport processes and procedures.

- Fire Department personnel working on Firefighter I and II training completed classroom work and moved on to the hands on training portion. Hydrant maintenance is complete and hose testing is underway. Planning is underway for Fire Prevention Week in October. The Department will bring the aerial truck to the Big Wheels event in Atlanta, MO on September 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- Augusta Walters has recently been hired for part-time police dispatch.
- Dylan Wertz has returned to full duty for the police department.
- Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 1st. The Homecoming Parade will be held in Downtown Macon at 3:00 p.m. and the varsity football game will take place at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk's report:

None.

Closed Sessions:

At 6:59 P.M. Councilman Petre moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo. §610.021(2) Leasing, purchasing, or sale of real estate and §610.021(3) Personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Schlanker and Walk

Closed session attendance: Petre, Dwiggins, Lea, Thompson, Wiggans, Carr, Holman, Marshall.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve hiring Ryan Hill. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Schlanker, Walk.

At 8:35 P.M. Councilman Thompson moved to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Schlanker, Walk.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Mary Lou Craig, City Clerk

James T Holman, Mayor