

The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting
August 23, 2022 – 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: Dick Schlanker, Ernie Lea, Caleb Dwiggins, Cheryl Blaise, Greg Wiggans, Chris Walk, and Jerold Carr.

Absent: None.

Approval of the Agenda:

Councilman Lea moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

2022 Tax Levy Public Hearing:

Hearing opened at 6:32P.M. It was reported that the tax rate on personal property and real estate for 2022 is proposed to be set at the maximum allowed ceiling of .8312 per \$100 assessed valuation, which is identical to the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 rate and the hearing was open for public input. No public comments or questions were posed, and no one indicated an interest to speak. The Hearing was closed 6:34 P.M.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 regular meeting, June 27, 2022 special meeting, July 6, 2022 special meeting, and July 12, 2022 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schlanker 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 Councilwoman Blaise and approved by all present voting in favor.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Appointment of Second Ward Councilman:

Due to the resignation of Mayor Scott Bigham and subsequent appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilman Tony Petre, as the new Mayor, and pursuant to RSMo. §77.450, the successor of the second ward councilman seat shall be appointed by the Mayor with consent of a majority of the remaining members of Council. The successor shall serve until the next available regular municipal April election (April 2023).

Mayor Petre recommended appointment of Steve Iwanowicz as Second Ward Councilman to serve until the April 2023 regular municipal election.

Councilman Schlanker moved to approve the appointment of Steve Iwanowicz as Second Ward Councilman to serve until the April 2023 regular municipal election. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea:	Lea, Schlanker, Walk, Blaise, Carr, Dwiggins.
Nay:	Wiggans.
Absent:	None.
Abstain:	None.

Swear in newly appointed Councilman:

City Clerk Craig administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Councilman Steve Iwanowicz.

Election of President (Mayor) Pro-Tem:

Councilman Carr moved to elect Ernie Lea as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schlanker and approved by all present voting in favor.

Appointment to City Council Committees:

Mayor Petre recommended appointment to the Council Committees as follows:

Sidewalk Committee: Carr (Chairman), Dwiggins, Schlanker, and Blaise

ISO Committee: Wiggins (Chairman), Dwiggins, Schlanker, Carr

Finance Committee: Dwiggins (Chairman), Carr, Schlanker, Blaise

Solid Waste Committee: Lea (Chairman), Schlanker, Carr Wiggins

Storm Water Committee: Wiggins (Chairman), Iwanowicz, Lea, Walk

Nuisance Abatement/Dangerous Bldg Committee: Carr(Chairman), Dwiggins, Iwanowicz, Blaise

Transportation Infrastructure Committee: Lea (Chairman), Schlanker, Walk, Wiggins

Public Safety Funding Committee: Dwiggins (Chairman), Iwanowicz, Walk, Blaise

Safety Committee: Walk (Chairman), Lea, Iwanowicz, Wiggins

Park & Recreation Committee: Lea (Chairman), Iwanowicz, Walk, Blaise

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the appointments as recommended by Mayor Petre. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor

Public Participation – Elks Lodge 100th Anniversary Celebration:

Macon Elks Lodge is celebrating its 100th anniversary on Saturday, September 10, 2022 and would like to close both lanes of North Rollins Street directly adjacent to their property line for the event from 8:00AM Saturday 9/10/22 thru 2:AM Sunday 9/11/22. They also requested a waiver of the City Noise Ordinance and permission to allow alcoholic beverages to be served on the closed street until 2:AM Sunday 9/11/22.

Councilman Schlanker moved to approve the Rollins Street closure from 8:00AM Saturday 9/10/22 thru 2:AM Sunday 9/11/22 but approval of the noise ordinance waiver and serving of alcohol on city street only until 1:AM Sunday 9/11/22. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

Ordinance OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI LEVYING AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI:

Councilman Lea moved to place on the first reading, the bill approving the ordinance levying and fixing the rate of taxation for the year 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

- Yea: Lea, Schlanker, Walk, Blaise, Wiggins, Carr, Iwanowicz, Dwiggins.
- Nay: None.
- Absent: None.
- Abstain: None.

Councilman Wiggins moved to place on the second reading the bill approving the ordinance levying and fixing the rate of taxation for the year 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Lea, Schlanker, Walk, Blaise, Wiggans, Carr, Iwanowicz, Dwiggins.
Nay: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

Appointment to Macon Public Library Board of Trustees:

Mayor Petre recommended re-appointment of Mary Pursley to a second term on the Library Board of Trustees to serve through July 2025.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the re-appointment of Mary Pursley to the Library Board of Trustees to serve through July 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walk and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Ordinance – OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI
REDUCING THE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED MAXIMUM NATURAL GAS
COMMODITY PURCHASE CONTRACT AMOUNT BETWEEN KINECT
ENERGY AND MACON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES:**

The maximum quantity for both contracts combined was misstated in the previous ordinance and is herein corrected to authorize the Board of Public Works to execute two natural gas futures contracts with Kinect Energy for the November 2023-March 2024 winter season to procure a maximum of two 25% layers (i.e., two at 58,801 dekatherm each) based on historical usage data at a cost not to exceed \$5 per dekatherm.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to place on the first reading, the ordinance reducing the previously authorized maximum natural gas commodity purchase contract amount between Kinect Energy and Macon Municipal Utilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by roll call as follows:

Yea: Lea, Schlanker, Walk, Blaise, Wiggans, Carr, Iwanowicz, Dwiggins.
Nay: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

Councilman Carr moved to place on the second and final reading, the ordinance reducing the previously authorized maximum natural gas commodity purchase contract amount between Kinect Energy and Macon Municipal Utilities. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blaise and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Lea, Schlanker, Walk, Blaise, Wiggans, Carr, Iwanowicz, Dwiggins.
Nay: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

**Approval of Board of Public Works Bid Award to MICA Steelworks, Inc. for
Substation 3 expansion project:**

Electric Substation #3 was built in the late 1990's and was specifically designed to allow for future expansion. The steel manufacturer that produced the plans for Sub 3 was Falcon Steel (now MICA Steelworks, Inc). The time has come to expand Substation #3 which will allow for continued growth for Agri-Genesis and economic growth in the Heartland Industrial Park.

Toth and Associates Engineering is currently working with Macon Municipal Utilities on the expansion. To reduce engineering, design, and fabrication costs, the original designs are being used; however, these plans are copyrighted and can only be used by MICA Steelworks, Inc.

As allowed by the City of Macon Employee Handbook Chapter XXIX Purchasing, 2900.10(3) Bid Purchasing Limits, the Board of Public Works requested the Mayor's approval for purchase of the projects structural steel from MICA Steelworks in the amount of \$156,752.00. Additionally, Toth & Associates, submitted a detailed explanation of the reasoning behind their recommendation to allow this one-time exception.

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

Mayor's report:

Mayor Petre extended condolences to Rebecca Sims over the loss of her brother David Salsman.

Petre sent well wishes for speedy recoveries for Councilman Wiggans' wife's injury and Councilman Schlanker's wife's illness.

Petre extended prayers to Adam Dawdy and his family as his father fights a tough battle with stage-4 cancer.

Petre stated that the Fork & Cork event was great, again, and he heard a lot of nice compliments about our town. He feels that the event is a great reflection of our town and provides us the opportunity to show case ourselves to younger families that appreciate what Macon has to offer. Petre extended a big thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for what they do with that event.

Petre reminded everyone that school starts August 24th and that there will be many more pedestrians especially up around the school and wanted to send well wishes out to the students and faculty as they start the 2022-2023 school year.

Council reports:

Council Members welcomed newly appointed Councilman Iwanowicz.

Councilman Wiggans complimented the public grounds for doing a real good job this summer keeping the wading pools open, they were really well used. Wiggans also thanked MMU for the installation of a streetlight at the Willow Lane/Hilddale Drive intersection.

Councilwoman Blaise expressed appreciation over the completion of the pickleball court conversion project and the newly concreted high school student parking lot at Macon R1.

Councilman Dwiggins reported that the school held trauma training sessions, he found it very interesting to hear what the school district and teachers are doing to recognize what the children have been through the last couple of years and how learning has changed and how they understand the need to get the children back into their seats and back into understanding how school really functions and how to make our children better in the long run.

City Administrator’s report:

The following was reported:

- Blee Annex Building, where the Historical Society is located, will be undergoing repairs. Stress and movement from wind load on the flag poles have caused water intrusion in the columns that extends through the third-floor walls. The flag poles will be removed from the columns and tuck pointer will stop the water access and repair the damage.
- Jed Lea is organizing another car cruise/show set for September 17, 2022 from 6:00PM to 10:00PM in the municipal parking lot (Bourke St./Oak St.) behind City Hall.
- Welcomed new Public Grounds employee Eric Still and new Firefighter Kayl Grant.
- Public Grounds worked the Fork & Cork event this year to keep the area clean throughout the event which worked out well and was a good way for the City to participate and be supportive of the festival.
- Police Department continues processing derelict vehicles.
- Major Cass Squad was activated due to a murder victim in Kirksville, MO. and the search for the murder suspect continues.

City Clerk’s report:

City Clerk, Mary Lou Craigg, reminded Council that September meeting had been rescheduled to September 20th due to the MML Annual Conference. Conference attendee packets will be delivered to Council Members on September 7th.

Closed Session:

At 7:09 P.M. Councilman Carr moved to go into closed session pursuant to §610.021(3) Personnel, §610.021(9) Preparations, and §610.021(12) Sealed Bids & Contract Negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Lea, Schlanker, Walk, Blaise, Wiggans, Carr, Iwanowicz, Dwiggins.
 Nay: None.
 Absent: None.
 Abstain: None.

Closed session attendance: Petre, Lea, Schlanker, Walk, Blaise, Wiggans, Carr, Iwanowicz, Dwiggins, Marshall, and Craigg.

At 8:44 P.M. Councilman Dwiggins moved to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Lea, Schlanker, Walk, Blaise, Wiggans, Carr, Iwanowicz, Dwiggins.
 Nay: None.
 Absent: None.
 Abstain: None.

Mayor Petre appointed members to the Personnel Interview Committee as follows: Councilman Iwanowicz, Councilman Schlanker, City Clerk Craigg, Administrator Marshall, and himself.

~~Administrator Marshall advised that the order for the incident command/brush truck for the fire department had been cancelled by the manufacturer but that an alternative truck had been secured. However, as there is no state bid pricing available the cost will be \$44,500, which is \$10,765 more than the previous order.~~

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Blaise moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Mary Lou Craig, City Clerk

Anthony E. Petre, Mayor