

**The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting
June 14, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.
106 West Bourke Street
Macon, Missouri 63552**

Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Petre called the meeting to order with the following members in attendance: Tony Petre, Dick Schlanker, Ernie Lea, Caleb Dwiggins, Cheryl Blaise, Greg Wiggans, Chris Walk, and Jerold Carr.

Absent: Mayor Scott Bigham.

Approval of the Agenda:

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the amended agenda removing approval of Accounts Payable and the Destiny Richeberg Foundation event request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blaise and approved by all voting in favor.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Councilman Lea moved to approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2022 special meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

Accounts Payable:

Will be approved by majority signature later in the week when preparations are complete.

Financial Report:

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

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

2021 Audit Report – Williams Keepers:

Amanda Schultz of Williams Keepers, LLC provided a brief overview of the year 2021 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 Schlanker moved to accept the 2021 Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

Uncollectable 2018 Personal Property Tax Write Off List – City Collector:

City Collector, Rebecca Sims, submitted the 2018 Uncollectable Personal Property Tax List to write off.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the 2018 Uncollectable Personal Property Tax Write Off List totaling \$1,904.16 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blaise and approved by all present voting in favor.

Selection of project engineer for Macon Fire Department apparatus-bay floor repair/replace project:

Councilman Dwiggin, chairman of the Public Safety Funding Committee, reported that Four qualified engineering firms (Allstate Consultants, Howe Company, McClure, and MECO) submitted Statements of Qualifications in response to the RFQ related to the repair/replacement of the Fire Department apparatus-bay floor (ceiling of the Emergency Command Center) project. Preliminary analysis conducted by two firms indicate that there may not be any structural integrity issues, and a total replacement may not be necessary. Epoxy resurfacing may be a viable alternative.

The Public Safety Funding Committee held a meeting June 14th at which they reviewed the submittals and recommend selection of Howe Company as the project engineer and moving forward with fee negotiations.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the selection of Howe Company as engineer for the apparatus-bay floor repair/replacement project and initiation of fee negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by vote as follows:

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

Approval of Chamber of Commerce requests related to the annual Fork & Cork Festival:

Councilman Dwiggin moved to approve the requested street closures, waiver of the ordinance banning serving of alcohol on City Streets, and waiver of the City's noise ordinance related to the annual Fork & Cork Festival. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walk and approved by all present voting in favor.

Ordinance – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND PURSUANT TO CITY CODE 2-196:

Councilman Dwiggin removed himself to the audience since he has a personal financial interest in this item.

Warbonnet Enterprises LLC (owned by Caleb Dwiggin, Jack Dwiggin, and John Dwiggin) is under contract to purchase the Micro Engineering LLC. This company manufactures and sell tracks, switches, and structure products for the model railroad industry. There are only four of these production companies worldwide, and Micro Engineering is the only company in the United States. Currently located in Fenton Missouri, Micro Engineering LLC was founded in 1965 and has operated continuously by the founding family for 57-years. Plans include moving operations to Macon over the next few months. This is an established successful company with established markets and processes.

The Revolving Loan Board unanimously approved and recommended to the City Council to authorize the loan to Warbonnet Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$150,000 for 7-year term at 4% interest rate. The City Attorney has provided the ordinance and loan documents necessary to finalize the loan process.

Councilman Schlanker moved to place on the first reading, the ordinance authorizing payment from the revolving loan fund pursuant to City Code 2-196. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call as follows:

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

Councilman Lea moved to place on the second and final reading, the ordinance authorizing payment from the revolving loan fund pursuant to City Code 2-196. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walk and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

**Ordinance – OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI
AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY ADDING ONE NEW SECTION
REGARDING ETHICS:**

As requested, Counsel for the City provided an ordinance for passage that officially establishes a code of ethics for the City’s public officials, and which essentially mirrors current practice.

Councilman Lea moved to place on the first reading, the ordinance amending the City Code by adding one new section regarding ethics. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call as follows:

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

Councilman Carr moved to place on the second and final reading, the ordinance amending the City Code by adding one new section regarding ethics. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

**Ordinance – OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI
AMENDING THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT AND
DUTIES FOR THE CITY CLERK AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

As requested, Counsel for the City provided and ordinance for passage to appropriately clarify powers and authority, and which essentially mirrors current practice.

Councilman Carr moved to place on the first reading, the ordinance amending the City Code regarding the appointment and duties for the City Clerk and City Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walk and approved by roll call as follows:

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

Councilman Dwiggins moved to place on the second and final reading, the ordinance amending ordinance amending the City Code regarding the appointment and duties for the City Clerk and City Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Appointment to Revolving Loan Fund Commission:

Mayor Bigham submitted a recommendation of the re-appointment of JP Hartung to the Revolving Loan Fund Commission to serve through June 2026.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the re-appointment of JP Hartung to the Revolving Loan Fund Commission to serve through June 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

Mayor's report:

None.

Kayla Hartung addressed the Council to deliver a personal thank you for the support for the Gravel Grinder fundraiser event in support of the Macon food pantry. The 2022 event raised over \$1,400 and over the last four years has raised over \$7,200 for the emergency food pantry operated through Macon County Ministries.

Council reports:

Councilman Lea reported that the Maples Repertory Theater begins their season this coming Friday.

Councilman Dwiggins found the Gravel Grinder event quite interesting and recommended attending it.

Councilwoman Blaise recently attended the Newly Elected Officials training hosted by the Missouri Municipal League (MML) which she found very informative and complemented City for providing for the training opportunity.

Councilman Wiggans expressed that it was good to see the Rubey Street and Jackson Street Parks wading pools open for the summer.

Councilman Petre reported that the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments (MTRCOG) Transportation Advisory Committee met and the intersection of Hwy 63/Hwy 36 exchange, a pedestrian crossing over State Highway 63 at the school, and a Hwy 63 Macon-by-pass are still included needs. Added to the needs list for Macon was the Walnut Street intersection related to the school bus route issues.

City Administrator's report:

The following was reported:

- MML Regional Meeting is being hosted by City of Macon and is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th at the Macon County Fairgrounds Youth Building.

- Fireworks annual displays are scheduled for Friday July 1st by C&R Market at their grocery store parking lot and Monday July 4th by Chamber of Commerce at the County Fairgrounds.
- Installation of the first nine holes T-pads for the Disc Golf course is complete as well as clearing for installation of the back nine holes.
- Deployment of the Patrol Car MDT's is nearing completion. The Department is working through final stages of the technical setup.
- Grant Applications for Fire Department equipment (such as MOSWIN capable radios and cascade filling system [breathing apparatus fill station compressor and tanks]) have been completed. We anticipate awards decisions to be released as early as July.
- Macon Police Department received a 95-Years of Service award at the Macon Chamber of Commerce Awards event.

City Clerk's report:

None.

Closed Session:

At 7:16 P.M. Councilman Dwiggins 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 Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Closed session attendance: Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Dwiggins, Blaise, Wiggans, Walk, Carr, Marshall, Craig, and Shannon Howe of HoweCo.

At 10:41 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:	Petre, Schlanker, Lea, Dwiggins, Blaise, Wiggans, Walk, Carr.
Nay:	None.
Absent:	None.

No votes were taken in closed session.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 P.M.

Mary Lou Craig, City Clerk

Anthony E. Petre, Mayor