

**The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting  
October 11, 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: Caleb Dwiggins, Dick Schlanker, Jerold Carr, Greg Wiggans, Cheryl Blaise, Steve Iwanowicz, and Ernie Lea.

Absent: Chris Walk.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Due to short staffing the September meeting minutes will be available at the November Council Meeting for approval then.

**Accounts Payable:**

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve accounts payable as presented. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Carr 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 Schlanker and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Request to Place McDuffee Cabin and Flag Poles at Blee Park Museum Property – Macon County Historical Society:**

Harold Burkhardt, with the Macon Historical Society, requested permission to place the McDuffee Cabin on the City's Blee Academy Annex Building property which is currently leased by the Historical Museum. The cabin has been located at the Macon County Fairgrounds since 1981 and restoration is needed. The Historical Society intends to pour a concrete slab foundation for the cabin in the enclosed North yard to reassemble the log cabin on. Additionally, the Historical Society would like to keep the flagpoles that were removed from the Blee Academy Annex Building columns and place them on each side of the front staircase. The Society is planning on placing Blee Military Academy pennants on the poles and have told us that is what was flown when the Academy was in operation.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve both the McDuffee Cabin relocation project and the flagpole re-use project as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Request to install wheelchair accessible ramp – Chubby Bear Restaurant:**

Chubby Bear restaurant requested permission to install a concrete ADA accessible ramp to the south entrance 203 Rollins Street. The sidewalk is ten feet wide. The requested ramp would extend six feet south towards Bourke Street and would be thirty-six (36) inches wide with one stair step on the north side and a stainless-steel hand as per ADA

regulations. The project would require relocation of the downtown associations flower box as well.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the ADA accessible ramp installation provided the railing matches those installed on the 100-block of vines street. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blaise and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Trunk or Treat event road closure request – Macon First Baptist Church -October 31, 2022:**

Macon First Baptist Church requested closure of Daugherty Street, between Rutherford Street and Jackson Street, for a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:pm to 8:PM.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the requested street closure for the event. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Issuance of Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) – Macon Municipal Pool design-build pool project:**

The Phase I Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document for design-build teams related to the upcoming municipal pool project were distributed for Council viewing. Responses are due November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Parks & Recreation Committee will then review the responses and make recommendation to Council regarding the selection of teams to proceed to Phase II and Phase III submittals.

**Discussion of Macon Police Department Employment/Training Agreement:**

Council was presented a Police Employment/Training Agreement document, which was reviewed and approved as to form by Special Counsel Nathan Nickolaus of Lauber Law, for consideration as a recruitment tool. Under the agreement, the City would pay the tuition to the Police Academy for a sponsored cadet in exchange for the option of a thirty-six (36) month employment contract.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the operational change by approving the implementation and use of the Employment/Training Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schlanker and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Approval to participate in the 2022 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG):**

The Missouri Department of Public Safety Local Law Enforcement Block Grant application period opens soon. Awards may be received in amounts up to \$10,000.00 for the purchase of equipment directly related to units of local government to improve officer and public safety. Police Chief Dawdy requested approval to participate. Chief Dawdy and Administrator Marshall will work together to develop the product list for submittal.

Councilman Iwanowicz moved to approve participation in the 2022 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG). The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Appointment to Board of Adjustment:**

Mayor Petre recommended appointment of Alternate Board of Adjustment Member Chad Mayes to complete the term (through February 2026) vacated by Steve Iwanowicz when Iwanowicz accepted appointment to the City Council.

Councilman Carr moved to approve the appointment of Chad Mayes to the Board of Adjustment to serve through February 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Appointment to Macon Fower-Memorial Airport Citizen Advisory Board:**

Mayor Petre recommended re-appointment of Nick Blomberg and Mark Thomas to the Macon Fower-Memorial Airport Citizen Advisory Board to serve through October 2024.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the re-appointment of Nick Blomberg to the Macon Fower-Memorial Airport Citizen Advisory Board to serve through October 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the re-appointment of Mark Thomas to the Macon Fower-Memorial Airport Citizen Advisory Board to serve through October 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wiggans and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Appointment to Industrial Development Authority Board:**

Mayor Petre recommended re-appointment of Rachel Richardson and Frank Grimshaw to the Industrial Development Authority Board to serve through October 2024.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve re-appointment of Rachel Richardson to the Industrial Development Board to serve through October 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the re-appointment of Frank Grimshaw to the Industrial Development Board to serve through October 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by all present voting in favor.

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

Mayor Petre recommended appointment of Amanda Turnbull to the Macon Public Library Board of Trustees to serve through July 2023.

Councilman Schlanker moved to approve the appointment of Amanda Turnbull to the Macon Public Library Board of Trustees to serve through July 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Mayor's report:**

Mayor Petre extended condolences to Adam Dawdy, for the death of his father, and to Dan Wright, for the death of his mother.

Petre welcomed new Fire Chief, Travis Austin.

Petre reported that the downtown associations recent street dance event had a good turnout and reminded everyone of the upcoming Marching Bank Festival event

**Council reports:**

Councilwoman Blaise reported that the "Build My Future" event sponsored by Macon County Economic Development was amazing! The hands-on interactive experience and the wide variety of skills/trades presented really provided a unique opportunity for attendees. Blaise was appreciative of the street departments work on trimming back the brush and debris along Vine Street prior to MMU's ribbon cutting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant headworks.

Council also expressed condolences to Adam Dawdy and Dan Wright over the loss of their parents and welcomed new Fire Chief Travis Austin.

Nothing further was reported.

**City Administrator's report:**

The following was reported:

- City will begin efforts to post a flag status update on Facebook and the City website to inform citizens of the reason for our flags moved to half-staff.
- Roadway inventory and planning program by First Step Pavement Management is being reviewed for implementation.
- Stormwater tubes installed on Blee Lake walking trail.
- Guardrail moved to expand police department west parking lot area.
- Oldest fire department pumper failed pump test and is undergoing necessary repairs.
- Fire Prevention Week programs were given at the day cares and school.

**City Clerk's report:**

None.

**Closed Session:**

At 7:24 P.M. Councilman Wiggins moved to go into closed session pursuant to §610.021(2) Leasing, purchasing, or sale of real estate, and §610.021(12) Sealed Bids & Contract Negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Closed session attendance: Dwiggins, Schlanker, Carr, Wiggins, Blaise, Iwanowicz, Lea, Petre, Marshall, and Craig.

At 7:52 P.M. Councilman Dwiggins moved to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

No closed session action is reportable at this time.

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

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Mary Lou Craig, City Clerk

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Anthony E. Petre, Mayor