The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting

**June 13, 2023 – 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, Talt Holman, Jerold Carr, Jerry Thompson, Steve Iwanowicz, and Ernie Lea.

Absent: Cheryl Blaise, and Chris Walk

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Revisions were requested for the May 09, 2023 minutes. They will be presented at a later meeting for approval.

**Accounts Payable:**

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

**Financial Report:**

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

**Old Business:**

**Discussion of Macon Municipal Swimming Project**

The details of the design layout and features of the new municipal swimming pool were presented.

**New Business:**

**2022 Independent Auditor’s Report – Williams Keepers**

Kristen Brown of Williams Keepers, LLC provided a brief overview of the year 2022 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 Dwiggins moved to accept the 2022 Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Public Participation: MU Extension Garden Bed Approval Request on Downtown Sidewalks**

Candace Rodman, Nutrition and Health Specialist with the Macon MU Extension Office, spoke regarding the vegetable garden raised beds/planters recently placed on city property around town. The planters were placed in violation of City Code sections 24-4, 24-151, and 24-158. MU Extension was awarded a $17,000 grant for garden projects. Fifty raised beds have been placed, ten of those are in downtown Macon with eight of them being placed on City property [The current locations of those eight planters are: 130 Vine; 107 Vine; 103 Vine; 103 N. Rollins; 111 N. Rollins; and 103 W. Bourke].

The businesses abutting the sidewalk where each garden container is placed are partners with MU Extension and have agreed to be responsible for the care and cleanliness of the plants/containers. Any planters without a care partner will be removed. All excess produce will be donated to the local food pantry. Rodman requested approval to keep the planters in their present locations and to allow seasonally appropriate plantings/decorations after the vegetable growing season concludes.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the current location/placement of the eight MU Extension Garden Project planters upon the downtown sidewalks for 2023 but permission for the placement/continued use of City property for the planters must be obtained annually (February or March each year before planting). The motion was seconded by Councilman Holman and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Uncollectable 2019 Personal Property Tax Write Off List – City Collector**

City Collector, Rebecca Sims, submitted the 2019 Uncollectable Personal Property Tax List to write off.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the 2019 Uncollectable Personal Property Tax Write Off List totaling $3,569.04 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holman and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Award Tow/Storage Contractor for Removal of Abandoned and Derelict Vehicles**

Two proposals were received for the 2023-2024 tow/storage services related to Police Department orders for removal of abandoned or derelict vehicles.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to award the 2023-2024 tow/storage contract to Still Towing LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Resolution – Adopting Revisions to the City of Macon, Missouri, and Macon Municipal Utilities Employee Policy Manual**

Revisions to the City of Macon, Missouri, and Macon Municipal Utilities Employee Policy Manual were presented to allow the CA/GM to make the initial approval of any employee’s primary residence relocation requests and assign the Council/Board of Public Works the role to override the CA/GM decision as they deem appropriate.

Councilman Thompson moved to approve Resolution Number 2023-06-13 revising the City of Macon, Missouri, and Macon Municipal Utilities Employee Policy Manual. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holman and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Ordinance – AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE MACON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Councilman Holman moved to approve the first reading the bill approving the ordinance amending the 2023 annual operating budget for the Macon Public Library. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Iwanowicz, Lea.

Nay: None.

Absent: Blaise, Walk.

Abstain: None.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the second reading the bill approving the ordinance amending the 2023 annual operating budget for the Macon Public Library. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Lea, Iwanowicz, Thompson, Carr, Holman, Dwiggins.

Nay: None.

Absent: Walk, Blaise.

Abstain: None.

**Ordinance – AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 17-130 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI**

(relating to Police Department personnel, qualifications, appointments, and promotions)

Councilman Lea moved to approve the first reading of the bill approving the ordinance authorizing the amendment of Chapter 17, Article VIII, Section 17-130 of the Code of the City of Macon, Missouri. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holman and approved by roll call as:

Yea: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Iwanowicz, Lea.

Nay: None.

Absent: Blaise, Walk.

Abstain: None.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the second reading of the bill approving the ordinance authorizing the amendment of Chapter 17, Article VIII, Section 17-130 of the Code of the City of Macon, Missouri. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lea and approved by roll call as:

Yea: Lea, Iwanowicz, Thompson, Carr, Holman, Dwiggins.

Nay: None.

Absent: Walk, Blaise.

Abstain: None.

**Ordinance – OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CO-GENERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI, BY AND THROUGH ITS MUNICIPAL UTILITY BOARD (MACON CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS), AND POET BIOPROCESSING – MACON, LLC, SUCCESSOR TO NORTHEAST MISSOURI GRAIN PRO REGARDING THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF STEAM AND NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SERVICES**

Negotiations for a new 5-year co-generation agreement are complete. The new agreement contains significant modified natural gas input cost split parameters and natural gas transportation rates, and the selling of the boiler to POET. Representatives of all parties affected were present for the negotiations.

Councilman Lea moved to approve the first reading of the bill approving the ordinance of the City Council of the City of Macon, Missouri, authorizing the execution of the co-generation agreement between the City of Macon, Missouri, by and through its Municipal Utility Board (Macon City Board of Public Works), and Poet Bioprocessing – Macon, LLC, successor to Northeast Missouri Grain Pro regarding the sale and purchase of Steam and Natural Gas Distribution Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Iwanowicz, Lea.

Nay: None.

Absent: Blaise, Walk.

Abstain: None.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the second reading of the bill approving the ordinance of the City Council of the City of Macon, Missouri, authorizing the execution of the co-generation agreement between the City of Macon, Missouri, by and through its Municipal Utility Board (Macon City Board of Public Works), and Poet Bioprocessing – Macon, LLC, successor to Northeast Missouri Grain Pro regarding the sale and purchase of Steam and Natural Gas Distribution Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by roll call vote as follows

Yea: Lea, Iwanowicz, Thompson, Carr, Holman, Dwiggins.

Nay: None.

Absent: Walk, Blaise.

Abstain: None.

**Ordinance – EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON THE ERECTION OF DIGITAL BILLBOARDS WITHIN THE CITY FOR A PERIOD OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DAYS**

Language to update our digital signs/billboards regulations has not been completed. To allow the necessary time for the attorney to complete this process and extension of the moratorium is needed.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the first reading of the bill approving the ordinance extending the moratorium on the erection of digital billboards within the city for a period of an additional one hundred and twenty days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Iwanowicz, Lea.

Nay: Holman.

Absent: Blaise, Walk.

Abstain: None.

Councilman Carr moved to approve the second reading of the bill approving the ordinance extending the moratorium on the erection of digital billboards within the city for a period of an additional one hundred and twenty days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Lea, Iwanowicz, Thompson, Carr, Holman, Dwiggins.

Nay: Holman.

Absent: Walk, Blaise.

Abstain: None.

**Appointment to Enhance Enterprise Zone**

Mayor Petre recommended re-appointment of Dan Wilt to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone to serve through May 2028.

Councilman Thompson moved to approve the re-appointment of Dan Wilt to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone to serve through May 2028. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Appointment to Revolving Loan Fund Commission**

Mayor Petre recommended re-appointment of Patricia Knowles to the Revolving Loan Fund Commission to serve through June 2027.

Councilman Carr moved to approve the re-appointment of Patricia Knowles to the Revolving Loan Fund Commission to serve through June 2027. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by vote as follows:

Yea: Carr, Holman, Thompson, Iwanowicz, Lea.

Nay: None.

Absent: Blaise, Walk.

Abstain: Dwiggins.

**Discussion: Security of City Hall**

Discussions regarding staff safety and security of City Hall have begun. Changes/modifications will be implemented soon.

**Mayor’s report:**

Mayor Petre extended condolences to Councilman Talt Holman over the recent passing of his father, Gary Holman.

Thanked Talt Holman for the free bulldozer work leveling the Macon Lake archery range site making ready for ADA accessible parking and target practice.

VCVC Gravel Grinder event hosted 42 bikers and netted $1,100 proceeds to be donated to the Food Bank.

Reported upcoming events:

* June 14th – Maples Repertory Theater 20th Anniversary Celebration
* June 17th – EAA Chapter 1212 Fly-in Drive in at Macon Airport
* June 20th – Macon County Historical Society “Night at the Museum”
* June 29th – Downtown Association “Party in the Street”
* June 30th – C&R Supermarket fireworks display
* July 3rd – YMCA Independence Day Summer Festival 6pm-9pm
* July 3rd – Chamber of Commerce/City of Macon fireworks display 9pm

**Council reports:**

None.

**City Administrator’s report:**

The following was reported:

* Environmental Hazardous Material remediation will start within the next 60 days.
* Beacon replacement project is waiting for materials to be delivered.
* EPA’s Toastmaster facility environmental cleanup project sitework remediation phase has been completed and site monitoring phase has commenced.
* Fire Dept parking bay floor repair project is ready for sitework to begin.
* Fire Dept Hazmat Equipment grant is complete.
* Engine #3 is down for engine repair/rebuild. Anticipated cost of $16,000

**City Clerk’s report:**

The following was reported:

**Closed Session:**

At 8:07 P.M. Councilman Iwanowicz moved to go into closed session pursuant to §610.021(3) Personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Iwanowicz, Lea.

Nay: None.

Absent: Blaise, Walk.

Abstain: None.

Closed session attendance: Dwiggins, Holman, Carr, Thompson, Iwanowicz, Lea, Petre, Marshall, and Craigg.

Closed Session ended at 8:33 P.M.

No closed session action is reportable at this time.

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Mary Lou Craigg, City Clerk

Anthony E. Petre, Mayor