The Minutes of the Macon City Council Meeting

**September 19, 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, Jerold Carr, Jerry Thompson, Cheryl Blaise, Chris Walk, and Steve Iwanowicz.

Absent: Talt Holman, Ernie Lea.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Councilman Iwanowicz moved to amend the agenda to move new business item#8, Ordinance creating the Macon Municipal Utility Advisory Board, to become the first item of new business and to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blaise and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the Minutes of the July 5, 2023, August 24, 2023, and September 5, 2023 special meetings, and August 08, 2023 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Accounts Payable:**

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

**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:**

Mayor Petre announced the resignation of City Administrator Avis Marshall. Petre reported having received her resignation the previous week and extended appreciation for

her commitment and service and further stating that it has been a pleasure working with her these past five years.

**Ordinance OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI CREATING THE MACON MUNICIPAL UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD:**

Mayor Petre prefaced discussion of the agenda item with an accounting of some issues that have caused the proposed ordinance to be placed on the agenda. Petre conveyed that there are no issues with employees or City/MMU departments, the problems are solely with a dysfunctional Board of Public Works.

Councilman Iwanowicz moved to table the first reading in lieu of a good faith effort by both the Council and the Board of Public Works to resolve the issues that were enumerated earlier. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

Mayor Petre announced that the Ordinance would be tabled until the next regular council meeting to give the Council time to address the Board of Public Works and discuss options moving forward with a goal of collaboration.

**Amend the Agenda:**

Councilman Dwiggins moved to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2023-09-19 removing Brian Terry from the Board of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blaise and approved by all present voting as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: Thompson.

Mayor Petre read Resolution 2023-09-19. Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve Resolution 2023-09-19. Discussion revolved around the fact that the relationship between the City Council and Board of Public Works must improve and that to-date the Board of Public Works, under Mr. Terry’s leadership, has demonstrated an unwillingness to participate in face-to-face communication or work through current issues. Any continuation of the current actions and interactions would clearly show that Mr. Terry cannot remain in his present position. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blaise. Councilman Thompson moved to table Resolution 2023-09-19. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

Mayor Petre announced that the Resolution 2023-09-19 will be tabled until the next regular council meeting.

**Approval of Immaculate Conception School Oktoberfest street closure requests:**

Councilman Thompson moved to approve the closure of 100-block of East Washington and East Union for Immaculate Conception School Oktoberfest annual event on October 1, 2023 as requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Approval of Parade Permit – Macon High School Homecoming Parade event request:**

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the requested Parade Permit and street closures for the parade route and staging areas as depicted on the map for the Macon R1 Homecoming annual event on October 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Approval of Parade Permit-Macon City of Maples Marching Festival:**

Macon first hosted this event in 2019. The 2023 event will be limited to thirty schools’ bands competing.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the requested Parade Permit and street closures for the parade and staging areas as depicted on the map for the Macon R1 Band Department City of Maples Marching Band Festival event on October 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Award De-icing Material Bid – 2023/2024:**

Seven vendors responded to the request for bid. Councilman Thompson moved to award lowest bidder Hutchinson Salt Co. as the 2023/2024 winter season de-icing material supplier at $76.16 (+Kansas sales tax) per ton delivered. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Ordinance OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE ANNUAL INSPECTION PROGRAM CONTRACTS BETWEEN OZARK APPLICATORS LLC AND MACON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES RELATED TO WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE:**

Councilman Dwiggins moved to place on the first reading, the bill approving the ordinance authorizing execution of the annual inspection program contracts between Ozark Applicators LLC and Macon Municipal Utilities related to water tower maintenance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Blaise and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: None.

Absent: Holman, Lea.

Abstain: None.

Councilwoman Blaise moved to place on the second reading, the bill approving the ordinance execution of the annual inspection program contracts between Ozark Applicators LLC and Macon Municipal Utilities related to water tower maintenance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: None.

Absent: Holman, Lea.

Abstain: None.

**Ordinance OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI** **AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO.1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – TASK ORDER ENGINEER-OWNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI AND BURNS & McDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY RELATED TO PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR SEWER SEPARATION IN THE COMBINED SEWER AREA:**

Councilman Thompson moved to place on the first reading, the bill approving the ordinance authorizing execution of Amendment No.1 to the Professional Services Agreement – Task Order Engineer-Owner Agreement between the City of Macon, Missouri and Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company related to preliminary design for sewer separation in the combined sewer area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: None.

Absent: Holman, Lea.

Abstain: None.

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Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: None.

Absent: Holman, Lea.

Abstain: None.

**Ordinance OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTINUATION OF SMALL CUSTOMER TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT NO.11722 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI, AND PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPELINE COMPANY:**

Councilman Dwiggins moved to place on the first reading, the bill approving the ordinance authorizing execution of a Continuation of Small Customer Transportation Agreement No. 11722 by and between the City of Macon, Missouri, and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: None.

Absent: Holman, Lea.

Abstain: None.

Councilman Thompson moved to place on the second reading, the bill approving the ordinance authorizing execution of a Continuation of Small Customer Transportation Agreement No. 11722 by and between the City of Macon, Missouri, and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: None.

Absent: Holman, Lea.

Abstain: None.

**Ordinance OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TO EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS RESULTING FROM SUCH APPLICATION FOR ANY GRANTS BETWEEN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL, OPERATING, AND/OR MARKETING ASSISTANCE COMPRISED OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVED TRANSIT PROJECTS:** (bi-annual application for funds to operate Oats Bus program)

Councilman Dwiggins moved to place on the first reading, the bill approving the ordinance authorizing the mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and to execute any contracts resulting from such application for any grants between the Chamber of Commerce and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance comprised of federal funds to be expended for commission approved transit projects. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walk and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: None.

Absent: Holman, Lea.

Abstain: None.

Councilman Thompson moved to place on the second reading, the bill approving the ordinance authorizing the mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and to execute any contracts resulting from such application for any grants between the Chamber of Commerce and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance comprised of federal funds to be expended for commission approved transit projects. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: None.

Absent: Holman, Lea.

Abstain: None.

**Appointments to Community Child Development Center Board of Directors:**

Mayor Petre recommended re-appointment of Mary Ann Butner to the Community Development Center Board of Directors to serve through September 2026.

Councilman Dwiggins moved to approve the re-appointment of Mary Ann Butner to the Community Development Center Board of Directors to serve through September 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Appointments to Police Merit Board:**

Mayor Petre recommended the appointment of Rebecca Williams to the Police Merit Board to serve through August 2026.

Councilwoman Blaise moved to approve the appointment of Rebecca Williams to the Police Merit Board to serve through August 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dwiggins and approved by all present voting in favor.

**Mayor’s report:**

Mayor Petre reported that on Tuesday September 12th the Community Child Development Center celebrated its 15th year of operation.

Petre also reminded everyone of several upcoming events:

* Sept 20th-22nd – Lolli Livestock Auction Alternative Livestock Sale
* Sept 20th – Build My Future @ Macon Fairgrounds
* Sept 23rd – Sac & Fox Annual Artifacts Show @ Expo Center
* Sept 30th – Northeast MO Fall Pickers Markets @ Macon County Fairgrounds
* Oct 1st – Immaculate Conception School Oktoberfest
* Oct 6th – Macon High School Homecoming Parade – downtown Macon

**Council reports:**

Councilman Dwiggins commented about the progress of the demolition of the old Beef Packers facility and complemented the City Hall Staff on their efforts which made the project a reality.

Councilman Thompson advised that that the Macon City of Maples Marching Festival takes a lot of citizen involvement. Anyone interested in volunteering to help should contact Macon High School Band Director Jamie Baker.

Councilwoman Blaise reminded everyone of the upcoming Friends of the Library Book Sale.

**City Administrator’s report:**

City Administrator, Avis Marshall reported the following:

* Archery range project practice range installation is complete. The installation of 12 range targets will complete the project.
* Fire Bay Floor Project site work is underway.
* Gabrielsons donated an automobile for fire department emergency response practice and Macon Housing Authority allowed use of a 4th floor apartment for firefighters to practice their high-rise building tactical response.

**City Clerk’s report:**

None.

**Closed Session:**

At 7:53 P.M. Councilwoman Blaise moved to go into closed session pursuant to and §610.021(3) Personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Iwanowicz and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Yea: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz.

Nay: None.

Absent: Holman, Lea.

Abstain: None.

Closed session attendance: Dwiggins, Carr, Thompson, Blaise, Walk, Iwanowicz, Petre, Marshall, Nathan Nickolaus, David Ausmus, and Craigg.

Closed Session ended at 8:50 P.M.

No closed session action is reportable at this time.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Mary Lou Craigg, City Clerk

Anthony E. Petre, Mayor