

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 10, 2017

Clerk Pam Windell called the Macon City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She asked for a nomination to name Alderman Dennis Ruot as Mayor Pro-Tem.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Beasley to accept Alderman Ruot as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried.

Present were Clerk Pam Windell, Treasurer Jeanne Hulva, Attorney Michael Antoline, Council members Doug Huggins, Chad Rappe, Kimberly Claussen, Dennis Ruot, Caleb Beasley, and Doug McGuire. Also present were Charlie Dunmire, Darrick Hulva, Cody Holsapple, Deputy Joe Mannix, Sue Cole, Roger Snively, Gene Alcorn, Richard Zerfowski, and Barb Beasley.

The minutes from the April 13th meeting were approved.

Deputy Mannix presented the police report.

The Clerk reminded the Council that May 6th from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. was clean-up day.

The Clerk presented the Council with a request from the Macon County Sheriff's Department for a donation to their golf outing that supports the shop with a cop program. The consensus of the Council was to donate \$100.00.

The Clerk presented the Council with information enabling the City to take debit and credit card payments for water and renting the Community Center. The only cost to the City is the initial fee of \$178.00 to start the program. The Council agreed that it would be beneficial to the City and customers to take debit and credit cards.

The Clerk presented information about adding a monthly charge of approximately \$1.00 for leak insurance to water bills. Customers have the option to opt out of the program. The program is to protect the customer in case of a large leak. If a resident was to have a large usage of water they would pay an average bill and the remainder of the bill would be paid by ServLine.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Beasley to approve authorizing a \$1.00 increase to water bills for leak insurance. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the possibility of a new electronic sign for the Community Center. The Mayor and Clerk will have more information next month.

A motion was made by Alderman Beasley, seconded by Alderwoman Claussen to table the vote for the new electronic until next month. Motion carried.

Alderman Huggins informed the Council that MSA has the plans finalized for the park and recreation areas in Macon. He will schedule park committee meeting before the City Council meeting and present the finalized plans at the May City Council meeting.

Alderman Beasley informed the Council that a building permit had been issued to Zion Pro's for the new building they are building at the North connector.

Alderwoman Claussen presented the new proposed budget for the 2017 – 2018 fiscal year. She then presented the P & Ls for March.

The agenda had a new water truck listed to discuss and vote on. The Council will table the vote until next month.

A motion was made by Alderman Beasley, seconded by Alderman Rappe to table the vote on the new water truck until next month. Motion carried.

The agenda had a new squad car listed to discuss and vote on. It was the consensus of the Council to table the vote on the new squad car next month.

A motion was made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderwoman Claussen to table the vote on the new squad car until next month. Motion carried.

Salary review were tabled until next month.

Mayor Pro-Tem wants to have delinquent properties in Macon cleaned up. The City will send a letter and give the property owners 30 days to abate. If the properties are not cleaned up the Attorney will send a letter giving them 14 days to comply or they will receive a summons to appear in court.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ruot requested getting bids to have the Depot painted. Alderman Huggins Informed him that he had got bids in the past and nothing had been decided. The Council agreed that the Depot should be painted and not sided. Alderman Huggins will have bids at May's meeting.

Water Superintendent Dunmire updated the Council on the Water Plant and Sewer Plant.

Alderwoman Claussen informed the Council that at the finance meeting it was recommended by the Mayor and Clerk to have an outside company do the City's payroll. The Clerk received two quotes one is from Little Accounting the cost would be \$165.00 a month. The second quote is from Cbiz at a cost of \$100.00 a month.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Rappe to let Cbiz do the City's payroll for a year. Motion carried.

Attorney Antoline informed the Council that he is waiting on the paperwork for the Ford property. He also informed the Council that he has been in contact with Keith Moran about the Whispering Pines properties. He contacted the bank's attorney and informed them that the bank even though they paid taxes on some the properties that no money would be issued until he and Keith Moran research the contract that the City entered into with Rick Norsen the owner of Whispering Pines. The Clerk will forward all payments that have been made to Mr. Norsen in the past to the Attorney.

Resident Sue Cole suggested putting a notice in the next newsletter about delinquent properties.

Treasurer Jeanne Hulva presented the Treasurer's report.

A motion was made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman McGuire to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Huggins, seconded by Alderman Rappe to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

The Street Fest committee is asking for permission from the City to have mud volleyball this year at the Street Fest. They will clean up the mud and reseed the area. The Council agreed to try it this year.

A motion was made by Alderman Beasley, seconded by Alderman Huggins to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Windell, City Clerk