

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2021

Alderman Doug Huggins called the Macon City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were, Clerk Pam Windell, Treasurer Lori Huggins, Council Members Doug Huggins, Chad Rappe, Caleb Beasley, Kimberly Claussen, and Tom Long. Also, present were Attorney Scott Garwood, Charlie Dunmire, Cody Holsapple, Rick Johnson, and Chief Lamb.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Rappe to name Alderman Huggins as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried.

The minutes from the March 8th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Chief Lamb presented the police report. He presented the council with cost of purchasing body cameras for the police department. He asked if the city would pay \$1,751.00 which is half of the purchase price. The Village of Blue Mound would pay also pay \$1,751.00.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Rappe to pay \$1,751.00 to the Village of Blue Mound Police Department for new cameras. Motion carried.

Gabby Bingaman and Breanna Evans students from the Meridian journalism class presented different sponsor level packages for their publication venues.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Rappe to buy the platinum package at a cost of \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

Stuart Harris was present to thank the council for the TIF funds he received to remodel a building on Front Street. He has most of the renovation done and is researching information about solar panels for the building and electric charge stations for vehicles. He is wanting to open a coffee and doggy treat shop hopefully within the next year. He would serve breakfast items and he would like a liquor license.

Mayor Pro-Tem Huggins thanked Mr. Harris for the remodeling of the building on Front Street and that a coffee shop would be a great addition to the City of Macon. The council will discuss the liquor license at next month's meeting.

Tim Stringer was present to request information about opening a cannabis dispensary. The city presently has an ordinance prohibiting a cannabis dispensary. The council will discuss at next meeting the possibility of amending the ordinance.

Street Supt. Holsapple informed the council that mowing had started for the season.

Water Supt. Dunmire informed the council that residents had voiced their concerns about a sign on Wall Street. The sign blocks the view at the stop sign by Mattie's. There is sign with the same information on Route 51. Cody and Charlie will remove the sign.

Mayor Pro-Tem Huggins informed the council that cameras have been installed at the Old School and Memorial Park. The ball association contacted him about storing equipment at the city's street department garage on Wiles Street. Doug would like to tell them they can have a small shed at the ball field to store equipment. It was the consensus of the council that the ball association can have a small shed at the ball field or store the equipment at the city's street department garage.

Alderwoman Claussen presented the profit and loss reports. She then presented the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 and a recommendation of a 3% salary increase for full time employees.

A motion was made by Alderman Long, seconded by Alderman Rappe to approve the 2021-2022 budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Rappe, seconded by Alderman Long to approve the 3% salary increase for full time employees. Motion carried.

Pam Windell - \$45,117 Charlie - \$49,980 Cody - \$46,839

Alderman Beasley reported he had issued one building permit for a shed. He is working on a building permit for a garage.

Alderwoman Claussen would like the TIF committee to do research on what the city must do to get a Casey's in Macon. Alderman Rappe will do the research and have information at next month's meeting.

Attorney Garwood presented Ordinance No. 202 -24, an ordinance amending section 21-2-6 ( E ) of the city code of the City of Macon. This ordinance changes license limitations.

A motion was made by Alderman Beasley, seconded by Alderwoman Claussen to approve Ordinance No. 2021-24. Motion carried.

Attorney Garwood presented No. 2021-01, a resolution authorizing agreement with Thompson Properties for improvement & redevelopment of 237 N Front Street & Arrowhead Mobile Home Park utilizing tax increment financing in the City of Macon, Illinois.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Beasley to approve Resolution No. 2021-01. Motion carried.

Attorney Garwood will have an ordinance within the next two months de-annexing a section of the road on North Woodcock Road. It will go back to South Macon Township.

Todd Collins was present to request a donation for plaques honoring Brian Snitker and the 1971 Macon Ironmen baseball team. The council will vote on the donation at the next council meeting.

Sue Cole would like a sidewalk in front of her property on Dunn Street. There are several other residents that would like a sidewalk on Dunn Street. The council will vote on the sidewalk next month.

Treasurer Lori Huggins presented the Treasurer's report.

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Beasley to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Windell