

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 8, 2014

Mayor ProTem Frank Dunmire called the Macon City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Clerk Pam Windell, Treasurer Dale Tomlinson, Attorney Mike Antoline, Aldermen Jeanne Hill, Doug Huggins, Mac Morey, Mike Baker, and Chad Rappe. Also present were Kim Adamson, Sue Cole, Gil Benson, Kimberly Claussen, Blake Noland, and Deputy Roseman.

The minutes from the November 10, 2014 regular meeting were approved.

The one sealed bid received for the batwing mower was opened. Gil Benson submitted a bid in the amount of \$225.00. Mr. Benson being the only bid bought the batwing mower for \$225.00.

Attorney Mike Antoline presented Ordinance No. 12/08/2014-1, an Ordinance amending the revised code of Ordinance of the City of Macon, Macon County, Illinois specifically Chapter 38, Article IV, Division II, Paragraphs A, B, and C. The Ordinance will approve a 3% raise in water rates.

A motion was made by Alderman Doug Huggins, seconded by Alderman Mac Morey to approve Ordinance No. 12/08/2014-1. Motion carried.

The abandoned house on Dunn Street will be demolished. The cost will be approximately \$20,000. It was the consensus of the Council to authorize Steve's Trucking to demolish the house.

Deputy Roseman presented the police report.

Kim Adamson reported that the owner of the P & V convenience store will let the City install the business sign on his property but he wants the City to lease the property from him. She also informed the Council that Meridian High School is installing an electronic sign on 51 by the high school. The City will look at putting the business sign closer to the North connector.

Kim informed the Council that Dollar General and Motorsports Speedway had received their TIF reimbursements. Kim has been in contact with someone interested in buying the old firehouse to use as a second hand store and store antique vehicles. The property is in the TIF district.

Kim will be meeting with Supt. Dan Brue about the City taking possession of the property where the grade school is located. The City will take the property as long as the school district demolishes the school.

Frank informed the Council that there were very few recommendations from the energy now representative that the City would benefit from. Frank will have more information next month about the high service pumps at the water plant. The City's engineering firm will have to investigate whether or not the upgrade will work with existing software.

Kim will be meeting with a representative next week about building a plant that converts corn to fuel. She will have more information next month.

Frank informed the Council that Jeanne had contacted him about a Christmas bonus program for City full time and part time employees. Their suggestion was going by years of service.

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Baker, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanne Hill to approve a Christmas bonus program as presented. Motion carried.

Sue Cole commented that the Christmas decorations looked nice.

Jeanne Hill informed the Council that the cost of a case for high school photos at the South Macon Library would be \$500. The City had already agreed to pay the cost of displaying the photos at the Library.

Treasurer Dale Tomlinson presented the Treasurer's report.

A motion was made by Alderman Mac Morey, seconded by Alderman Mike Baker to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Doug Huggins, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanne Hill to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Doug Huggins, seconded by Alderman Chad Rappe to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Windell, City Clerk