

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2014

Mayor Greg Smith 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 Frank Dunmire, Jeanne Hill, Doug Huggins, Kris Thompson, and Mac Morey. Also present were Charlie Dunmire, Darrick Hulva, Cody Holsapple, Chad Rappe, Sue Cole, Richard Zerfowski, Gene Alcorn, John Kendall, Rick Norsen and Sgt. Adkins.

The minutes from the April 14, 2014 regular meeting were approved.

Mayor Smith appointed Chad Rappe to fill the vacancy of Alderman on the City Council.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunmire, seconded by Alderwoman Hill to appoint Chad Rappe as City Alderman. Motion carried.

Sgt. Adkins presented the police report.

Alderwoman Hill has had several people approach her about yards that need to be mowed in Macon. Jeanne informed the Council that she checked the properties in question and agrees the yards are in need of mowing.

Attorney Antoline wants to contact owners of abandoned properties before the City hires someone to mow them.

Alderman Dunmire had emailed everyone a copy of the job descriptions for the Water and Street Superintendent Positions. The Council will review these at its next meeting.

Alderman Morey reported that someone that has a lawn service business is using the City's burn pile to get rid of grass and other yard waste. The Council agreed that a new sign should be posted at the burn pile to make sure that only limbs are disposed of there and that it is for City of Macon residents only.

Clerk Windell informed the Council that a resident who lives across from the school is concerned about the parking signs that were placed along the ditch. He does not like mowing around them. It was the consensus of the Council that signs are legal and that the City cannot do anything about them. Another resident reported that his vehicle had been damaged by a limb that fell out of a tree that is on City property next to his house. The City agreed that this is an act of nature and the City is not responsible for the damage. There is a resident on the corner of Frick and Miller that would like to have someone look at the tree next to their house which is on City property. The tree is dying and they are concerned for the property. Someone from the City will inspect the tree.

Street Superintendent Darrick Hulva inquired about the City's policy on cutting down trees. The Council informed Darrick that the City will review any request and cut down trees that are damaged. The City employees will cut down small trees. Large trees the City will hire a service to remove them.

Attorney Antoline will contact the engineer for the City about the sewer main extension on South Woodcock. He will have a resolution at next month's meeting.

Attorney Antoline presented Ordinance No. 05/12/2014-1, an Ordinance for the combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance of the City of Macon for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Morey, seconded by Alderman Dunmire to accept Ordinance No. 05/12/2014-1. Motion carried.

Sue Cole was present to request a donation from the City for the 2nd annual street fest celebration. Sue explained that the street fest is fun for the whole family and takes place on June 20th & 21st. Any and all donations are appreciated. Alderman Dunmire suggested a donation of \$2,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hill, seconded by Alderman Morey to donate \$2,000.00 to the Macon street fest. Motion carried.

Mayor Smith informed the Council that Alderman Huggins had been in contact with the high school about a donation.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunmire, seconded by Alderwoman Hill to donate \$4, 000.00 to the school. Motion carried.

Alderman Dunmire informed the Council that the cost to properly abandon Well No. 4 is \$3,870.00.

Attorney Antoline informed the Council that the property owner on Eckhardt Street had contacted him and explained that work is now begun again on the property. Due to the harsh winter there was no work done at the property. The property at 267 West Glenn needs to have work resume on it. Mayor Smith will contact the property owner. The abandoned property on Andrews St can be purchased for \$600.00 by the City in July. The abandoned property on Dunn St has been purchased by tax buyer. The Wiles St property belongs to Fannie Mae and there are several channels to go through before the City can legally do anything. Attorney Antoline will continue to work diligently on these matters and keep the Council updated.

Attorney Antoline presented the Council with video gaming license application. The license must be renewed every year with a cost of \$25.00 per machine. The Clerk will contact Trump Printing and see if the City sticker is done. Each machine will have to have a City sticker on it.

Rick Norsen was present to request financial assistance from the City for infrastructure, for a new subdivision he plans on building on the South end of Macon. Alderman Dunmire has a meeting with USDA on June 12th to try and secure funds for the project.

Water Superintendent Charlie Dunmire presented quotes for three hydrants that need replaced. One is in Boody and two are in Macon. Alderman Dunmire would like to review the contract with Boody and see if they should be responsible for replacing the hydrant there.

A motion was made by Alderman Morey, seconded by Alderman Huggins to replace the two hydrants in Macon and one in Boody. Motion carried.

Charlie informed the Council that on May 2nd the IEPA had done an inspection of the Water Plant. The inspection went well. Charlie informed the Council that there had been a leak on Front Street and that it has been repaired. The generator at the well has been repaired and that the Kubota was being repaired at Hogan Grain & Equipment.

Darrick has had several residents approach him about the Nite Owl Tavern property. There was a fire there several months ago and the debris is still present. The owners are now hauling items and dumping

them at site of the property. Attorney Antoline sent a letter in March and received no response from the owners. He presented the Council with a summons for the owners to appear before the Court on June 11, 2014 if they do not have the property cleaned up and properly secured.

Darrick informed the Council that mowing the park and the ditches in Hogan Hills is very time consuming and would like to know what the agreement was with the Hogan Brothers about the mowing. Alderman Dunmire said the mowing started when Hogan Hills was new and there were not many homes built at the time. Someone will talk to Phil Hogan and ask that they take over mowing the ditches.

Darrick would like the City to be responsible for mowing the soccer field in Memorial Park. The school uses the soccer field and does some mowing. The school will be informed that the City will be mowing the soccer field.

Darrick informed the Council that the truck is at ATI for repairs. The cost of gutters and downspouts for the Street Department building is \$600.00.

Sue Cole would like the sidewalk in front of her house replaced. She would also like the tree located on City property next to her property removed.

Alderman Dunmire presented the Council with the P & L report for April. Everything is financially good.

Clerk Windell presented the Treasurer's report.

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

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

A motion was made by Alderman Rappe, seconded by Alderman Morey to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Windell, City Clerk