

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 9, 2017

Mayor Frank Dunmire called the Macon City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Clerk Pam Windell, Treasurer Jeanne Hulva, Attorney Mike Antoline, Council members Kimberly Claussen, Caleb Beasley, and Doug McGuire. Also present were Charlie Dunmire, Cody Holsapple, Darrick Hulva, Monte Holsapple, Matt Foster, Renee Clark, Geneva Clark, Sue Cole, Jack Herbert, Richard Zerfowski, Shelia Moore, Sophie Fiebig, Sydney Moore, and Ian Carnahan.

Attorney Antoline swore in the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Council members.

The minutes from the April 10th meeting were approved.

Matt Foster informed the Council that the City had received two bids for oiling and chipping of various streets in Macon. Mr. Foster recommended approving Earl Walker for the oiling and chipping project. Their bid was \$28,818.00.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Beasley to approve authorization of Earl Walker to do the oiling and chipping project in the City of Macon not to exceed \$28,818.00. Motion carried.

Meridian Journalism class presented the Council with information on a digital kiosk they would like to install at the High School. It would have past and present information about the school. The students did an excellent job presenting the information. They are looking for donations to add to their fund raisers to purchase the digital kiosk. The Council will review a video showing how the kiosk works and have a decision at next month's meeting.

Mayor Dunmire read Alderman Denny Ruot's resignation letter.

Renee Clark was present to ask the Council for permission to have a 5K color run on July 1st to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The Council approved the 5k color run.

Deputy Major presented the police report. He informed the Council that two sheds had been broken into.

Mayor Dunmire informed the Council that he had been in contact with Sheriff Schneider and Lt. Butts about replacing the squad car. The new vehicle would be a Ford Explorer at a cost of \$33,000.00.

Alderman Beasley informed the Council that the squad car has 60,000 miles on it and in his opinion we should wait at least one more year before replacing it. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Mayor will contact Lt. Butts and have him present at the next City Council meeting to give a detailed report on why the vehicle might need to be replaced now.

Jack Herbert was present to ask the City for a donation for the South Macon Township. They are in need of a new mower and trimmer. The cost is \$9,974.16 for the two items. The donation can

be made out of the TIF fund. The City would like a letter from the Township requesting the donation.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman McGuire to approve a donation to the South Macon Township in the amount of \$9,974.16. Motion carried.

Water Superintendent Dunmire presented the Council with the state bid for a new water truck. The present water truck is five years old with 60,000 miles on it. The cost of new water truck will be \$22,803.00 with the trade-in of \$10,500.00 for the present water truck.

After discussing the cost of the water truck, it was the consensus of the Council that the City should wait another year before trading it in for a new water truck.

Mayor Dunmire informed the Council that full time employees had received a 3% raise. The finance committee had met and discussed using a merit evaluation starting this fiscal year. He also recommended a fifty cent raise for the part time summer employees that mow.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman McGuire to approve a 3% increase for full time employees and a fifty cent an hour increase for the part time summer employees. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Claussen – yes

Alderman McGuire – yes

Alderman Beasley – yes

The Mayor informed the Council that Charlie has passed his Class C test and that it would be a \$1,000.00 increase in his salary.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Beasley to increase the Water Superintendent's salary \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunmire presented the cost of installing an electronic LED sign at the Community Center. The cost of a full color one sided sign is \$14,368.00. The Council discussed whether or not to move the sign closer to the highway. After a short discussion, it was decided to have the sign at the entry of the Community Center.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman McGuire to purchase a new electronic sign for the Community Center not exceed \$14,368.00. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Claussen – yes

Alderman McGuire – yes

Alderman Beasley – no

Street Superintendent Hulva presented a bid to replace the doors at the depot and have it painted. The cost of the project is \$7,766.40.

A motion was made by Alderman Beasley, seconded by Alderwoman Claussen to have the depot repaired and painted. Motion carried.

Attorney Antoline informed the Council that he is waiting on the title work for the property located at 101 South Miller. The cost of purchasing the property is \$6,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Beasley, seconded by Alderwoman Claussen to approve the purchase of 101 South Miller for \$6,000.00. Motion carried.

Darrick presented the Council with a bid from Mike Scott Excavating in the amount of \$2,500.00 to demolish the house at 101 South Miller.

A motion was made by Alderman Beasley, seconded by Alderman McGuire to approve the bid of \$2,500.00 to demolish the house located at 101 South Miller. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Claussen presented the P & Ls for April.

Alderwoman Claussen presented an update on the park and recreation project should have final plans at next month's meeting.

Charlie informed the Council that well #6 is not operating correctly. It will have to be inspected tested, and if repairs are needed it could cost \$31,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Caleb, seconded by Alderwoman Claussen to authorize the Water Superintendent to have well #6 inspected, tested, and any repairs that are needed done not to exceed \$31,000.00. Motion carried.

The Clerk and Sue Cole were asked by Robin Murray about helping get volunteers to deliver food for Catholic Charities. They would like to deliver groceries once a month to people in town and in the rural areas who are in need. Treasurer Hulva thinks she can get volunteers. She will contact Robin Murray about the project.

Attorney Antoline informed the Council that two of the parcels in Whispering Pines are not included in the foreclosure notice he received. He is preparing a letter to send to Rick Norsen requesting proof of ownership of the properties. Attorney Antoline has reviewed the agreement and stated that Mr. Norsen is in breach of agreement pertaining to reimbursements. If Mr. Norsen does receive any reimbursement it will be reduced.

Mayor Dunmire suggested moving the burn pile to the sewer plant. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have the burn pile remain where it is on Wiles Street.

Treasurer Jeanne Hulva presented the Treasurer's report.

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Claussen, seconded by Alderman Beasley to pay 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Windell, City Clerk