

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 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, and Mike Baker. Also present were Charlie Dunmire, Darrick Hulva, Cody Holsapple, Kim Adamson, Richard Zerfowski, Dan Brue, Vicki Carr, Scott Jones, Carol Jones, Dean Conaway, Rick Maples, Matt Foster, and Sgt. Hawkins.

The minutes from the October 13, 2014 regular meeting were approved.

Sgt. Hawkins presented the police report.

Alderman Frank Dunmire informed the Council that he had emailed them the P & L report.

Kim Adamson informed the Council that she had meant with business owners in Macon and that they would like to be included on the business sign the City is planning to install at the North end of Macon on Route 51. Kim is waiting to hear from the owner of the P & V convenience store if the sign be placed on his property. If not the City will have to bore to have electric service connection for the sign.

Country Pickers owner Dean Conaway was present to ask if he could put up a temporary sign for his business until the business sign is erected. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the temporary sign.

A motion was made by Alderman Doug Huggins, seconded by Alderman Frank Dunmire to purchase a business sign. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Dunmire, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanne Hill to authorize \$5,000 for boring if necessary for the business sign. Motion carried.

Meridian School Supt. Dan Brue was presented to give an update on the progress on the new school projects in Macon. He also would like to have the City take possession of the property where the grade school is once the new grade school in Blue Mound is built. The City is interested in taking the property once the building has been demolished.

Matt Foster from BGM engineering presented the Council with two sign maintenance policies for the City to review. The Council agreed to approve the sign maintenance policy which includes BGM being responsible for inventory of all the signs that need to be replaced.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Dunmire, seconded by Alderman Mike Baker to approve a sign maintenance policy program with BGM engineering. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Doug Huggins, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanne Hill to approve \$7,200 for BGM to inventory signs using GPS. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dale Tomlinson requested that the savings account for the Water Dept. be reduced from 30% to 15% of monthly water total sales or to transfer money from savings to checking. The Council agreed to reduce the 30% to 15%.

Illinois Extension Pipeline Company need permission from the City of Macon to install a pipeline under the City's water line going to Boody. The pipeline will pay \$15,656.52 the cost of replacing the water line.

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Baker, seconded by Alderman Frank Dunmire to enter into an agreement with Illinois Extension Pipeline Company. Motion carried.

Alderman Frank Dunmire will be operator in charge for the City of Macon and Boody Water Company.

Alderman Dunmire informed the Council that Cody Holsapple six month review was favorable and recommended a \$5000 increase in his yearly salary beginning November 1, 2014.

A donation of \$500 is being requested for the Macon Food Basket Fund for Food Baskets that will be distributed in December.

A motion was made by Alderman Doug Huggins, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanne Hill to donate \$500 to the Macon Food Basket Fund. Motion carried.

Residents in Hogan Hills are requesting a sidewalk to connect Cardinal Drive and Robin Drive to keep residents from having to walk on Ridlen Road. The Council will discuss more and consider the sidewalk in the Spring next year.

Alderman Dunmire would like to add a line item to the TIF fund for marketing for the TIF Director. The amount he is recommending is \$5,000.

A motion was made by Alderman Doug Huggins, seconded by Alderman Mike Baker to approve a marketing line in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried.

The property on Eckhart Street has been cleaned up.

Batwing has been put in the paper for bids. Bids will be opened at the December meeting.

The property owner on East Bell Street will need a setback variance to build his garage because it is on the property line. The Attorney advised to give proceed with variance hearing and then to have the City abandoned the alley and deed the property two the owners on the north and south side of the alley. The City have retain an easement. The Council agreed with Attorney Antoline's recommendation.

Water Supt. Charlie Dunmire informed the Council the line from the well to the water plant was cleaned. Most of the transponders in Macon have been replaced and are working properly.

Street Supt. Darrick Hulva informed the Council that work has been done on the alleys. They are working to get the salt closed in. He is requesting that the City purchase a bracket in the amount of \$1,800 then he will be able to put a plow on the Kubota tractor.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Jeanne Hill, seconded by Alderman Doug Huggins to purchase a bracket for \$1,800. Motion carried.

Kim Adamson informed the Council that Attorney Antoline will be taking the Mathias plat phase 2 to the County clerk for his signature. Kim informed the Council that the Bullet Trap is planning on expanding their business. TIF funds can be used to help with the expansion. She will be in contact with Supt. Brue about the City's plans for the property where the grade school is located. She is also talking with St. Mary's Hospital about having a clinic in Macon. The Illinois energy representative that she and Frank met with was not very encouraging. There may be the possibility of a few rebates.

The Clerk informed the Council the caucus will be on December 1, 2014 at 6:00 at the Community Center.

Rick Maples informed the Council that the Nite Owl Tavern that destroyed by a fire last November will begin construction on the new building on November 19th.

Treasurer Dale Tomlinson presented the Treasurer's report.

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

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

Mayor Greg Smith informed the Council that he will not be running for the Mayor position.

A motion was made by Alderman Doug Huggins, seconded by Alderman Frank Dunmire to enter executive session for personnel issues. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Jeanne Hill, seconded by Alderman Doug Huggins to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Windell, City Clerk