

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 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, Mac Morey, Mike Baker, and Chad Rappe. Also present were Charlie Dunmire, Darrick Hulva, Cody Holsapple, Kim Adamson, Sue Cole, Gene Alcorn, Richard Zerfowski, Matt Foster, Matt Roush, Marsha Baker, Dean Conaway, and Deputy Roseman.

The minutes from the August 11, 2014 regular meeting were approved.

Deputy Roseman presented the police report. He would like to have an ordinance that would prohibit synthetic drugs. The Attorney is looking into how the City can enact an ordinance pertaining to synthetic drugs and will have more information at next month's meeting.

Alderswoman Jeanne Hill informed the Council that the library would display photos from the high school. They would like some financial assistance with the cost of purchasing display cases. The City will assist with the display cost. The library will submit a cost estimate before next City Council meeting.

Alderman Frank Dunmire went over the P & L reports.

Alderman Mac Morey is concerned about the parking on Front Street. People have to pull out into the intersection at Cole and Front Street to see around the cars parked along the West side of Front Street. The Mayor will have Deputy Roseman let people know they cannot park near the corner of Cole Street and Front Street.

Engineer Matt Foster was present to start the process of replacing traffic signs so that the City will be in compliance with the federal sign retro reflectivity program. Mr. Foster presented an engineering service agreement that will assist the City in the process of replacing signs and receiving assistance with the cost that is estimated to be \$8000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Dunmire, seconded by Alderman Chad Rappe to enter into an agreement with Bainbridge, Gee, Milanski, and Associates, Inc. to begin the process of upgrading traffic signs. Motion carried.

Matt Roush presented the Council with two different sign proposals that can be placed along Route 51 to list businesses and churches in Macon. The cost of the sign can be paid out of the TIF fund. The Council would like a quote for directional boring that will have to be done in order to get power to the sign. Mr. Roush will have more information at next month's meeting.

Attorney Mike Antoline presented Resolution 09/08/2014-R1, a resolution approving the purchase of 401 West Andrews Street Macon, IL, 62544 (PIN# 16-16-32-202-005) for the Macon County Trustee.

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Baker, seconded by Alderman Mac Morey to approve Resolution 09/08/2014-R1. Motion carried.

Attorney Antoline has been in contact with owners of the Dunn Street property if they do not respond to the letter he sent there will be a default judgment hearing in October. The house at 150 South Wiles that was damaged by fire is due to be demolished this month. Property at 480 West Eckhardt has a hearing scheduled for September 17, 2014. The Nite Owl tavern has been demolished and debris hauled off of premises.

Attorney Antoline presented Ordinance No. 09/08/2014-1, and ordinance approving a water rate increase of 3% for water provided to the Boody Community Water Company.

A motion was made by Alderman Chad Rappe, seconded by Alderman Frank Dunmire to approve Ordinance No. 09/08/2014-1. Motion carried.

Attorney Antoline presented Resolution 09/08/2014-R2, a resolution confirming no use of state or federal funds, or other outside resources for the Woodcock Sewer Extension.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Jeanne Hill, seconded by Alderman Mike Baker to approve Resolution 09/08/2014-R2. Motion carried.

Attorney Antoline presented Ordinance No. 09/08/2014-2, an ordinance approving the execution of an agreement for economic development services.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunmire, seconded by Alderman Baker to approve Ordinance No. 09/08/2014-2. Motion carried.

Mayor Greg Smith had Alderman Dunmire inspect properties in the City that the City had received complaints about concerning properties that need to be mowed, have abandoned vehicles, or have debris that is health and safety hazard. One property has chickens and turkeys which is not allowed within City limits. The Clerk will send letters to the properties that need to be mowed and the resident who has the chickens and turkeys. The Attorney will send letter to property owners with abandoned vehicles and debris on their property.

Alderman Frank Dunmire – discussion about should the City issue Certificate of occupancy City issue.

Mayor Smith informed the Council that Street Superintendent Darrick Hulva will give a description of the old bat wing mower to the Attorney and he will publish it in the Decatur Herald and Review for sealed bids.

Director of Economics Development Kim Adamson informed the Council that she was getting familiar with the TIF fund and business owners.

Marsha Baker informed the Council that the people who live next to her have four dogs that bark at night. The City ordinance allows only three dogs. Mayor Smith will contact Deputy Roseman after the meeting to investigate.

Sue Cole informed the Council that the Street Fest was a success and plans are being made for next year. Ms. Cole said that donations were accepted and appreciated.

Treasurer Dale Tomlinson presented the Treasurer's report.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Windell, City Clerk