

SPECIAL COUNCIL

November 20, 2008

1 **Special** meeting of Macedonia City Council was called to order at 6:37pm, November 20,
2 2008 by presiding officer Mayor Donald Kuchta.

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4 **Present:** Council members' Shane Barker, David Engle, Kenneth Martin, Nicholas Molnar,
5 Peggy Spraggins, Janet Tulley and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci

Absent: LEGISLATIVE ITEMS:

ORD.NO. 108 -2008

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 2008 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS
9 ORDINANCE NO. 2-2008 AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TRANSFERS OF FUNDS was
10 offered by Mrs. Spraggins for its **second reading by title only**. Second not required.

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12 Mrs. Tulley reminded Mrs. Spraggins that the reason this special meeting was called is because she and Mr.
13 Martin's were absent at Council's regular meeting of November 13. This special meeting was
14 necessitated therefore by the fact that there were not the number of members present to suspend
15 the rules for this otherwise time-sensitive legislation. Causing another delay and failing to act will
16 create negative funds balances Mrs. Tulley told Mrs. Spraggins. Mrs. Tulley asked Mrs.
17 Spraggins if her intent is to allow this to happen, if her actions were purposeful.

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19 Mrs. Spraggins answered that she does not support amending the appropriations when in her mind the City does not
20 budget properly. In general Mrs. Spraggins does not approve of Mr. Brunot's method of
21 budgeting which she described as being to close to the wire. Mrs. Spraggins knows from time to
22 time there are unexpected expenses that must be dealt with. She understands for example that the
23 City has additional legal expenses due in part to the special counsel [Zashin & Rich] hired to
24 handle the SERB issue. However she questioned the amount of the adjustment to 07N, legal
25 administrative, particularly in regards to Mr. Diemert's bills.

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27 Finance Director Brunot told Mrs. Spraggins that nothing has ever been hidden. Mr. Brunot explained in depth the
28 various amendments proposed in the appropriation. The bottom line he stated and what should be
29 Council's real concern is that the amendments have a zero impact on the overall budget.

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31 Mrs. Tulley interjected that the amount of money originally budgeted remains the same. The money within the
32 various line items is being moved to accommodate increases or decreases that have resulted. The
33 net amount of the budget she stated remains the same.

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35 Mr. Engle interjected his main concern is the approximate \$36,500 in Section 3 that Mr. Brunot wishes to transfer
36 from the General Fund to the Escrow Deposits fund. Mr. Engle understands the liability relative to
37 what the City might owe, however he'd prefer that there be a separate ordinance for this money.
38 Mr. Engle's fear is that leaving these funds in the General Fund will strand them. Locking this
39 amount of revenue in the General Fund doesn't seem financially prudent to him.

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41 Mr. Brunot said he understands Mr. Engle's reasoning. However from an accounting point of view the transfer is
42 necessary to cover the financial liability that exists. Mr. Hlad's best estimate Mr. Brunot stated is
43 that the building department may owe as much as \$36,500 Mr. Brunot said in good conscience he
44 cannot leave an unfunded liability. Macedonia's books must be held to sound to accounting
45 principles.

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47 Mr. Engle not agreeing made the following motion and said he'll ask the law director to prepare a separate
48 ordinance creating an Escrow Deposit Fund.

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50 **Mr. Engle moved, Mrs. Spraggins seconded, to amend Ordinance No. 108-2008, Section 3 by deleting the
51 transfer of \$36,439.67 from the General Fund to the Escrow Deposits Fund.**

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53 **Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley**

54 **Nays: None**

55 **The motion carried**

56 **Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Barker seconded, to reconsider ORD. NO. 108-2008 for its third
57 reading by title only**

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59 **Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Tulley**

60 **Nays: Spraggins**

61 **The motion carried**

62 **Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Barker seconded to adopt ORD. NO. 108-2008 as amended and post
63 the same according to law.**

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65 **Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Tulley**

66 **Nays: Spraggins**

67 **The motion carried. ORD. NO. 108-2008 adopted as amended.**

68 **ORD. NO. 110 -2008**

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69 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH
70 ANTHEM INSURANCE COMPANY FOR MEDICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION BENEFITS FOR CITY
71 OF MACEDONIA EMPLOYEES was **offered** by Mr. Barker and moved Council waive the
72 requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title**
73 **only for its second and third readings**. Second by Mrs. Tulley.

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75 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley
76 Nays: None
77 The motion carried

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79 Mr. Barker moved, Mrs. Tulley seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 110-2009**, and post same according
80 to law.

81 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley
82 Nays: None
83 The motion carried. **ORD. NO. 110-2008 adopted**

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85 Relative to ORD. NO. 110-2008, Payroll and Personnel Administrator Dawn Butts explained the
86 reason the insurance provider was changed from Aetna to Anthem was to save the City money.
87 Aetna's premiums increased substantially warranting the need to find another provider she added.
88 Providing historical background, Ms. Butts explained that between years 2003-2004 the City
89 moved from being self insured to being fully funded. This move saved the City \$200,000. From
90 2004 until today Ms. Butts continued, insurance costs have increase on average 3% each year.
91 Since the inception of the Employee Health Task Force and the implementation of its
92 recommendations the City has realized a savings of about \$400,000. In 2008 the Employee Health
93 Task Force introduced HSA, or Health Saving Account. This saved the City \$91,000 in health
94 insurance premiums. When HSA was introduced there was 6% employee participation. It's
95 anticipated that there will be 75% participation in the new year at a savings of \$117,000 she added.
96 Ms. Butts mentioned that the health benefit contracts run from January 1 to December 31 which
97 helps in the budgeting process. In prior years the contracts ran from May to April. Under the new
98 plan employees pay a little more out-of-pocket than they have in previous years she added.

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100 **ORD. NO. 111 -2008**

101 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
102 WITH HUMANA SPECIALITY BENEFITS FOR VISION CARE BENEFITS FOR CITY OF
103 MACEDONIA EMPLOYEES was **offered** by Mr. Engle and moved Council waive the requirement
104 that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for its**
105 **second and third readings**. Second by Mr. Barker.

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107 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley
108 Nays: None
109 The motion carried

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111 Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Barker seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 111-2009**, and post same according
112 to law.

113 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley
114 Nays: None
115 The motion carried. **ORD. NO. 110-2009, adopted**

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117 Relative to ORD. NO. 110-2009, Ms. Butts stated that costs relative to vision and dental coverage
118 have remained the same. Each are two year contracts.

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120 **ORD. NO. 112 -2008**

121 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
122 WITH THE HARTFORD IN ORDER TO SUPPLY LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS TO CITY OF
123 MACEDONIA EMPLOYEES was **offered** by Mr. Engle and moved Council waive the requirement
124 that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for its**
125 **second and third readings**. Second by Mrs. Tulley.

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127 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley
128 Nays: None
129 The motion carried

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131 Mr. Engle moved, Mrs. Tulley seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 112-2009**, and post same according
132 to law.

133 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley
134 Nays: None
135 The motion carried. **ORD. NO. 112-2009, adopted**

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137 Relative to ORD. NO. 112-2009, Ms. Butts stated that moving from Mutual of Omaha to The
138 Hartford saved the City \$2500.

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140 **ORD. NO. 113 -2008**

141 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
142 A LEASE FOR A SALT BIN WITH THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT FOR USE BY THE MACEDONIA
143 SERVICE DEPARTMENT was **offered** by Mr. Engle and moved Council waive the requirement that
144 it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for its second**
145 **and third readings.** Second by Mr. Martin.

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147 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley

148 Nays: None

149 The motion carried

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151 Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Martin seconded to **amend ORD. NO. 113-2008, by removing Section 2** in
152 its entirety and to enumerate the remaining ordinance accordingly

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154 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley

155 Nays: None

156 The motion carried

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158 Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Martin seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 113-2009, as amended** and post
159 same according to law.

160 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley

161 Nays: None

162 The motion carried. **ORD. NO. 113-2009, adopted as amended.**

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164 Relative to ORD. NO. 113-2009, Mr. Crevar explained that the reason Macedonia needed an
165 additional storage area in the short term was because both of its bins are full of salt purchased last
166 year at last year's prices of \$37.15 per ton. As Council knows, it was not for the lack of trying that
167 the City did not receive any salt bids this year. Many communities are facing the same dilemma he
168 added. Fortunately for Macedonia a local landscaper was willing to sell a portion of his supply to
169 the City for \$85 per ton which Council previously approved. Macedonia is even more fortunate
170 Mr. Crevar stated in that the price of salt today is \$129.70 per ton. Covering the newest purchase
171 with a tarp and not hard roof would have been anything but prudent he added. Too much would
172 have been washed away. Leasing Summit County's Twinsburg Township salt bin is only for a
173 period of three months and only to conserve the actual amount of the last salt purchase. The first
174 salt used will be from the leased bin he added.

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176 With regards to another matter, Mayor Kuchta mentioned that the 60 days is up relative to the
177 demolition of the Manor House.

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179 There being no further business before Council, the special meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

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181 Date:

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184 Mayor

185 Donald Kuchta

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189 Josephine Arceci, Clerk of Council