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Presiding Officer, Mayor Donald Kuchta called the June 25 regular meeting of Macedonia City Council to order at 7:32pm.

Present: Council members' Shane Barker, David Engle, Peggy Spraggins and Janet Tulley; Assistant Law Director Thomas Hanculak, and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci.

Absent: Councilor Kenneth Martin and Nicholas Molnar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Council President Dave Engle was followed by an invocation led by Councilor Jan Tulley.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

This portion of the meeting was scheduled by Council for the express purpose of providing an opportunity for the public to express their opinions relative to the proposed refuse/rubbish contracts as well as recycling options. In May the City bid for unlimited rubbish collection and disposal services and two types of recycling. Quotes included a senior citizen discount. The basis of the quote was on the lowest out-of-pocket cost to residents. The new contract will take effect October 1, 2009 and remain in effect until September 30, 2014. The current company providing city-wide residential service is Republic Waste/Allied Waste. Residents' current out-of-pocket expense is \$11.81 per month of which \$.50 is a fuel surcharge. This expense covers the cost of unlimited rubbish collection with full-time recycle drop-off center at the Recreation Center.

Rod Coyle of Republic Waste/ Allied Company, the City's current hauler mentioned that Republic Waste/Allied was the lowest bid with regards to curbside recycling. In their new proposal Republic Waste/Allied would supply each household with an 18-gallon recycling container in which paper, plastic and glass items would be placed each week. Curbside recycling is the most productive way to dispose of recyclable items Mr. Coyle stated. SASWMA, Summit/Akron Soil Waste Management Authority strongly feels that there is more participation when recycling is at the home's curbside than at a centralized location he added. The statistical variance of 15% to 20% jumps to 50% participation when recycling is almost at one's doorstep. The cost per household per month for this convenience is \$12.85. If recycling is to remain at the centralized location, than the cost per household is 11.85 per month. Another benefit besides greater participation when recycling is at the curbside is that the process is cleaner because items are removed weekly. Mr. Coyle explained that on the day of trash collection two separate trucks are dispatched. One is a trash only truck and the other is designated specifically for recyclable items. The recycled items are immediately transferred to a recycling center. They never go to landfills. On a weekly basis, on average Mr. Coyle stated that several tons of recycled trash bypasses landfills. With regards to the curbside recycling bin Mr. Coyle explained residents conveniently separate their papers, glass and plastic containers into plastic bags. The driver separates the recyclable items and tosses the plastic bags use for paper and glass items into the plastic bin. Residents are asked to rinse out recyclables but it not mandatory Mr. Coyle added.

Councilor Barker questioned the politics of recycling. Is it reasonable to say that the general public can believe that their efforts will have a positive impact with regards to landfills, the environment and the quality of life for people in general? Is there a profit to be made in recycling he asked Mr. Coyle? News reports vary on this fact so naturally the public is wary of what they read and hear.

Mr. Coyle answered yes to all Mr. Barker's questions. Besides the effect recycling has on the environment those in the recycling business do make a profit albeit it may be small at times and dependent on the market. The response and receptiveness to recycling is changing in part because of global pressure an in the near future it is expected to have the impact it has not had in years past he added.

Scott Walter of Kimble Company /J.J. Refuse explained that the Kimble Company, based in Dover, Ohio has been a family owned business for 55-years. The company owns one landfill located in Dover. The company also owns four transfer stations in Ohio, in Cambridge, Carrollton and in Canton with the newest being in Twinsburg Township on Chamberlain Road. Kimble/ J&J Refuse provide service in 20 counties throughout the State of Ohio. Mr. Walter mentioned that the first time Kimble/J&J Refuse bid a Macedonia contract was in 2001. The bid unfortunately was not competitive and therefore not considered. In 2006 however J.J. Refuse was more successful; they were in fact the lowest bidder but Macedonia City Council at that time

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chose to reject all bids. Mr. Walter invited members of Council to visit the Twinsburg Township recycling center, which he added is clean and state of the art. Its close proximity to Macedonia provides an opportunity for good, efficient and reliable service. This year J&J Refuse feels that they are in fact the lowest bidder under Option B, and therefore should be considered. Mr. Walter explained that there are two components to Option B. The first component is the cost to residents for unlimited trash collection including a centralized recycling center. The second component is the cost to residents for unlimited trash collection minus the cost of a centralized recycling center. In the second component the City pays the cost for central collection. Republic is charging the City \$25,000 per year for this feature. Republic is not passing on any of this cost to the individual households. J&J's bid was different. The cost of a centralized center has been included in the residents' monthly bill. If Council considers that factor Mr. Walter stated the City will realize a savings of \$11,000. Mr. Walter reemphasized that if Council is contemplating Waste Management's proposal (Option B) than Council should reconsider Kimble/J&J Refuse's proposal because under the Option B scenario J&J is the lowest bidder. Mr. Walter also suggested that the City rebid the contract for the reason that Kimble/J & J Refuse feels there is a discrepancy with regards to the senior citizen discount. Waste Management offers a \$1.00 discount at age 62; J & J's is \$2.00 at age 65. There should be consistency in this area Mr. Walters stated and there is not.

Tony Discenza of Waste Management stated his company has a vested interest in this situation because their bid is currently the lowest and best. Mr. Discenza refuted several of Mr. Walter's statements adding that it is unfair now for Mr. Walter to suggest the City rebid just so Kimble/J & J Refuse can have another "bit of the apple". Waste Management is not only cheaper by \$1.00 Mr. Discenza stated but they are cheaper by the amount factored in by the senior discount. Recycling is a matter of habit Mr. Discenza stated. Curbside recycling doesn't necessarily increase participation. Educating the public is what it takes to make people recycle Mr. Discenza stated. Drop-off recycling becomes a habit and a very easy thing to learn and do. Waste Management would provide an aggressive education campaign to achieve that end Mr. Discenza added. Mr. Discenza also suggested that to achieve greater participation that the City provide another area drop-off area, perhaps at the south end of town.

Rhonda Anderson, resident and representative of the Lake Forrest subdivision mentioned that Lake Forrest residents prefer recycling at the street and the proposal by Republic Waste/Allied Company. Ms. Anderson stated that last year when she moved to Macedonia from Atlanta, Georgia she was appalled to learn Macedonia did not provide for curbside recycling. In Ms. Anderson's mind and those of her neighbors it's time that Macedonia offer curbside recycling. Providing a centralized collection center is a good step she added but in today's society knowing the large footprint each person makes, curbside recycling should be Macedonia's only choice.

Chuck Loparo of Bradford questioned how senior citizens are going to maneuver the recycling bin. He doesn't believe seniors will recycle because of the difficulty they'll have moving an 18-gallon container to the end of their driveways.

Shuwook & Erica Jin of 8519 Park Ridge stated they support recycling at the curbside and urged Council to do the same by accept Option A, the proposal by Republic Waste/Allied. Mr. Jin's extensive comments are attached.

Lee Knicely, 15-year resident of Elizabeth Lane and recyclers under the current program would prefer curbside recycling given the opportunity. Mr. Knicely also believes far more residents would participate if recycling were at the curbside because it's cleaner and more convenient. Mr. Knicely is of the belief that older residents would be more likely to utilize curbside recycling than that the current system, again because of it is more convenience. Mr. Knicely thanked Mr. Crevar for arranging the hazardous waste drop off day in Macedonia on June 20. Mr. Knicely thought the event very beneficial and something that should be done at least several times a year.

Councilor Tulley interjected that her husband utilized the hazardous waste service and he commented to her how well organized, efficient and user-friendly the event was.

Service Director Crevar mentioned that he has received 8 emails regarding collection services. Six of the emails preferred Option A, curbside recycling and two preferred Option B, centralized recycling.

Council Clerk Arceci mentioned Council received two emails, one supporting Option A the other Option B.

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INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION

ORD. NO. 31 -2009

Mrs. Tulley moved, Mr. Engle seconded for **ORD. NO. 31 -2009: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1127.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO THE DEDICATION OF OPEN SPACE WITHIN A SUBDIVISION to remain at its second reading**

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Tulley, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried.

RES. NO. 34 -2009

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND PARTICIPATE IN A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY was **offered** by Mr. Barker for its **second reading by title** only. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 35 -2009

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2011 FOR THE RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY was **offered** by Mr. Engle for its **second reading by title** only. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 37 -2009

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 4.01, 4.02, 3.03(b1), 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 6.09, 7.05, 8.06, 9.05, 10.04, 11.02, 12.04, 13.06, 13.07, 14.02 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF COUNCILMEN FROM 6 TO 5, ELIMINATING THE MAYOR'S VOTE TO BREAK TIES, AND RELATED SECTIONS AFFECTED THEREBY was **offered** by Mr. Barker for its **second reading by title** only. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 38-2009

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 3.02 AND 4.02 OF THE CHARTER REQUIRING RESIDENCY OF 2 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CHANGING THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR MAYOR FROM 25 TO 21 AND PROHIBITING COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM HOLDING OTHER ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT was **offered** by Mr. Barker for its **second reading by title** only. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 39-2009

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT CREATING A NEW SUBSECTION 11.03 OF THE CHARTER OF CITY OF MACEDONIA PROVIDING AN APPEAL RIGHT FROM DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO CITY COUNCIL was **offered** by Mr. Barker for its **second reading by title** only. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 40 -2009

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 12.01 OF THE CHARTER OF CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OR TERMINATION OF THE POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS was **offered** by Mr. Barker for its **second reading by title** only. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 41-2009

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 14.01 AND 14.02 OF THE CHARTER OF CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATING TO CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL TO BUILDING COMMISSIONER was **offered** by Mr. Barker for its **second reading by title** only. Second not required.

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ORD. NO. 42 -2009

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 3.01 OF THE CHARTER OF CITY OF MACEDONIA ESTABLISHING THE MAYOR'S COMPENSATION was **offered** by Mr. Barker for its **second reading by title** only. Second not required.

RES. NO. 43 –2009

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROMOTION OF BRIAN RIPLEY TO THE POSITION OF FIRE CAPTAIN OF THE MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES was **offered** by Mrs. Spraggins and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title through Section 1 for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Barker (Law Director Diemert had advised that the suspension of rules does not apply to appointments by the Mayor.)

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Spraggins, Tulley
Nays: None
The motion carried

Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Barker seconded, to **adopt RES NO. 43-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Spraggins, Tulley
Nays: None
The motion carried. **RES. NO. 43-2009, adopted**

RES. NO. 44 –2009

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROMOTION OF BRIAN BELL TO THE POSITION OF FIRE LIEUTENANT OF THE MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT was **offered** by Mrs. Tulley and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title through Section 1 for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Barker. (Law Director Diemert had advised that the suspension of rules does not apply to appointments by the Mayor.)

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Spraggins, Tulley
Nays: None
The motion carried

Mrs. Tulley moved, Mr. Barker seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 44-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Spraggins, Tulley
Nays: None
The motion carried. **RES NO. 44-2009, adopted**

Relative to RES. NOS. 43-44-2009, Captain Ripley and Lt Bell were sworn-in by Mayor Kuchta. Captain Ripley's wife Laurie and son Adam changed Captain Ripley's badge designation relative to his promotion. Denise Bell, Lt. Bell's wife did the same for the lieutenant. Each of their respective families was introduced.

Captain Ripley Chief Black mentioned has over 30-years experience with the City of Macedonia fire department. The captain was first introduced to the department as a young fire cadet. The captain is certified in the State of Ohio as a professional firefighter, paramedic, fire instructor and fire safety inspector. Captain Ripley also certified in pediatric advanced life support, advanced trauma life support, advanced cardiac life support, confined space rescue, trench rescue, ice rope and structural collapse rescue. The captain serves as a fire instructor for the University of Akron and he also serves on Summit County Special Operation Team. Captain Ripley is past president of Summit County Firefighter Association, Macedonia Firefighter Association and the International Association of Firefighters Local 3947.

Chief Black mentioned that the Lt Bell has been a member of the Macedonia fire department for 15-years. Lt. Bell is a nationally registered paramedic, as well as being nationally certified in dive and swift water rescue. The lieutenant holds certification from the State of Ohio as a professional firefighter, a paramedic, and a fire instructor. He is certified by the State in pediatric advance life support, in advanced trauma life support and advanced cardiac life support. The

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lieutenant serves as a diver on the Summit County Special Operation Team for swift water rescue. The lieutenant is also an instructor for the University of Akron.

Chief Black mentioned that everyone in the fire department eligible to participate in the promotional exam did. Also each participant passed all levels of the testing process which included a written exam as well as a day long Assessment Center. Ranking included not only the points gleaned from the formal testing procedures but from seniority and efficiency.

RES. NO. 45 –2009

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE FINAL APPOINTMENT OF JASON HETRICK TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER was **offered** by Mr. Engle and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Barker.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Spraggins, Tulley
Nays: None
The motion carried

Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Barker seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 45-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley
Nays: Martin
The motion carried. **RES. NO. 45-2009, adopted**

RES. NO. 46 –2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO IMPLEMENT SECOND QUARTER TRANSFERS BETWEEN CERTAIN FUNDS was **offered** by Mrs. Tulley for its **first reading** by title only.

MOTIONS OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

~ Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Barker seconded, authorizing the extension of the current refuse contract by one billing cycle, good through September 30, 2009 in order to allow for the approval and implementation of the new contract

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Tulley, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

~Emails received about the proposed rubbish/recycling contracts were shared during public informational portion of meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Richard Iofreddo of Shepard Hills Blvd complained that he received two letters one of which was sent certified about a sign that apparently was not allowed to be posted in his front law. Mr. Iofreddo was more upset about the cost of the postage than about receiving the letters. Mr. Iofreddo understands that the ordinance may require certified mail but when does common sense prevail he asked? Why is the City spending money on this type of notification when the City's budget can't sustain needless and unnecessary expenses? The City spent almost \$6 in postage for something that could have been hand delivered he complained. Mr. Iofreddo explained that his yard and home are well maintained and always have been. The sign was in recognition of the contractor who had recently painted his home. Mr. Iofreddo had no idea that he was in violation by allowing the contractor to advertise for a short time after the work was performed.

Discussion ensued about Macedonia's sign ordinance and freedom of speech under the First Amendment. Assistant Law Director Hanculak advised that political or personal statements are afforded protection under the First Amendment. Commercial speech however is not.

Building Commissioner Hlad interjected that Macedonia's ordinance allows for contractor signs to be posted during the period work is in progress not after the work is completed. With regards to certified mail the court will not accept a case unless mail has been sent certified. The building department Mr. Hlad stated is making a conscious effort to reduce costs as evidenced by amendments to the noxious weed and grass ordinance. Mr. Hlad said citations are complaint driven and well as a result of random and general inspection.

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Councilors Tulley suggested that residents be advised of the ordinance via the local papers, the website and *E-Messenger* of this fact because very few know the ramifications of something so simple as acknowledging business being performed at the homes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kuchta announced that Anna Musson, finance director for the City since March 30, tendered her resignation effective today. In addition, the Mayor stated the following

“I’m back to serve the residents of Macedonia. I think that sometimes good things come of bad things. I shattered my right ankle and suffered for three days waiting for my blood to be cleared of medication that I take. It was a terrible experience to say the least. But it gives perspective to how lucky we are if we don’t have to bear the burden of excruciating pain. I have a profound sense now of how people have to live with pain and incapacity and how hard it is to do that. So this is yet another learning experience in my life. The good things learned? The amount of good friends and neighbors that I have surrounding me. These neighbors are not just next door or across the street...they are across the City of Macedonia. I would be remiss if I did not publicly thank them all for their kindness and help. I really mean that. I was operated on and my ankle repaired on Memorial Day so this will be a memorable day from now on for more reasons than my respect for those who died, especially for their Country. I was back at City Hall starting last week. As usual there were a lot of things that needed to be addressed and some required making some tough decisions. That is what a Mayor does. That is what you pay me to do. I have never hesitated to do the deed that is necessary. That does not mean that I enjoy some of decisions that are made by me that can affect people’s lives adversely. I feel that my presence at City hall is imperative. It is amazing what can develop in the couple of weeks being in the hospital and one week in a hospital bed in my house. The inconvenience will continue because prognosis is that I will be unable to walk or drive for months. However I will be at my desk.

Financially, the City is about where it was predicted to be. Income is down but we were frugal when budgeting for the year so the effect is not as bad as it could have been. We have more new houses being built than any of the Communities around us. Mike Hlad will tell you more about that, but developments continue to sell lots and some will even be going into more phases of development. Our roads are creeping closer to completion and soon traffic will get better because of the road improvements. Take a ride on South Freeway drive to see what I mean, and it has not even received the final coating! Every day when I ask about the old bridge I have been told “any day now”. Tomorrow morning I will be in a meeting with ODOT to learn as much as possible. Perhaps they will give me the exact information rather than a general statement. The old bridge will come apart in sections with the brunt of the work being done at night. We have made arrangements for safety services in case road closure is a must for a while.

Mayor Kuchta attended a Northeast Ohio Mayor’s meeting in Independence this morning which became a meeting of the Suburban Governments Council of Governments, of the NEORS. The battle goes on about who should be representing the people in the communities of the NEORS. I feel very strongly that it should be elected officials that represent the people and not Appointees. The board of Trustees is made up of 7 people of whom there are only three people that are directly responsible to voters. That’s wrong. I feel that there needs to be more sitting on that Board of Trustees that can be held accountable to the voters. Otherwise...fees are like taxation without representation. I would like to thank Rosemary Filisky for chauffeuring me to the meetings. Rosemary is Vice Chair of our Storm water committee, the DSCC. Rosemary, as well as all of the Committee is very involved in trying to stop our community being charged storm water fees by the NEORS. It is probable that these fees will not fix our problems, but will send millions of dollars north to Cuyahoga County to fix theirs. That is a serious worry.

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We all know about Graco and that we will be losing 135 employees there in August. The reason that is so important to us is because the City runs on City Income tax paid by employees here. Not Real Estate Tax. However, some other news that can affect our welfare is that in early July, I will be meeting with State and County officials in an effort to help one of our present Companies to expand! This is the kind of roller coaster ride we endure almost every year! It is ebb and flow constantly. We have the necessary tools to encourage business with incentives. Unfortunately so does everybody else. My hope is that the investment we are making in our roads will pay us back in the future because we will truly become the "Crossroads of Northeast Ohio". Businesses look for that, and so do people buying homes. This could be a value increase for all of us.

Mayor's Court receipts for the month of May were \$37,048.40"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Councilor Engle, on behalf Finance Chair Nick Molnar announced there is a finance meeting on Thursday, July 16 at 6pm

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department Mr. Crevar reported that the City with the help of the Tinkers Creek Watershed Group created a rain garden on the southwest side of the City Center. The rain garden event was actually rain out he mentioned but the garden has since been completed. Photos of the garden and the variety of garden species planted in the garden will be on the City's website. Some of the materials for the garden were donated by Sagamore Soils Mr. Crevar added. Mr. Crevar reminded residents that free mulch is available to them at 9000 Valley View Road. Residents were reminded that collection of the mulch is on their on, that is, service crew are not permitted to load vehicles, nor are mechanical devices permitted for loading. Mr. Crevar also reminded residents that they cannot use the City's service garage areas as a dumping site. It is costly for the City to remove the waste that is illegally dumped at City property. The County provides a dump area on Graham Road in Stow, Ohio, which he encouraged everyone to use. This location as well as the times of drop off is on the City's website Mr. Crevar stated. SASWMA (Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority) provided a household hazardous waste recycling day in Macedonia on July 20. Approximately 440 cars pulled through the drop off area that was temporarily set-up in the parking lot of the City Center. This was the first of this type of hazardous waste recycling day held in Macedonia Mr. Crevar stated. Because of its success subsequent dates are going to be scheduled. Mr. Crevar also reported service crew are performing catch basin repair and ditch redefinition. The parks crew has finished grading and seeding all three fields on the north side. The fields are being watered daily; the fields should be fully grassed covered in several weeks. The parks crew is also performing daily maintenance on all five ball fields. The feed back the City has received about the work performed at the fields has been good he added. Mr. Crevar wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July. Mr. Crevar added that rubbish collection will not be effected by the holiday.

Building Department Mr. Hlad reported that there are currently 21 homes under construction. WalMart officials had hoped their expansion would have begun by now. Construction has been delayed he explained because there was adjudication by the State of Ohio relative to a fire wall. Regarding zoning inspections, Mr. Hlad stated his department has taken a more aggressive approach and stepped up inspections to keep housing stock from deteriorating. There are many homes in foreclosure and/or are being rented. More than ever it is imperative that the appearance of the City be maintained to the extent that annual inspection of rented homes is being considered he added.

Engineer's Report Mr. Hill had no report

Recreation Department Ms. Gmerek reported that the Biannual Community Garage sale is Saturday, June 27 from 9am -1pm at Longwood Park. One hundred booth spaces have reserved. Everyone is encouraged to participate as sellers, buyers or both she added.

Finance Department Ms. Musson was not present as her resignation as finance director was tendered effective today.

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Fire Department Chief Black thanked the Mayor and Council for the promotional appointments of Captain Brian Ripley and Lt. Brian Bell. Chief Black thanked Macedonia's Civil Service Commission for their commitment through this process. Each member of the Commission Chief Black stated serves a six year term. They are appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by Council. Macedonia's Civil Service Commission was created 1971 at the same time the Charter was adopted. Current members of the Commission are Michael Menhart who has served for 5 years, Kurt Laubinger who has served 8, Chuck Kozelka 15, Mike Hawkins 21 and Katherine Martin 27. The Commission's commitment for which they do not get paid is very time consuming Chief Black added. This Commission is committed, they are fair and equitable and the Chief feels they do more than just a good job. With regards to another matter, Chief Black mentioned that the only fireworks the State of Ohio allows for home use sparkles, snaps, glow snakes and smoke bombs. However, some local governments have banned them totally he added. All other fireworks although they may be purchased in Ohio must be removed from the state within 48-hours of said purchase. Fireworks cannot be display unless by certified fire personnel. Sparklers for example burn at 1800 degrees so it is very easy for skin burns to result. Accidents over the 4th of July are prevalent. The best and only way to safe oneself and family is avoid fireworks all-together unless as a spectator at a controlled community fireworks event. With regards to another matter, Chief Black thanked Lt. Paul Celinski who was one of several volunteer coordinators for Fresh Air Camp, a specialized camp for children who are on respirators and who require 24-hours care. This year 18 children participated in the event, which is held at Camp Cheerful. The event requires many paramedic and nurse volunteers. In addition to volunteers from Macedonia's police and fire department and the fire department's youth Explorers there were volunteers from the villages of Northfield and Oakwood and the cities of Hudson, Twinsburg, Parma, South Euclid and Strongsville. (Photo attached)

Police Department Chief Golden reminded residents to call the utility company in times of power outages not Macedonia's dispatch call center. Calling the police department for non emergency situation waste times and ties up the phone lines for real emergencies the Chief stated.

Law Department Mr. Hanculak had no report.

Unfinished business None

New business None.

EXECUTION SESSION

At 9:16pm Mr. Barker moved, Mr. Engle seconded to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel and contract negotiations.

**Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Tulley, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried.**

At 9:50pm Council reconvened into their regular session and there being no further business before Council, adjourned their meeting at 9:51pm