

Record of Proceedings

Regular Council Meeting

August 9, 2018

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Molnar called the August 9 regular meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

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3 **Present:** Mayor Nick Molnar and Council members' Kevin Bilkie, Jessica Brandt, Jan Tulley and
4 Vini J. Ventura; Law Director Mark Guidetti and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci.

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6 **Absent:** Councilman Shane Barker
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8 Regarding Councilor Barker's absence, Council President Tulley explained Mr. Barker was sworn into
9 office August 6, 2018 following his August 1st appointment by Council, he had a pre-arranged
10 commitment out-of-state this evening.

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12 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION** by City Chaplin Tom O'Brien, Nordonia Hills
13 American Legion 801.

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15 **MINUTES** Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Ventura seconded and motion carried by majority on a voice
16 vote, to approve to the minutes of the regular meetings of June 14 and July 26, 2018 and the special
17 meetings of July 30 and 31, 2018. Mr. Bilkie abstained relative only to June 14th minutes.
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19 **FINANCIAL REPORT** Mr. Bilkie moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously
20 on a voice vote acknowledging receipt of Financial Report dated July 31, 2018.
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22 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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24 ~**Roy Metzel, 8814 Smokerise** congratulated and wished Mayor Molnar well in his position as mayor.
25 Mr. Metzel also thanked and commended the fire department relative to a recent health emergency Mr.
26 Metzel experienced for which the fire department responded. Mr. Metzel appreciates, "loves" he said the
27 fire department as well as appreciates all the departments providing services to Macedonia residents. For
28 this reason Mr. Metzel said he supports the .25% income tax rate increase on the November ballot.
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30 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

31 **ORD. NO. 81- 2018**

32 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE FINAL APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF SEAN
33 HATHAWAY TO THE POSITION OF POLICE SERGEANT was **offered** by Mr. Ventura and moved
34 Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read
35 it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley carried unanimously on a voice vote.
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37 Mr. Ventura moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
38 **ORD. NO. 81-2018** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 81-2018 declared adopted.**
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40 **ORD. NO. 82- 2018**

41 AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 161.23 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES PROHIBITING
42 NEPOTISM IN MACEDONIA HIRING PRACTICES was **offered** by Ms. Tulley for its **first reading**
43 **by title only**. A second not required.
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45 **ORD. NO. 83- 2018**

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46 AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 712 OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA'S CODIFIED
47 ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SMALL CELL FACILITIES AND WIRELESS SUPPORT
48 STRUCTURES was **offered** by Ms. Brandt for its **first reading by title only**. A second not required.

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50 Relative to ORD. NO. 83-2018, Law Director explained this legislation provides Macedonia the
51 opportunity to adopt local regulations in order to streamline, define the process created by the state
52 legislature regarding this topic.

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54 **ORD. NO. 84-2018 [48-Rule Suspension]**
55 **Mr. Bilkie moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to waive**
56 **the 48-Rule of Council** regarding the ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF
57 NICKOLAS FAVAZZO TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME SERVICE MAINTENANCE WORKER
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59 Mr. Bilkie **offered ORD. NO. 84-2018**, confirming Mr. Favazzo and moved Council waive the
60 requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for**
61 **all three readings**. Second by Ms. Brandt carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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63 Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Ventura seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
64 **ORD. NO. 84-2018** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 84-2018 declared adopted.**
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66 Relative to ORD.NO.84-2018, Mr. Favazzo thanked the Mayor and Council for his appointment. Mr.
67 Favazzo who has worked for the service department for the last two years in a part-time capacity said he
68 is only too willing and happy to serve Macedonia as a full-time employee.

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70 **MOTIONS AND/OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION** None

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72 **CORRESPONDENCE** None

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74 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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76 ~The Mayor announced Mayor's Court receipts for July was \$53,302.09
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78 ~ The Mayor announced he attended the Northeast Ohio Mayor's Association meeting today and
79 one of the topics of particular relevance to most of the communities including Macedonia was the
80 increasing cost of recycling trash haulers are now experiencing. The haulers are trying to pass on the
81 additional cost of \$1.61 per household per month onto each community before contract periods expires by
82 asking communities to voluntarily pay the monthly increase. Mayor Molnar said Macedonia residents
83 will not pay the increase during the current contract period. Another topic of interest was the state of
84 Ohio's enormous surplus budget. Local communities have been short changed by the state, Macedonia to
85 the tune of over \$600,000 less in local government funds annually. Now with so much in reserve
86 administers in multiple communities strongly feel the state should remit some of the funds back to each
87 community. The Mayor said while at the NEOMA meeting in the city of Independence he took the
88 opportunity to tour city hall and the city complex. And although Independence is in better financial shape
89 regarding what it can offer its citizens Mayor Molnar said he came away with good ideas he hopes to
90 implement in Macedonia.

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~The Mayor announced he met with the chairman the Wizard of Oz festival regarding the Oz festival that will be held in Longwood Park this September. Based on what he heard the Mayor anticipates this year's festival will be successful.

~ The Mayor announced attended the recent Park and Recreation Commission meeting. The Mayor is pleased the Commission will be implementing requirements set forth in Chapter 147 of the Codified Ordinances relative to the functions and administration of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

~The Mayor announced he is working to improve the road markings eastbound on Highland Road from SR 8. The Mayor said there is some confusion at that intersection particularly regarding eastbound traffic and clearer more concise markings may alleviate some to the road rage that has occurred at that intersection.

~The Mayor announced WOW cable has approached Macedonia but at this point there is no additional information available for the public.

~The Mayor announced the income tax rate increase of .25% on the November ballot is paramount because there is no funding mechanism to replace the fire department's over 25-year old aerial ladder fire truck that is too old and costly to repair. To replace the aerial will cost approximately \$1.3 million dollars. The aerial is not the only piece of equipment needed he said. The fire department needs a squad emergency vehicle which will cost from \$225,000-\$250,000. Replacing police cruisers has been an ongoing issue and much of the service department equipment has been in use in from 1990's. Many of the trucks have high mileage and therefore constantly need to be repaired. At one time, in the 1990's the service department employed 22 service employees, today there are only 15. Yet today there is so much more work that is done on a daily basis. More service employees are needed to shore-up and improve services to Macedonia residents. Today there are only seven employees available for road cleaning during a snow event. Yet today Macedonia's has far more lane miles than in the past years. The tasks become insufficient and ineffective with less manpower at the helm.

~ The Mayor announced a meeting has been scheduled with NEORSO for later in the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Commission Councilor Brandt announced the P&RC is holding a special meeting on August 21 at 6:00 p.m., at the Recreation Center for the purpose of electing a chairman and vice-chairman. Thereafter the next regular meeting of the P&RC will be Wednesday, September 5 at 6 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Service Department Director Hnottavange was not present.

Building Commissioner

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Engineer Mr. Gigliotti was not present.

Recreation Department Director Manley announced outdoor Yoga by Longwood Lake and Tai Chi (on the east lawn) classes have been very successful and more future classes will be offered. The next Tai Chi class is tomorrow at 10 a.m. The outdoor classes are free. Ms. Manley also announced youth soccer and flag football registration is underway. Volunteer coaches are needed in each program. Ms. Manley announced a positive advertising campaign for local businesses. Four times a year sponsored seasonal banners will be displayed on street light poles along the drive and within the parking lot. Given 30,000 visit Longwood Park weekly the seasonal flags provide good visibility for the companies/business sponsoring the banners.

Finance Department Director Hall was not present.

Fire Department Chief Black had not report..

Police Department Lt. Yakopovich in Chief Golden's absence had no report.

Law Department Law Director Guidetti had no report.

Unfinished business None.

New business Councilor Ventura asked residents to take note that Ms. Hanneken who has attended the last two council meetings, has made comments and/or acquisitions then turns her back on the Mayor and this Council without waiting for a response or explanation.

Regarding another topic, Councilor Bilkie congratulated and wished Mayor Molnar well finishing the term of office of the previous mayor. Councilor Bilkie said he and his fellow council members are here to support and assist the Mayor.

There being no further business Council by majority on a voice vote adjourned its regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.