City of Macedonia
Regular Council Meeting
Macedonia City Hall
November 11, 2025

Council Present: Mayor Clark, Croson, Duede, J. Keast, T. Keast, Swope.
Staff Present: Emge, City Clerk Alff Public: Wong Antunez, Paden Knoke, Mary Pumphrey, Marianne Pilling, Joe Cope, Rhonda Croson

Mayor Clark called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by T Keast to Approve Agenda, 2nd by J Keast - All ayes

Wong Antunez explained that to determine the amount of repairs needed in City Hall upstairs he would first need all the drywall and part of the ceiling taken down to determine the extent of damage and give an estimate of cost to repair. Currently the upstairs building is showing signs of building structure damage, roof has holes and roof joists upstairs holding back part of roof are rotting and need repair. Mayor Clark stated she talked with an advisor and the city could investigate a grant through the Iowa Economic Development Association once we figure out costs to help pay to restore the city hall. Council had bids to remove drywall but asked that the clerk get new bids as not only drywall, but parts of ceiling also need to be removed so council can move forward with estimates.

Saedy Cope was not present, but Joe Cope did speak on her behalf stating if there are any concerns or questions pertaining to the DeWitt Building, please contact Saedy herself, as she is the director of the DeWitt Building.

Joe Cope was present on behalf of the Macedonia Fire Department to let council know that Steve Fox has asked for them to be on hand as he plans to tear down and burn the old lumber shed that is on his property. Joe stated they would wait until there was snow on the ground to do that.

Open Forum: Mayor Clark announced new Mayor Elect Paden Knoke was present and welcomed him.

Motion by J Keast to Approve Consent Agenda consisted of October 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, October Bills, October Utility Report, October Clerk and Treasurer's Reports, Sheriff's Report, and County Animal Control Report, 2nd by Swope– All Ayes. Motion carried.

Pat Emge stated he is unsure of where we are on water tower and concerned about water usage. Clerk will call company to find out updates to hopefully get water tower done soon. Clerk informed council waiting on DNR Permits to get started on Lagoon project. Also waiting to hear back on USDA grant to move forward with well project.

S. Vorthmann-Absent

Motion by Swope accept bid to take city truck to Casson Auto Repair for repairs. 2nd by T Keast. All Ayes- Motion Passed.

Clerk Alff explained that the Macedonia Hamilton Preservation Society received a grant check back in Dec of 2023 for $23,800. Last month council questioned a check city wrote to pay for murals and thought city paid for that check, but funds were taken out of grant money the city has been holding for MHPS. Motion by Croson to write a check for the amount $11,222,50 to MHPS for reminder of grant money owed to them. 2nd by J Keast. All Ayes-Motion Passed. Clerk will adjust bills to show reminder of grant money paid to MHPS.

Macedonia Hamilton Development Corporation with Marianne Pilling and Mary Pumphrey explained they are working with others with the Revitalize Southwest Iowa Initiative program. The is a reginal investment designed to help small towns. MHDC will facilitate and help carry out the projects, to help improve housing in town through grants. They are currently looking at property owned by the city but are worried it is too small. Money can also be used to rehabilitate homes. This is a project that must be planned and approved to get grant funding with both city and grant providers.

Discussion was held city needs new bids on demo work before we can move forward and will discuss at next meeting.

Council discussed properties on Dye Street and Main Street need to be addressed as they are not following Ordinance 145. Motion by J Keast to send letters to owners stating 90 days to fix addressed issues that will be stated in letters. 2nd by Swope. All Ayes-Motion Passed.

Discussion on sewer rates, Alff indicated the sewer funds are losing money. Current sewer rates do not support funds coming out and need to look at a rate increase to cover city costs. Motion by J Keast to approve sewer rates to $35.00 a month. 2nd by Croson. Ayes-J Keast, Duede, Croson, T Keast. Nays- Swope Motion Passed.

City Discussion: Public Hearing to set sewer rate increase. Set meeting for next month December 9, 2025 at 6pm at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by T Keast, 2nd by Swope 7:18p.m. – All ayes.

City of Macedonia October 2025-Revenue: General $36,871.00; LOST $5,342.78; Employee Benefit Levy $873.23; Road Use $2,324.07; Water $6,298.26; Sewer $3,987.00.00 Garbage $2,153.00 Total Revenue $57,849.34. Expenses: General $14,124.34; LOST $0.00; Employee Benefit Levy $627.94 Road Use $0; Water $47,893.13; Sewer $4,845.38; Garbage $1,967.69. Total Expenses $69,458.48.

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Melia Clark, Mayor

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ATTEST: Liz Alff, City Clerk