City of Macedonia
Public Budget Amendment Hearing
Macedonia City Hall
May 11, 2026

Present: Mayor Knoke, Faxon, J. Keast, T. Keast. Absent Wax Staff Present: Alff Absent Emge and Vorthmann. Public: Suzann Duede, James Croson, Peggy Haines, John Scherle, Joni and Lee Driskell, Joe Cope, Julie Wyssman, Marianne Pilling, Ruby Bentley
Mayor Knoke called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion by J Keast to approve agenda, 2nd by T Keast- 3 ayes.
Mayor Knoke open public hearing for Amendment for FY2025-26 Budget for comment.
No open comments made.
Motion by T. Keast to close public hearing at 6:05 pm, 2nd by J Keast- 3 ayes.

Regular Council Meeting
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Mayor Knoke called the regular meeting to order at 6:07pm.
Motion by J Keast to approve the agenda. 2nd by T Keast. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mayor Knoke called for Open Forum:
John Scherle gave an update on Music in the Park. He is preparing the grounds for the summer program and reinforcing the stage, which was intended to be temporary but will now remain in place. Music is planned for all five nights, including Riverside kids, and food trucks are being arranged. He asked that no concrete be dumped from June 1 to Aug. 1 while the grounds are being prepared. The Council had no issue with the request but noted the site is a public city dump and said they would try to help. Electricity for the area was also discussed, and Council member Josh Keast will seek assistance in restoring power. The City Clerk stated the City helped Macedonia Hamilton Development Corp. apply for the Iowa West Foundation Belonging Grant for the Mid Summer Nights program. The City received $1,000 to help MHDC pay for the bands, and a check will be issued to MHDC at the June meeting.
Lee Driswell asked about the memorial site at the corner of Dye and Main Street. He said it had been removed and asked what could be done to reinstall it. The Council stated that the land is privately owned and the City has no authority over it. They advised him to work with the property owners and, if the memorial is relocated, to obtain the owner's permission before placing it.
Marianne Pilling said Grist Mill, MHDC, and the City Clerk met with a company about a digital sign for the town. The project remains in the proposal stage pending grants and donations to fund the sign. If funding is secured, they would like to place it on the northwest corner of the City Hall lot.
Suzann Duede asked why music is no longer playing on Main Street. The Council said the City Clerk would make sure it is turned on each morning.
No Water or Maintenance Reports as staff was absent.
Motion by J Keast to appoint Joe Cope as replacement council member to finish term for Brad Swope. 2nd by P Faxon. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by J Keast to approve Resolution 2026-7 to Amend FY2025-2026 Budget. 2nd by Faxon. Roll call J. Keast, Faxon, T Keast. Absent Wax. Motion carried.
Motion by J Keast to approve city bid from Wax's Lawn Service for City Spraying. 2nd by Faxon. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by J Keast to approve the city bid from Jared Merksick to cut down tree in city park. 2nd by T Keast. All ayes. Motion carried.
Discussion was held about contract concerning Bird Museum with Historical Society in help paying bills for the use of building. Discussion was tabled till next meeting.
City Hall Update-City Clerk Alff has been in contact with two different contractors to get ideas and more information on fixing up city hall. Will provide more information at next meeting.
City Related Items; Public hearing will be scheduled for June 8, to accept bid offer for the well project. Sewer project has been completed and now compliant with DNR requirements. J Keast pointed out street light in front of Grist Mill needs fixed and will find time to come work on it. Abatement notices need to be sent out for yards and trash around town. Ask Staci about getting potholes in town fixed.
Motion to adjourn by J Keast, 2nd by T Keast. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Paden Knoke, Mayor

ATTEST: Liz Alff, City Clerk