

**City of Macedonia
Public Hearing
Macedonia City Hall
December 9, 2025**

Council Present: Mayor Clark, Croson, Duede, J. Keast, T. Keast, Absent: Swope.

Staff Present: Emge, Vorthmann City Clerk Alff Public: Paden Knoke, Paul Faxon, Mary Pumphrey, Marianne Pilling, John Scherle, Nancy Raney, Andrew Frenking, Mike Shoup, and Rhonda Croson

Mayor Clark called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Clark read Resolution 2025-17 - Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on the Proposed Increase of Sewer Fees

WHEREAS, the City of Macedonia currently assesses sewer fees for utility bills as established in Ordinance 99; and amend with Ordinance 183:

WHEREAS, the current sewer fee structure has not been updated since 2020, and is no longer sufficient to cover administrative costs and to encourage timely payments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Macedonia has determined that a review of the current sewer fee schedule is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the City of Macedonia requires that a public hearing be held before adopting any changes to the fee schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Macedonia, that:

1. A public hearing is hereby scheduled for December 9, 2025, at City Hall at 322 Main Street to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed increase in sewer fees from current rate \$27 to \$35 effective February 10, 2026.
2. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in accordance with Iowa Law, and posted in city hall, website, newspaper.
3. Following the public hearing, the City Council will consider adopting an ordinance or resolution to amend the current sewer fee schedule.

Open Forum was held. Duede was worried about total increase was too much, J Keast and Croson explained the deficit causing the increase and needing that amount to cover costs of the city. No other comments were made.

Motion by T Keast to approve Resolution 2025-17, 2nd by Croson. Roll call- Ayes Croson, J Keast, Duede, T. Keast. Absent-Swope. Motion passed.

Motion by J Keast to close public hearing by Croson. 6:06p.m. -All ayes.

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Andrew Frenking from Viking Water Tower Maintenance Consultant was present to report all the work on the water tower is complete. Water tower is now up to date on everything from new ladder inside and out, new roof vent, and paint. Currently up to date by state standards and will do yearly evaluations for the city to maintain the water tower.

Mary Pumphrey for the Macedonia Hamilton Development Corporation was present to ask the city to take a bid on the property at 407 Hamilton Street that the city currently owns, in trade of building a new house for future homeowners to buy. The MHDC is currently looking to buy land or old house to fix up with Lakin Grant money to get more people into town and help our town.

Motion by Duede to sell the lot for \$1500 with contract stating agreement with contract for lot be followed. 2nd by Croson. All ayes. Motion passed.

Open Forum: Duede asked questions on AFR report.

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

Pat Emge reported Water treatment inspection with DNR went well. Waiting for official report to come.

S. Vorthmann-reported city truck has been maintained and repairs are all done. Snowplows have been repaired and street sander is running. Need to have some work done around manholes, so it doesn't damage the snowblade. Council also informed her to get a maintainer for equipment when not in use.

Mike Shoup from VK Engineering Solutions presented plans for new well project. Next step will be finalizing the plans and submit paperwork to DNR and accepting bids to hire contractors to start building the new well in late spring or early summer, with the goal to have it completed by late fall.

Motion by J Keast to approve AFR Report. 2nd by Croson. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Croson to approve City Street Finance Report. 2nd by T. Keast All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Croson to approve bid from ZK Construction to tear down drywall from 2nd floor of city hall. 2nd by J Keast. All ayes. Motion passed.

City Discussion: USDA Grant for Well Project was awarded in the amount of \$580,000 to the city. January 2nd at 9am new elect council Paul Faxon and Gary Wax and elect Mayor Paden Knoke will be installed. Budget workshop set for January 6, 2025 at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn by T Keast, 2nd by Croson 7:52p.m. - All ayes.

City of Macedonia November 2025-Revenue: General \$3,851.87; LOST \$3,378.69; Employee Benefit Levy \$74.08; Road Use \$0.00; Water \$5,857.21; Sewer \$4,028.00 Garbage \$1,978.00 Total Revenue \$19,167.85. Expenses: General \$14,707.80; LOST \$0.00; Employee Benefit Levy \$627.94 Road Use \$0.00; Water \$3,570.61; Sewer \$3,246.83; Garbage \$1,967.69. Total Expenses \$24,120.87.

Melia Clark, Mayor

ATTEST: Liz Alff, City Clerk