

City of Macedonia
Regular City Council Meeting
Macedonia City Hall
March 9, 2026

Council Present: Mayor Knoke, J. Keast, T. Keast, Swope, Wax, Faxon.

Staff Present: Alff, Vorthmann Absent Emge Public: Susan Miller, Sergio Hernandez, Suzann Duede, John Scherle, Marianne Pilling, Deb Shannon, Donna Shannon, John Mischo, Sergio Hendandez, Jim Croson, Joe Cope, Kaylee Chilton
Mayor Knoke called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Swope to Approve Agenda, 2nd by J Keast- All ayes. Motion carried.

Susan Miller, representing the Carson Business Club, addressed the ongoing Highway 59 construction. Construction will start around April 6, weather permitting. She emphasized the importance of the community remaining patient and understanding throughout the project. Temporary traffic lights will be installed, and the ramps will remain accessible until May, after which they will be removed. The project is scheduled for completion by mid-September. Highway 92 will generally remain open, except for brief closures during nighttime hours to remove and later reinstall the bridge.

John Scherle requested use of city property west of city hall for family-friendly Thursday evening events in July, including performances and a farmers' market from 6–9pm. Motion made by J Keast to approve use of city lot for the month of July. 2nd by T Keast. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sergio Henandez submitted paperwork claiming to have a truck to move the trailer between March 23–27, but it does not guarantee completion. If the trailer isn't moved, he must dismantle and clean up the property including trash, the garage, and the chicken coop. If not finished by March 30th, city-hired demo crews will handle cleanup at Henandez's expense. He must keep the Mayor or Clerk updated and begin cleaning up debris immediately.

Open Forum: John Mischo requested updates about trees conflict between him and his neighbor. It was explained that a certified arborist must verify if the trees along the property line are dead. Mayor Knoke and Wax have discussed the issue with Norman and agreed to wait for buds to appear to determine which parts of the tree are dead before acting. Mischo was also informed that he may trim any branches that hang over onto his side of the property.

Marianne Pilling reported on behalf of the Historical Society. The Society is evaluating the purchase of a historic barn, and if acquired, will require a location for placement. One proposal is to utilize city property situated behind the city shop, integrating the barn as part of the museum's farm equipment exhibition. The City Council indicated that additional information and comprehensive planning must be provided prior to any consideration or approval.

No Water Report as Emge was absent.

Vorthmann provided maintenance report, stated needs help to fix shed door, skid steer needs new battery, Faxon will get pricing. Asked council about cleaning out and selling unused items to make more room in shed. Council will work with her to get inventory and put together bids to sell unused items.

Motion was made by Swope to approve Consent Agenda. 2nd by T Keast. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by J Keast to approve contract for Weir Project. 2nd by Swope. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Swope to approve Resolution 2026-5 Employee Holidays. 2nd by J. Keast. Roll call Swope, T Keast, J Keast, Wax and Faxon. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by T Keast to Hire B&E Innovation for City Demo Bid with the understanding that no work is to happen before March 30, depending on what Hernandez has done before then, 2nd by Swope. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Swope to approve Budget Workshop for March 16, 2026 at 6pm. 2nd by J Keast. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Swope to approve the Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Budget on March 30, 2026 at City Hall at 6pm. 2nd by Wax. All Ayes. Motion carried.

City Discussion: Mayor Knoke asked that all council members take training with Emge on how to do daily water readings, so that each member can take a weekend and give Emge some time off. Council is responsible for setting up times themselves. Clerk asked about when to start advertising for maintenance help. Discussion was to be tabled till after budget is done. Council did request that clerk send out notices for bids for city spraying and tree removal in the park. Bids to be approved at next council meeting on April 13.

Motion was made by J Keast to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Swope. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

City of Macedonia February 2026-Revenue: General \$1,199.31; Lost: \$0.00; Employee Benefits Levy: \$7.86; Road Use \$1,889.55; Water \$5,610.17; Sewer \$3,551.00 Garbage \$1,736.00. Total Revenue \$13,993.89. Expenses: General \$5,063.76; Lost: \$0.00; Employee Benefits Levy: \$703.26; Road Use \$322.52; Water \$11,179.65; Sewer \$3,639.70; Garbage \$1,967.69. Total Expenses \$22,876.58

Paden Knoke, Mayor

ATTEST: Liz Alff, City Clerk