City of Macedonia
Regular Council Meeting
Macedonia City Hall
September 14, 2026

Council Present: Mayor Knoke, J. Keast, Faxon, Cope, and T Keast. Absent Wax.
Staff Present: Alff, Emge and Love. Public: Suzann Duede, Rhonda Croson, Monte Issacson, Marianne Pilling, Ruby Bentley, Wong Antunez, Merline Smith, Mary Pumphrey, John Scherle, and Brian Gardalen.

Mayor Knoke called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Cope to Approve Agenda, 2nd by T Keast- All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Forum: Brian Gardalen addressed the Council regarding concerns arising from past Sunday's events. He noted that neither the Council nor the Back Forty had received prior notice of, or granted approval for, the activities in question.

John Scherle, on behalf of the Hamilton Group, presented an overview of the Midsummer Nights event held in July and requested consideration for hosting additional events during the following year on the lot adjacent to City Hall.

The Council approved the proposal subject to the following conditions: The stage and all event-related materials shall be temporary. Unobstructed access shall be maintained for concrete dumping operations. Event-related materials shall be relocated as necessary to maintain access for municipal parking and snow-removal operations.

Maintenance Report: Emge reported that the phone service has been activated back on due to issues with the phone company. Contractors for well project have been down and assessed things that need to be done before the start of construction. Love assigned to handle getting things ready for contractors.

Motion by T Keast to Approve Constant Agenda. 2nd by J Keast. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on Bird Museum was tabled until Stempel family, Historical Society and a couple of council members could all come together to write up and agree to a contract together. Historical Society is to be in contact with city clerk to set up time and day.

Council discussed proceeding with repairs to City Hall. Clerk Alff reported that, following assessments by several contractors, the City's only viable course of action is to retain a structural engineer to evaluate the building and develop an appropriate repair plan. Motion by J Keast authorized the hiring of a structural engineer at a cost not to exceed $7,500 to initiate the process. 2nd by Cope. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Council update on Well Project for new well system will start construction with weather permitting second week of October. Contractors are to set up road signs to make public aware of construction. USDA grant has been fully approved and city is receiving grant payments to reimburse town for prior well expenses.

Well site -the Council directed Maintenance Operator Love to coordinate cleanup of the well site. If necessary, a contractor may be retained to mow the area using a brush hog. The Clerk also contacted Hotze Tree Service regarding burning the existing tree pile when weather conditions permit. Motion by J. Keast to preauthorize the Clerk to hire, if needed, someone to mow the well site at a cost not to exceed $500. 2nd by Cope. All ayes. Motion carried.

Tree Dump-As ordered by Mayor the city tree dump is now locked, and prior approval is needed to dump yard waste and tree limbs during business hours from 8am to 3pm. If needing access on the weekend prior arrangements need to be made with city hall during business hours.

City-Related Items: Nothing discussed.

Motion to adjourn by J Keast 2nd by Cope. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

City of Macedonia August 2026-Revenue: General $585.69; LOST $4,039.93; Employee Benefit Levy $817.33; Road Use $3,052.35; Water $7,104.91; Sewer $5,400.85 Garbage $2,104.00 Total Revenue $23,105.06. Expenses: General $7,989.61; LOST $0.00; Employee Benefit Levy $712.38 Road Use $1,052.56; Water $11,195.06; Sewer $6,793.49; Garbage $1,983.69. Total Expenses $29,726.79.

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Paden Knoke, Mayor

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ATTEST: Liz Alff, City Clerk