

**City of Macedonia  
Public Hearing  
Macedonia City Hall  
January 13, 2026**

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

Staff Present: Emge City Clerk Alff Public: Terry Pullen, Mary Pumphrey, Melia Clark, Suzann Duede, James Croson, John Mischo, Erik Jorgensen, Sergio Hernandez and Brian Gardalen.

Mayor Knoke called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by J Keast to Approve Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Keast - All ayes

Mayor Paden read Resolution 2026-1 - Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on the Sale of City Owned Hamilton Lot to Hamilton Development Corporation.

The Council of the City of Macedonia, Iowa, hereby authorizes the sale of Parcel No. 744022486003 and legally described as MACEDONIA TOWN O/L 3-4-5 E72' W258.7' O/L 5 the original plat of the town of Macedonia, Pottawattamie County, Iowa on the following terms and conditions: for the sum of \$1,500 and commitment to develop as per contract. WHEREAS, it is desirable to have the property in the hands of an individual; and WHEREAS, the property is a burden upon the city; and WHEREAS, the purchaser plans to develop the property as agreed in contract signed by both parties and WHEREAS, the seller has no abstract and will provide none. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Macedonia, Iowa, hereby authorizes the sale of Parcel No. 744022486003 and legally described as MACEDONIA TOWN O/L 3-4-5 E72' W258.7' O/L 5 the original plat of the town of Macedonia, Pottawattamie County, Iowa to the Macedonia Hamilton Development Corporation for the amount of \$1,500 with the commitment of development within 3 years. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents on behalf of the City of Macedonia necessary to consummate the sale.

Open Forum was held. No comments were made.

Motion by T Keast to approve Resolution 2026-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swope. Roll call- Ayes Swope, J Keast, Faxon, T. Keast. Absent-Wax. Motion passed.

Motion by J Keast to close public hearing by T Keast. 7:07p.m. -All ayes.

**City of Macedonia  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 13, 2026**

Mayor Knoke called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Motion by J Keast to Approve Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Keast - All ayes

Open Forum- No Public Comment.

John Mischo expressed concerns regarding hazardous trees located on his and adjacent properties, noting that the trees are dead and pose a safety risk should they fall and cause damage. He submitted documentation from Hotze Tree Service confirming the trees' condition. The issue is further complicated by the neighbor's refusal to allow removal of the trees. The City has agreed to initiate a nuisance abatement process, which will formally request the neighbor to remove the dead trees.

Sergio Hernandez appeared before the council regarding the trailer located at 306 Woodmancy. The council informed Mr. Hernandez that the trailer has been condemned and must be removed. The council granted Mr. Hernandez 30 days to clean up and relocate the trailer; otherwise, the city will proceed to remove it. If he is unable to complete this task by February 13, 2026, Mr. Hernandez is required to contact the city clerk and request to speak at the next council meeting scheduled for February 9, 2026. Failure to comply will result in the city removing the structure and billing Mr. Hernandez for the associated costs.

Erik Jorgensen of Snyder Construction provided the council with an update on the Weir Project, noting that preparations are complete and the project is now prepared to proceed to the bidding phase. Requests for bids will be issued, and the City Council will select a bid at the next council meeting, with project completion targeted for May 1, 2026. A motion was made by Swope to approve four or five bids, seconded by J. Keast. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pat Emge reported everything is working properly. Council presented Emge Employee Evaluation. No comments were made. Mayor stated all is well and pleased with the work Emge does for the city.

S. Vorthmann-Absent Tabled Employee Evaluation until next council meeting.

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

Motion by Mayor Knoke appointed Swope as Pro Temp Mayor, Joe Cope and Jared McCready as Zoning Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Keast All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by J Keast to approve Resolution 2026-2 to keep Rolling Hills Bank for 2026 year and approval for Makenna Kenyon as treasurer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swope. Roll Call Ayes- Swope, J Keast, Faxon, T Keast Absent Wax. Motion passed.

Motion by T Keast to approve Resolution 2026-3 to change monthly meetings to second Monday of every month starting on February 9, 2026 at 6:00pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Keast. Roll Call Ayes- Swope, J Keast, Faxon, T Keast Absent Wax. Motion passed.

Motion by J Keast to approve new city lawyer to Clint Fichter from Avoca. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faxon. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by J Keast to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 183 for Sewer Rate Increase. 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Keast. All ayes. Motion passed.

The City Clerk Evaluation Report was reviewed by the Council. The only feedback provided acknowledged the high quality of work being accomplished.

City Discussion: Mayor Knoke asked for help with planning of upcoming Donia Days for 2026, Brian Gardalen volunteered to be a chair committee member. Budget Meeting is planned for February 3, 2026 at 6:00pm at City Hall. Mayor Knoke inquired whether the council would approve the city clerk's attendance at Hamilton meetings to maintain the city's engagement with relevant events and matters. The council agreed that the clerk may extend her scheduled hours by up to an additional thirty minutes for this purpose; any time spent beyond that duration would be considered voluntary.

Motion to adjourn by J Keast, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swope 8:09p.m. – All ayes.

City of Macedonia December 2025-Revenue: General \$3,732.42; LOST \$0.00; Employee Benefit Levy \$56.14; Road Use \$4,783.95; Water \$5,857.21; Sewer \$4,051.00 Garbage \$2,108.00 Total Revenue \$21,138.30. Expenses: General \$8,102.67 LOST \$0.00; Employee Benefit Levy \$627.94 Road Use \$1,043.17; Water \$10,889.20; Sewer \$10,462.55; Garbage \$1,967.69. Total Expenses \$33,093.22.

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Paden Knoke, Mayor

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ATTEST: Liz Alff, City Clerk