City of Macedonia
Regular Council Meeting
Macedonia City Hall
October 12, 2026

Council Present: Mayor Knoke, J. Keast, Faxon, Wax and T Keast. Absent Cope
Staff Present: Alff, Emge. Public: Kari Rose, Suzann Duede, Rhonda Croson, Marianne Pilling, Mike Shoup, Melia Clark, Shawn Corkrean, and Ruby Bentley.

Mayor Knoke called the meeting to order at 6pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Open Forum: No comments were made.

Mike Shoup of VK updated the council on the well project. Initial work is underway at the new well site. A change order added the previously omitted project sign to the project costs. Equipment delays will prevent completion by year-end as planned; however, Shoup will ensure the project remains in compliance with USDA requirements, with completion expected next year. The contractor requested payment for current expenses and bonds. Motion by J Keast to approve the sign change order and pay the contractor's expenses. 2nd by T Keast. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kari Rose, representing Eckels Memorial Library, discussed the library's budget request for next year. The city currently pays $373 under its library contract. Based on her estimate of city usage, Rose requested an increase to $813. The council tabled the matter for further review.

Macedonia Hamiliton Dev. Corp members along with Shawn Corkrean from Griffith Homebuilders of Iowa, present their housing plans for the lot on Hamilton asking for a variance of current ordinance to build a bigger house on the small lot. Council discussed several options with them and stated they would be willing to hold a public hearing to decide as long as MHDC would be willing to talk with neighbors and get signed agreements they are okay with it. The council will await further information from MHDC before scheduling a public hearing.

Maintenance Report—Emge informed the council that a water line leak was found on a homeowner's property and that the homeowner is addressing it. He also reported ongoing problems with the lagoon lift station and will arrange for repairs. Alff stated that most city mowing is up to date. In response to the council's questions about the mower, Alff noted that it has an oil leak and requires maintenance because of its high operating hours. The council requested information on the mower's age to determine whether to budget for a trade-in next year. The clerk will gather the information and present it at the next meeting.

Motion by J Keast to approve Consent Agenda. Regular Meeting Minutes, September Bills, September Utility Report, September Clerk and Treasurer's Reports, Sheriff's Report, and County Animal Report. 2nd by Faxon. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was had about the contract for Bird Museum with Ruby Bentley presenting the contract. Motion by Wax to approve contract. 2nd by T Keast. All ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed hiring a new city maintenance employee. Mayor Knoke reported that five candidates were interviewed and one met all requirements, including holding a water/wastewater license. The candidate stated that he would not need insurance if hired, so the city will offer a contract at an alternative rate of $30 per hour without insurance, if he chooses that option. He will train with Emge for several days, and Emge will remain available as needed. Motion by Wax to hire Chris Leftridge as the full-time maintenance operator under contract. 2nd by J Keast. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on adding stop signs to each side Knox St due to complaints. Clerk will get prices on signs and work on Ordnance to add signs and hold public meeting next month.

City related items: October 15, at 5:30pm at the Oakland Community Center will be Law Enforcement Contract meeting and asking who would be able to attend. Faxon and Wax agreed to go with city clerk.

Motion to adjourn by T Keast. 2nd by J Keast. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

City of Macedonia September 2026-Revenue: General $18,897.38; LOST $6,058.82; Employee Benefit Levy $0.00; Road Use $2,438.82; Water $53,472.58; Sewer $4,814.33 Garbage $1,880.00 Total Revenue $87,561.93. Expenses: General $3,778.83; LOST $0.00; Employee Benefit Levy $1,199.31 Road Use $1,160.01; Water $5,180.57; Sewer $3,948.48; Garbage $1,983.69. Total Expenses $17,250.89.

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Paden Knoke, Mayor

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ATTEST: Liz Alff, City Clerk