

City of Macedonia
Regular Council Meeting
Macedonia City Hall
April 13, 2026

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

Staff Present: Alff, Emge and Vorthmann Public: Mike Shoup, Julie and Brian Wyssman, Suzann Duede, Maria Long, Melia Clark, Willie Washington, Mary Pumphrey, Joe Cope, Terry Pullen, James Croson, Marianne Pilling, Mark Shumaker, Cami Houser, Mike Shoup Debbie, Lexi, Andrew, with Julie Wyssman and Charlie Johnson.

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

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

Mary Pumphrey, representing the Macedonia Hamilton Development Corporation (MHDC), requested council approval to install memorial signs along the park walkways in honor of Susan Goos. MHDC will assume all costs and responsibilities for the installation, with completion targeted prior to Donia Days. Council member Wax noted that his wife, Linda, contributed significantly to the development of the park walkway. Additionally, Mariann Pilling, on behalf of MHDC, sought permission from city council to clean and replant flowers at the city gazebo. Council granted approval, provided there are no expenses incurred by the city. A motion to approve the Susan Goos Memorial Walkway signage and dedication was made by J. Keast, 2nd by T. Keast. All ayes, motion carried.

Julie Wyssman presented her proposal for multiple businesses to the council, outlining plans to relocate operations to Macedonia in order to provide valuable services to the community. Accompanied by her family and colleagues, Ms. Wyssman detailed prospective ventures, including J's Coffee and the Wellnest Health Center, which would be operated as an RN-led clinic.

Mike Shoup of VK Engineering announced that the well project is ready to begin the bid acceptance process. Mike requested that the council convene on May 6, 2026, to open bids, with a Public Hearing scheduled for May 11, 2026, at City Hall to review and approve the submitted bids. The objective is to have the well fully installed and all project details finalized by June 2027. Wax moved to approve the bid opening on May 6, 2026, at 10:00 am at City Hall; 2nd by J. Keast. All ayes, motion carried. Subsequently, J. Keast moved to hold a Public Hearing for bid approval on May 11, 2026, at City Hall at 6:00 pm; Wax 2nd the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Ruby Bentley provided an overview of the history of the birds at the Stempel Museum. This presentation was prompted by concerns circulating about the current condition of the City Hall building. There has been ongoing discussion about the need for improvements and the possibility that City Hall may need to be relocated in the future. One of the options being considered was moving City Hall back to the previous City Hall building, which is also known as the Bird Museum. At this time, the City Council has not made any decisions regarding the future plans for City Hall, as work and deliberations are still underway.

Open Forum: Mark Shoemaker introduced himself and explained he is running for Pottawattamie Co Board of Supervisors.

Willie Washington, representing Macedonia Community Church, inquired whether signage for the church could be placed on Main Street. The council granted approval contingent upon the signs not obstructing visibility of the highway or creating any other concerns. Placement will be permitted on both the east and west sides of town.

Mary Ann Hanusa, Pottawattamie County Auditor, emphasized that Macedonia should consider metropolitan planning and economic strategies, taking into account both the town's development and its historical legacy.

Charlie Johnson introduced himself and also stated he is running for Pottawattamie Country Board of Supervisors.

Residents posed questions to the candidates regarding local issues. It was emphasized that residents should communicate their concerns directly to their local supervisors.

Water/Sewer Maintenance by Emge- Asked clerk to remind residents we are still at a Tier One Water Restrictions. Emge inquired with the council regarding the proposed transition from analog to digital water meters, as a significant number of older meters remain in operation. Council agreed to start replacing a few analog meters out with new ones. Emge also said Thank you to Joe Cope and Fire Department for keeping him up to date with water used for trucks as he has to chart all water output.

Maintenance Operator by Vorthmann- Big thank you to Vorthmann for keeping streets clean with last snow storm. Vorthmann asked for two loads of gravel to update behind city shop and well entrance. Mayor Knoke will start marking potholes around town and weather permitting Vorthmann will apply cold patches to fix roads. A motion was made by J. Keast to authorize Vorthmann to receive two loads of gravel, and to arrange delivery and coordinate work to ensure the completion of the project, 2nd seconded by Wax. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Mayor Knoke read Resolution 2026-6 Adopt FY26-27 Pottawattamie County Law Enforcement Contract. J Keast made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-6 Adopt FY26-27 Pottawattamie County Law Enforcement Contract, 2nd by Wax. Roll call-Ayes J Keast, Faxon, Wax and T Keast. Absent Swope. Motion carried.

The Council has approved the initiation of advertising for a full-time maintenance position. The Clerk is responsible for preparing and placing the advertisements. Due to the lack of responses to bids for tree removal and spraying, it was determined that these services should be advertised again. M. Faxon has been granted permission by the Council to use surplus paint to paint poles around the park area. Mayor Knoke and the Clerk will meet with SWIPCO on April 14 to gather further information regarding plans for city hall repairs.

Motion to adjourn by J Keast, 2nd by T Keast. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Paden Knoke, Mayor

ATTEST: Liz Alff, City Clerk