

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 26th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the October 26th, 2023 regular Council meeting to order  
2 at 7:30p.m.  
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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley and Vini J. Ventura. Also  
5 present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.

6 **Absent:** Council member Dave Finley  
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8 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
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10 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
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12 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October**  
13 **12, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.  
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15 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None  
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17 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None  
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19 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**  
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21 **ORDINANCE NO. 94-2023**

22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 67-2022 RELATIVE TO CURRENT EXPENSES  
23 AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY  
24 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **first, second and third readings**  
25 **by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley.  
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27 Dir. Veres shared this is the 4<sup>th</sup> appropriations amendment for 2023. Changes to estimated resources  
28 partially due to an \$800,000 increase in interest income. Transfers to various funds occurred because of  
29 grants that would not be received during the calendar year. Pushed the borrowing for the new Service  
30 Center to 2024 as that is when most of the heavy work will take place.  
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32 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 94-2023 and post the same according**  
33 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 94-2023 declared and adopted.**  
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35 **ORDINANCE NO. 95-2023**

36 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF  
37 MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **first reading by title only.**  
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39 Dir. Veres stated this is the first step towards passage of the 2024 annual budget. The Finance Committee  
40 met to go over the 5-year capital plan and debt, while the operating budget will be discussed prior to the  
41 November 9 Council meeting.  
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43 **RESOLUTION NO. 96-2023**

44 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY  
45 THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF  
46 MACEDONIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE § 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.15 was offered  
47 by Mr. Garvas for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. Motion  
48 carried by a unanimous voice vote.  
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50 Chief Ripley stated this is to allow the sale of a 2002 ambulance with 165,000 miles on it.  
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52 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 96-2023 and post the same according to**  
53 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 96-2023 declared and adopted.**

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**MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **wish HR Director Smith a very, very happy birthday today.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

- ~Happy Birthday to Director Smith!
- ~Recently, the Mayor watched video of a Macedonia City Council meeting from October 22, 2015. It was a tough, tumultuous meeting and made him proud to see how far the City has come since then. The Mayor shared memories of frequent attendees of Council meetings, including Mike Kronjak, Chuck Loparo, Paul Susak and Dan Havlicek.
- ~Regarding the new Service Building – plans and designs are currently being worked upon, and Council will be kept informed as the project progresses.
- ~Thanks to all that participated in this year’s B.U.D.S. trick-or-treat event at Nordonia High School.
- ~October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and thanks to Dir. Smith for coordinating efforts among City staff to raise awareness and funds. The Mayor shared personal connections to those who have battled breast cancer.
- ~Please don’t drive distracted—put down your phones and drive the car!
- ~Halloween is always on October 31 and trick-or-treating will take place between 6-8pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt stated the commission met on Monday, October 16 and welcomed back Dir. Chadock from the NRPA Awards. Discussion took place on what could be done to strive towards the award again next year. Upcoming maintenance and Fall sports signups were discussed. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 15 and will be the last of the year.

**JEDD:** Mr. Ventura reported the JEDD Committee will meet in November at a date and time to be determined.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Ventura shared that the Finance Committee will meet again on Thursday, November 9, a half-hour prior to the work session.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Service Department:** Director Wilson – Congrats to Mark Bugara and Brian James for earning their Class A CDLs. The Service Department is knee deep in leaf pickup, and residents can consult the City website for the pickup schedule. Christmas lights are starting to be put up, mainly in Longwood Park.

**Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – The Iroquois Trail drainage project was completed today.

**Parks and Recreation Department:** – Director Chadock – Attending the NRPA conference to receive the gold medal award was an interesting experience, and great to be recognized as one of the top 4 municipalities with a population under 30,000. Macedonia was the only parks and recreation department finalist in the state. Winterfest is Saturday, December 2. Field maintenance is taking place and fall programming is concluding. Winter programming is underway.

The Mayor added that there will be a presentation for the gold medal award and staff involved on December 4.

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107 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Happy Birthday Dir. Smith! Dir. Veres was invited by the Ohio  
108 Treasurer’s office to be a part of a panel at this year’s Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM)  
109 conference. This year CPIM added an Economic Development panel to discuss fiscal officers’ role in  
110 economic development.

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112 **IT Department:** Director Collins – Absent  
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114 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – 17 of 18 lots at Spruce Hill Crossings Phase III have been  
115 built upon or are under construction, with 10 occupancies in that phase having been issued. Phase IV  
116 currently has 3 homes under construction. Crumbl Cookies and TJ Maxx are still looking to open the  
117 week of November 6. The intent to demolish letters for two properties went out the last week of  
118 September and he has not heard from either property owner yet. He is currently getting demolition  
119 quotes.

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121 The Mayor stated there are many steps needed to address the problems, but prior to that the City attempts  
122 to work with the property owners to rectify the situation. Dir. Guidetti added that the City does bend over  
123 backwards to try and address the problem, and that after Commissioner Rodic finishes his processes, there  
124 will be another piece of legislation before Council as was discussed previously. In illustrating the ways in  
125 which the City tries to work with property owners before demolition comes into question, the Mayor  
126 shared an anecdote of learning that one property that had fallen into disrepair after elderly residents had  
127 experienced health problems. The Mayor called the Nordonia High School principal to see whether any  
128 students might be willing to help clean up, to which they enthusiastically agreed.

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130 **HR Department:** Director Smith – HR has been helping out in the Mayor’s office. The health fair,  
131 including biometrics, flu shots and a video on breast cancer awareness will start Friday, October 27.  
132 After this, staff will have until the end of November to watch recorded health fair videos. Almost \$600  
133 has been raised among staff so far for Breast Cancer Awareness, and efforts to raise more will continue  
134 up to next Tuesday, October 31.

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136 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Thoughts are with those in Lewiston, Maine after the tragedy that took  
137 place. Sunday, November 5 is the time to turn back your clock and replace the batteries in your smoke  
138 detectors. Santa will be returning to the Nordonia area, stopping in Sagamore Hills on December 9,  
139 Macedonia on December 11-13, and Northfield Center Township on December 14—more information to  
140 come. Happy birthday to Dir. Smith.

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142 **Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – Happy birthday to Dir. Smith. The Police Department  
143 continues in the hiring process for dispatchers and patrol officers. Unfortunately, this week the SRO Jon  
144 Wright turned in his resignation and is returning full-time to Tallmadge, the department he retired from.  
145 Please be aware and take special care driving with trick-or-treaters out on Halloween evening.

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147 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – No report  
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149 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None  
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151 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
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153 Mr. Garvas summarized the proposed Charter Amendments that will be on the November 7 general  
154 election ballot and shared that more detailed information on the topic can be found on the City’s website.  
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156 There being no further business, Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adjourn the meeting**. The  
157 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately  
158 8:03p.m.  
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**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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167 **Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_

168 Nicholas Molnar

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