

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
November 9th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the November 9th, 2023 regular Council meeting to  
2 order at 7:30p.m.  
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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley and Vini J.  
5 Ventura. Also present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.  
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7 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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9 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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11 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October**  
12 **26, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a majority voice vote.  
13 Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor Finley abstained.  
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15 **CEREMONIAL SWEARING-IN:** Dan Matejka and Bryan Vince were ceremonially sworn in as new  
16 Sergeants of the Macedonia Police Department. Travis Connor was ceremonially sworn in as a new  
17 patrol officer with the Macedonia Police Department. Each officer briefly spoke and introduced friends  
18 and family in attendance. Chief Yakopovich expressed his pleasure to have each of these officers in their  
19 roles.  
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21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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23 ~ **Ellen Bertel, 319 W Highland Road**, informed Council of ‘America 250’, which is a celebration of the  
24 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence starting in January 2026. Ms. Bertel is suggesting  
25 Macedonia and the surrounding communities to participate and gave examples of ways to do so, which  
26 could include the planting of a tree and stated grants will be available. More information can be found at  
27 [america250-ohio.org](http://america250-ohio.org)  
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29 ~ **Mike Hawkins, 9179 Briarwood Road**, urged Council, after the passage of Issue 2 at the ballot last  
30 week, to consider prohibiting marijuana dispensaries and growing facilities from coming to Macedonia.  
31 Mr. Hawkins does not believe they would be a good fit for the community. He shared that he has been  
32 very happy with the services Macedonia offers and does not wish to see these types of businesses here.  
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34 The Mayor added that the City has options on how it will handle changes as a result of Issue 2’s passage,  
35 and may recommend Council consider a moratorium until the Law Director can properly evaluate the 62-  
36 page manual that came out recently.  
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38 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None  
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40 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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42 **ORDINANCE NO. 95-2023**

43 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF  
44 MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **second reading by title only.**  
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46 The Mayor stated this legislation is the 2024 annual budget, and the third reading is scheduled for the  
47 December 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.  
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49 **ORDINANCE NO. 97-2023**

50 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE  
51 NON-UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Garvas for  
52 its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried  
53 unanimously by a voice vote.

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55 Chief Yakopovich stated this ordinance give the Police Department options by changing the number of  
56 school resource officers (SROs) from “1” to “As Needed”.

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58 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 97-2023 and post the same according to**  
59 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 97-2023 declared and adopted.**

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61 **ORDINANCE NO. 98-2023**  
62 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH  
63 WADSWORTH SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW WATER  
64 TOWER AT MACEDONIA CITY HALL THROUGH THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE  
65 PURCHASING PROGRAM was offered by Mr. Finley for its **first, second and third readings by title**  
66 **only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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68 Dir. Wilson stated this legislation is to replace the cooling towers on top of city hall, which is part of a  
69 larger project to replace the HVAC system in both city hall and the Recreation Center. By passing this  
70 legislation now, the price will be locked in even though the cooling tower will likely not be ready for  
71 installation until the end of 2024 or beginning of 2025.

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73 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 98-2023 and post the same according to**  
74 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 98-2023 declared and adopted.**

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76 **ORDINANCE NO. 99-2023**  
77 AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS LOCATED AT  
78 8334 SHEPARD ROAD & 1250 TWINSBURG ROAD IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO, AND  
79 CAUSING THE COSTS OF DEMOLITION TO BE CERTIFIED FOR PLACEMENT ON THE  
80 RESPECTIVE TAX DUPLICATES was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings**  
81 **by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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83 The Mayor shared that he regularly receives calls on properties in disrepair, including these two which are  
84 uninhabitable and dangerous. Dir. Guidetti added that the City has followed the statutory process to get  
85 to this point.

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87 Commissioner Rodic stated these are nuisance properties that pose a safety issue.

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89 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 99-2023 and post the same according to**  
90 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 99-2023 declared and adopted.**

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92 **ORDINANCE NO. 100-2023**  
93 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THE REAL PROPERTY  
94 LOCATED AT 8481 PARK AVENUE IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms. Brandt for  
95 its **first reading by title only.**

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97 The Mayor stated that acquisition of this property would be part of the goal first set out by the Future  
98 Growth Committee in 2016, and which he will be working to move further in the years to come.

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100 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** None

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102 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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104 ~Dir. Veres is not present due to a tragic loss in his family and wishes everyone to keep him and  
105 his family in their thoughts and prayers.

106 ~TJ Maxx is now open

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107 ~Crumbl Cookie is slated to open on November 17  
108 ~Shop with a Cop is happening again this year, with thanks to a gentleman in the community who  
109 donates \$500 a year to help make it happen  
110 ~Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11  
111 ~Congratulations to Councilors Finley and Garvas for their re-election. While we may disagree  
112 from time to time, we are all pointing in the same direction to make Macedonia a great place  
113 ~Junior Council is returning this year. Mrs. Heather Dean from Nordonia High School was in  
114 attendance and introduced Olivia Tidmore and Nolah Walton.  
115 ~Please don't drive distracted—put the phones down and drive the car!

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117 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
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119 **JEDD:** Mr. Ventura reported the JEDD Committee will meet November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Council chambers  
120 and is a public meeting.

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122 **Finance Committee:** Mr. Ventura shared that the Finance Committee will meet again on Thursday,  
123 December 14<sup>th</sup>, prior to the work session with timing TBD.

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125 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt stated the commission cancelled their November meeting  
126 due to scheduling conflicts with a Nordonia sports award banquet that evening. There will not be a  
127 December meeting either but will resume in January of 2024.

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130 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**  
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132 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – Thanks for passage of ORD 98-2023. Christmas lights are in the  
133 process of being put up throughout the City, with the lights at city hall and the Commons complete.  
134 Veterans and Longwood parks should be done soon with the goal of having everything finished by  
135 December 2. Leaf pickup continues, with 3,495 yards of leaves picked up so far.

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137 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Right of way acquisition services are set to begin for the Highland/Valley  
138 View Road project. All communication with property owners should go through the acquisition service  
139 company. The State Rt. 8/Highland intersection project has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$2.2  
140 million. A turn lane will also be installed at the intersection of Highland and South Bedford, as well as  
141 sidewalk on South Bedford from Highland up to near Bluejay Trail. Project start time is TBD.

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143 **Parks and Recreation Department:** – Director Chadock – Parks revenue has already surpassed that of  
144 2022. Thanks to all the parks, service and seasonal crews for blowing leaves and putting up Christmas  
145 lights. Winterfest will be Saturday, December 2 from 6-8pm in Longwood Park. Most of the park will be  
146 lit this year, with the intent of having the entirety of the park lit up for next year.

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148 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Absent

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150 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 31 help desk tickets closed since the last Council meeting. Thanks to  
151 all the veterans.

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153 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – Thanks for Council's support in moving along the  
154 demolition of the homes referenced in ORD 99-2023. 27 permits have been issued for single-family  
155 homes this year, which has likely not been seen since the North Woods subdivision. WKYC ran a news  
156 brief on Veterans Park that highlighted aspects of the park and how it sits within the City.

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158 **HR Department:** Director Smith – 2023 Health fair wrapped up. Preparing for 2024 open enrollment for  
159 benefits. Over \$738 was raised internally towards breast cancer research.

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160 The Mayor added that Dir. Smith has temporarily assumed the role of his executive assistant.

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162 **Fire Department:** Captain Chesnik – Santa will be appearing at the Sagamore station on December 9  
163 from 11:30am-2pm, in Macedonia December 11-13 and in Northfield Center on December 14. More  
164 information can be found on the City website. Thanks to the veterans. Daylight savings changed last  
165 week, and residents are encouraged to change out batteries and check your smoke and CO detectors.

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167 **Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – Thanks for having the swearing-in ceremonies at the top of the  
168 meeting. The Police Department is accepting donations for Shop with a Cop, and more information can  
169 be found on the Police Department and City’s Facebook pages. Thanks to the veterans.

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171 The Mayor shared that the City website is quite robust now and thanked Christy Young for keeping  
172 communications in order.

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174 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – There is slated to be a 10% tax on recreational marijuana, on top  
175 of the taxes already in place for medical marijuana. 36% of that will be carved out for localities.

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177 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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179 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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181 Ms. Brandt wished a peaceful Veterans Day to all who served, including Mr. Ventura, Ms. Tulley’s  
182 husband Greg and her father, who she lost this year, and who was a Bronze Star recipient.

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184 Mr. Garvas thanked the residents who re-elected those at the dais and opined if nobody felt compelled to  
185 challenge the seats, they must be doing something right. Mr. Garvas also shared that he will once again  
186 be decorating his house for the holidays and invites people to drive by and observe the lighting display  
187 from the street.

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189 There being no further business, Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting**.  
190 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at  
191 approximately 8:17p.m.

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193 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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196 **Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
197 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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201 **Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
202 Nicholas Molnar

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