

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD MONDAY APRIL 6, 2020
5:15 P.M.

State of Illinois)
County of McDonough) ss
City of Macomb)

The Macomb City Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 5:15 p.m., via teleconferencing in the Council Chambers by in City Hall, 232 E. Jackson Street, Macomb, IL

PLEDGE

Mayor Inman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Melanie Falk called the roll and the following Aldermen answered present: Mike Wayland, John Vigezzi, Annette Carper, Tom Koch, Gayle Carper, Tammie Leigh Brown-Edwards, Dennis Moon. All Aldermen being present, Mayor Inman declared a quorum for transaction of business. In addition to the Mayor, City Clerk and Aldermen, City Attorney Kristen Petrie, City Administrator Scott Coker were present. City Treasurer, Ronald Ward was absent.

UPDATE
FROM
MAYOR INMAN

Mayor Inman stated action has been taken here in city government to maximize employees working at home to the extent we can. They are working remotely from home. It's a handful of our employees across several work units.

We appreciate our members of the collective bargaining units who have worked very closely with the administration to modify work schedules and policy to maximize efficiency while employing social distancing guidelines to minimize their possible exposure and possible exposure to the public from the virus. All of our employees are working in essential positions now.

We have continued to keep in touch with our county partners, sometimes on a multiple time basis, McDonough District Hospital, Western Illinois University, the Emergency Services and Disasters, Macomb Schools, McDonough County Health Department, as well as, McDonough County government and other governmental units in the county.

We are also keeping in contact, most assuredly on a daily basis, with our Federal partners including Homeland Security, FEMA and our Congressional delegation including Congressman La Hood's office, Senator Durbin's office, the Governor's office at state level as well as our IML leadership and our peer municipalities across our region and state.

We would like to also remind folks in the small business community that our having some difficulties during this time. In addition to the beginning of this, a public hearing was held to discuss Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program. He would like to remind all those small business communities that federal and state programs and resources are available to you and we are willing to help in the best way we can. You can check the city's website for that information. The Office of the Community Development is here during normal business hours to help walk concerned business owners thru those programs. The Executive Director of the Macomb Downtown Development Corporation as well as the Executive Director of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce are also lending a hand in those efforts and it does not necessarily mean you have to be a member of either one of those organizations. Reach out to their websites or them looking for the contact information for those programs. We would encourage everyone in our small business community to be doing that.

Mayor Inman is concerned about the amount of traffic that still exists on our city streets in spite of the fact that the Governor has issued an extension of the Stay at Home order through the end of the month. Some of my concerns are shared with members of the city administration as well as other community members in general. It's at the point where all sources between the Governor, the Health Department here locally, the hospital are all on the same page. It is critically important for all of our community members to adhere to the Center for Disease Control guidelines and the Governor's order regarding the Stay at Home order and limiting your travel to essential trips. The next two weeks are going to be critically important to our ability to impact the spread of this virus and what we do now will actually impact the success and the outcome some two weeks from now.

McDonough District Hospital and the Health Department are reporting still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the county. He would caution, though, current CDC information indicates 25% of the population is walking around capable of transmitting the virus and have no symptoms. People in the

community should assume in spite of the lack of any confirmed case being reported, that the virus is in the community and should be acting accordingly.

He would strongly encourage folks to abide by the Governor's order and limit your actions at all times in public and limit your actions to essential trips.

Items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes of the City Council meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2020.
2. Claims and accounts

CONSENT
AGENDA
ADOPTED

Alderman Moon moved, seconded by Alderman Vigezzi to dispense with the reading of the consent agenda and adopt as published, on question being put, Aldermen Wayland, Vigezzi, A. Carper, Koch, G. Carper, Brown-Edwards, Moon, being all Aldermen voting "Aye" on roll call and no "Nay" votes, Mayor Inman declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

City Clerk Falk read a concern from Alice Mattsen regarding social distancing noncompliance at the Jefferson House.

City Attorney Petrie gave second reading of the following ordinance:

An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property (Equipment and Vehicles)
owned by the City of Macomb

ORDINANCE
APPROVED
NO. 20-05

Alderman Vigezzi moved, seconded by Alderman Koch to approve the ordinance, on question being put, Alderman Vigezzi, A. Carper, Koch, G. Carper, Brown-Edwards, Moon, Wayland being all Aldermen voting "Aye" on roll call and no "Nay" votes, Mayor Inman declared the motion carried and the ordinance was approved and became Ordinance No. 20-05.

AWARD BID
NW WATER MAIN
PHASE 2
LAVERDIERE
CONTINGENT ON
DCEO APPROVAL

Alderman Moon moved, seconded by Alderman Vigezzi to award the bid for the Northwest Water Main Phase 2 replacement project to Laverdiere Construction in the amount of \$744,973.00 contingent upon DCEO approval on the amended scope of the project, on question being put, Aldermen A. Carper, Koch, G. Carper, Brown-Edwards, Moon, Wayland, Vigezzi being all Aldermen voting "Aye" on roll call and no "Nay" votes, Mayor Inman declared the motion carried.

City Attorney Petrie read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CITY OF MACOMB MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTIONS PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC ATTENANCE OF MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Macomb (the "City") is a municipality duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to the laws of the state, the City Council of the City of Macomb, McDonough County, Illinois (the "Council"), has the power to pass all necessary ordinances, rules and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of Illinois, in separate actions, have declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that is occurring; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and the State of Illinois Department of Public Health have all recommended all persons practice social distancing by maintaining at least six feet distance from one another, additionally as based on recommendations from multiple sources people are to avoid gatherings of ten persons or more, not just the fifty or more persons as ordered by Governor Pritzker in an Executive Order, and if at all possible, stay home and avoid in person contacts; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois has enacted Executive Order 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5) on March 16, 2020, suspending the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120, requiring or relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body, in an effort to reduce gatherings of a large number of persons and to reduce in person contacts, yet provide an ability for public bodies to continue to operate when necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City to temporarily suspend the electronic attendance restrictions as contained in the Municipal Code Sections 2-21(b), 2-23 through 2-27, 2-29 and 2-30, in an effort to facilitate members of the body to attend the meetings remotely via electronic means.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Macomb hereby temporarily suspends the electronic attendance restrictions as contained in the Municipal Code Sections 2-21(b), 2-23 through 2-27, 2-29 and 2-30, pertaining to remote participation and electronic attendance at meetings of the City bodies covered by the Open Meetings Act, immediately through December 31, 2020, providing the members of the bodies an ability to attend remotely via electronic attendance, compliant with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5).

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval pursuant to law.

RESOLUTION
ADOPTED
NO. 2020-02

Alderman Moon moved, seconded by Alderman A. Carper to adopt the resolution, on question being put, Aldermen Koch, G. Carper, Brown-Edwards, Moon, Wayland, Vigezzi and A. Carper all voted "Aye" on roll call and no "Nay" votes, Mayor Inman declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted and became Resolution No. 2020-02.

City Attorney Petrie read the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
MACOMB TO MAKE UNILATERAL DECISIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19
CONDITIONS FOR THE SAFETY AND PRESERVATION OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Macomb (the "City") is a municipality duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to the laws of the state, the City council of the City of Macomb, McDonough County, Illinois (the "Council"), has the power to pass all necessary ordinances, rules and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of Illinois, in separate actions, have declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that is occurring; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and the State of Illinois Department of Public Health have all predicted the COVID-19 pandemic to be an event that shall be impacting our nation, state and community for several months, which can escalate in its local impact suddenly and without prior indications requiring at times a swift response to ensure safety for citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code of the City of Macomb identifies the Mayor as the Chief Executive Officer of the City, and as such is tasked with the supervision of all officers of the City, department heads and all employees of the City, as well as, having the authority pursuant to Municipal Code Article XI, of Chapter 2, to declare an emergency and invoke any measures necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry, for the time between the emergency proclamation or declaration and the adjournment of the next regular or special Council meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is not a short-term emergency that is facing our nation, state or community, but will be impacting our City in many ways for an anticipated several months and may require many amendments to the direction and decisions that are being made on a daily basis to keep ahead of the progression of the situation; and,

WHEREAS, the Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City to temporarily authorize the Mayor of the City of Macomb to be able to respond to changes in situations on behalf of the City in response to the COVID-19 pandemic event to maintain City operations, functions, and the health, safety and welfare of its citizens in an expeditious manner that will at times mean Mayoral decision making absent an action of the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Council further deems it to be in the best interests of the City to authorize the Mayor to take actions such as but not limited to suspending or instituting parking restrictions, regulations or licensing of business activities, personnel decisions, and financial expenditures, and when suspending temporarily sections of the Municipal Code by Mayoral Order, if a situation should warrant immediate action.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Macomb hereby temporarily authorizes the Mayor of the City of Macomb to make decisions necessary to maintain City operations, functions, and the health, safety and welfare of its citizens in an expeditious manner that will at times mean Mayoral decision making absent an action of the City Council including but not limited to the authority to issue Mayoral Orders to temporarily suspend or alter sections of the Municipal Code, and to make expenditures as the Chief Executive officer of the City of Macomb, effective immediately through

July 1, 2020, and also requiring the Mayor to apprise the Council members as soon as is practicable, the actions that have been taken and to which evolving circumstance related to COVID-19 said action has been taken.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval pursuant to law.

RESOLUTION
ADOPTED
NO. 2020-03

Alderman G. Carper moved, seconded by Alderman Vigezzi to adopt the resolution, on question being put, Aldermen G. Carper, Brown-Edwards, Moon, Wayland, Vigezzi, A. Carper and Koch being all Aldermen voting "Aye" on roll call and no "Nay" votes, Mayor Inman declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted and became Resolution No. 2020-03.

ADLERMAN
GAYLE CARPER
APPOINTED
SUCESSOR
MAYOR PRO TEM

Alderman Moon moved, seconded by Alderman Vigezzi to approve the appointment of Alderman Gayle Carper as Successor Mayor Pro Tempore, on question being put, Aldermen Brown-Edwards, Moon, Wayland, Vigezzi, A. Carper, Koch, G. Carper being all Aldermen voting "Aye" on roll call and no "Nay" votes, Mayor Inman declared the motion carried.

APPROVE
ZONING MAPS
A AND B

Alderman Vigezzi moved, seconded by Alderman Moon to approve Zoning Maps A and B for the City of Macomb, on question being put, Aldermen Moon, Wayland, Vigezzi, A. Carper, Koch, G. Carper, Brown-Edwards being all Aldermen voting "Aye" on roll call and no "Nay" votes, Mayor Inman declared the motion carried.

City Attorney Petrie gave first reading of the following ordinance:

An Ordinance to amend the City Fee Schedule increasing Debt Service Fees for Water Service and increasing Water Rate by amending 24-3(G) and to increase Solid Waste Collections Fees by amending 24-1(A) of the Municipal Code.

City Attorney Petrie gave first reading of the following ordinance:

An Ordinance to adopt a Budget for the City of Macomb, McDonough County, Illinois, For the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

COMPLETE
COUNT CENSUS
UPDATE

Community Development Coordinator John Bannon gave a Complete Count Census update. State of Illinois is at 49.8% and Macomb has a self-response rate of 42.4%. He will be conducting a Census Challenge on social media next week.

L. LEEZER
D. ROSSIO
REAPPOINTED

Alderman Moon moved, seconded by Alderman A. Carper to concur with the re-appointments of Laura Leezer to the Macomb Planning Commission and Doug Rossio to the Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing Commission, all Aldermen voting "Aye" by voice vote and Mayor Inman declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Alderman Vigezzi moved, seconded by Alderman Moon to adjourn into executive session for a) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, pursuant to Sec. 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act, on question being put, Aldermen Wayland, Vigezzi, A. Carper, Koch, G. Carper, Brown-Edwards. Moon being all Aldermen voting "Aye" on roll call and no "Nay" votes, Mayor Inman declared the motion carried and they adjourned into executive session at 5:58 p.m.

OPEN
SESSION

Alderman Vigezzi moved, seconded by Alderman Moon to adjourn back into open session, all Aldermen voting "Aye" by voice vote, Mayor Inman declared the motion carried and they adjourned back into open session at 6:32 p.m.

COUNCIL
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, Alderman Moon moved, seconded by Alderman Vigezzi to adjourn the meeting, all Aldermen voted "Aye" and Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.