

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Jeff Hughes, Helen Hesson, Benton Bartley, Justin Dyer, Todd Gentry, Scott Gammons, Charles (Chop) Porter, Bobby Ray King, Don Stevens, Mike Jenkins, Tony Wix, Chris Wix, Wendell Jones, Mchelle Phillips, Kenneth Witte, Kimmy Warf and Shannon Wix

Absent: Phillip Snow

Don Stevens gave the Invocation.

Justin Dyer led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Bartley, 2nd by Stevens to approve minutes as presented from the 1/22/18 Legislative Body Meeting, 12/19/17 Planning Commission Public Hearing, 1/8/18 Solid Waste Committee Meeting, 1/22/18 Solid Waste Committee Meeting, and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Gammons, 2nd by Warf to approve Budget Amendment #1 through #6 (#1 Sheriff Department, #2 Other Emergency Management – West Macon, #3 Other Social, Cultural & Recreational – Restricted Library, #4 Tourism, #5 Library, #6 Highway Department) and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Hesson, 2nd by Hughes to defer Resolution #2-28/2018 Danny McCaleb Proclamation, #2-29/2018 Highway Department Road List Resolution, #2-30/2018 Fixed Assets/GASB Resolution and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that Jim Hart will present the results of the “jail needs assessment study” on Wednesday, February 21st at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Jones reported that the Animal Control Officer applications deadline had passed and he requested guidance to proceed. Discussion ensued with Commissioner Gentry asking about the possibility of putting Animal Control under the Sheriff’s Department authority.

Motion #4 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to suspend the rules and for the Mayor to hire an Animal Control Officer with the understanding that it may be only a temporary position.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Bartley, 2nd by Witte to authorize Mayor Jones to work with the Animal Control Committee and for Mayor Jones to proceed to hire an Animal Control Officer.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported that he had been approached by a company doing site acquisitions for AT&T. The company is requesting to rent tower space on two of Macon County's communications towers. Mayor Jones stated that under an agreement with North Central Telephone Company (NCTC) to provide connection between the towers NCTC has reserved that position on the towers for broadband. Mayor Jones said he had met with NCTC CEO Nancy White and Clint Carter, Director of Technology, regarding the AT&T tower rental request. Mayor Jones said Ms. White stated she would carry the request to the next NCTC Board meeting to see if the Board would approve AT&T locating their equipment on the towers. Discussion ensued.

Motion #6 by Hughes, 2nd by Dyer to bring back resolution and decision regarding the AT&T request to the meeting.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones mentioned that he was told the new rescue tools the county had purchased for each of the rescue organizations worked well in a recent car accident, freeing a trapped individual, whereas the old tool would not work. Mayor Jones said he just wanted the commissioners to know that their approval to purchase the equipment did make a difference.

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that the Macon County Chronicle was looking into getting an Internal Flame for the Tornado monument. Discussion ensued.

Motion #7 by Gammons, 2nd by Hesson to bring back more information regarding the Internal Flame for the Tornado monument to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to approve the Animal Control report and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Gammons, 2nd by Dyer to bring back the Building Codes/Impact fee report to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #10 by Gammons, 2nd by Warf to have Attorney Holliman to look into increasing the County Impact fee and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Witte, 2nd by Warf to send the 7th and 9th District Commissioner appointments on to the next meeting for selection.
Motion Carried

Brian Jenkins, president of the fast pitch softball league, requested a \$500 donation for the league for help with bleachers, a field drag or a storage shed. He stated that there was 200 girls in the league last year with 2-3 games per week. He also said they were looking to add a slow pitch boys' team.

Motion #12 by Gammons, 2nd by Bartley to give the fast pitch softball league a \$500 donation and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Gammons, 2nd by Dyer to allow Commissioner Snow to bring back the Oak Grove Road speed limit petition to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to allow Commissioner Snow to bring back the request to renew the Highway Department note early. Mayor Jones will check with the Comptroller's Office regarding this request.
Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Gammons, 2nd by Hesson to bring back Solid Waste Grant information to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported to the commissioners that the generator at the Justice Center was in need of repair and/or replacement. Discussion ensued regarding repairing the old generator versus replacing it with a new one.

Motion #16 by Gammons, 2nd by Gentry to bring back quotes on a new generator to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

On a request from Commissioner Witte, the Mayor was asked to bring back fund balance totals as well as funds used from fund balance in this fiscal year.

Motion #17 by Hesson, 2nd by Warf to adjourn.
Motion Carried