

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MCLEANSBORO CITY COUNCIL**

**November 18, 2025
603 E. Market Street
5:30P.M.**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Chad May called the regular meeting of the McLeansboro City Council to order. Roll call: Tom Maulding, Sharon Hall, Jeff Johnson, Mark Brown, Jeff Reyling, Duke Griesemer – present.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2025 second Mr. Maulding. Roll call: Brown, Hall, Maulding, Johnson, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

During old business, Mayor May read, for the first time, Ordinance #25-1135 updating the Zoning Code, regarding expanding the access for the MR1 zoning district.

During public comments, Mr. Chad Beene discussed the lack of parking around the square specifically on the west side as he prepares to open a new business. Mr. Melvin Shield spoke to the council regarding drivers speeding down South Herd Street. There were no further public comments.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDED MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS INCLUDING BILLS AND TRANSFERS, NOVEMBER ZONING REPORT, OCTOBER DEPARTMENT REPORTS, FY26 Budget Amendment #3, Ordinance #25-1136 an FY26 Appropriations Amendment, and a TIF Façade grant with JASVI, Inc. D/B/A Dairy Queen, second Ms. Hall. Roll Call: Johnson, Hall, Maulding, Brown, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY AS PRESENTED, second Mr. Reyling. Roll Call: Brown, Reyling, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mayor May read , for the first time, Ordinance #25-1137 making the annual tax levy for the City of McLeansboro, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO JOIN THE DOWNSTATE MAJOR CASE SQUAD. THERE WAS NO SECOND. Motion died.

Brooke Morrison, consultant with Bellwether, spoke about the written fiscal policies and procedures that the city needs to put in place to meet audit and grant stipulations.

Item #9 regarding natural gas rates presented by USDI, was tabled until December.

A discussion was held regarding storage containers being allowed within city limits. Currently, according to city code, storage containers are prohibited. There is one resident that currently has a container placed in his backyard. Pat Stevens, zoning administrator, has sent two letters to the resident and the resident has yet to respond. Ms. Hall made a MOTION TO ENFORCE THE CURRENT ORDINANCE, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll Call: Hall, Griesemer, Maulding, Johnson, Brown, Reyling. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

There was a discussion on revamping the parking on the south side of the square to accommodate businesses around the square and employees at the courthouse. There was no action taken on item #11 regarding parking on the south side of the square.

There was no action taken on item #12, regarding accepting the market study presented to base the buyback rate for net metering.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 25-06 REGARDING NET METERING RATES, second Mr. Johnson. Roll Call: Brown, Johnson, Maulding, Hall, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

There was no action on item #15 regarding Ordinance 25-1133 amending McLeansboro's net metering policy. Prior to the meeting it was determined that the current net metering ordinance was correct and no changes were needed.

Mayor May read, for the second time, Ordinance #25-1134 updating Ordinance 12-946 an ordinance amending various sections of the 1916 City of McLeansboro Ordinance regarding gaming and gambling houses.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE #25-1134, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll Call: Brown, Griesemer, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Reyling. Ayes - 5. Nays - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Griesemer made a MOTION TO APPROVE THE DNR GRANT FOR 1200 FEET OF 5" FIRE HOSE AT A COST TO THE CITY OF \$8500, second Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Griesemer, Brown, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Reyling, May. Ayes - 3. Nays - 4. Motion failed.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO APPROVE THE DNR GRANT FOR 600 FEET OF 5" FIRE HOSE AT A COST TO THE CITY OF \$4250, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll Call: Brown, Griesemer, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Reyling. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO RENEW THE BELLWETHER, LLC CONTRACT, second Mr. Reyling. Roll Call: Brown, Reyling, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.


At approximately 6:45pm Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 2(C)(2) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR DISCUSSION CONCERNING COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC BODY AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR REPRESENTATIVES, second Mr. Maulding. Roll Call: Brown,

Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

At approximately 7:25 Mr. Griesemer made a motion to RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION, second Mr. Reyling. Roll Call: Griesemer, Reyling, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Brown. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

At approximately 7:30pm, having completed City business, Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO ADJOURN, second Ms. Hall. A voice vote was taken without dissent. Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST:



Chad May, Mayor

Jodi Brockett, City Clerk