

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**MCLEANSBORO CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 16, 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 NOVEMBER 18, 2025 second Mr. Reyling. Roll call: Brown, Reyling, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

There were no public comments.

During old business, Ms. Taylor Browne, from USDI discussed gas rates. She explained that the analysis that USDI performed for the City of McLeansboro included a review of the sales and purchases for the last 3 fiscal years. She noted that McLeansboro has a lower customer charge and lower delivery charge compared to Ameren and noted that McLeansboro customers pay \$422.17 less on an annual basis. She recommended that the city increase the rate over delivery from \$2.10 to \$3.25. Ms. Browne stated that even with the increase the cost would still provide customers savings compared to Ameren. Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO INCREASE THE GAS RATE TO \$3.25, A \$1.15 INCREASE FROM THE EXISTING RATE, STARTING MAY 1, 2026, second Ms. Hall. Roll Call: Brown, Hall, Maulding, Johnson, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDED MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS INCLUDING BILLS AND TRANSFERS, DECEMBER ZONING REPORT, NOVEMBER DEPARTMENT REPORTS, FY26 Budget Amendment #4, Ordinance #25-1140 an FY26 APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT, PAYMENT OF \$2500.00 TO JASVI, Inc. D/B/A Dairy Queen FOR A TIF FAÇADE GRANT, PAYMENT OF \$2500.00 TO FWBII HOLDINGS, LLC D/B/A BONAN, BONAN AND ROWLAND FOR A TIF FAÇADE GRANT, AND THE 2026 REGULAR MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR THE MCLEANSBORO CITY COUNCIL, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll Call: Johnson, Griesemer, Maulding, Hall Brown, Reyling. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Dale Holtmann of Scheffel Boyle presented the FY25 Financial Audit. Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FY25 AUDIT AS PRESENTED, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll Call: Brown, Griesemer, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Reyling. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mayor May opened bids for garbage collection in the City of McLeansboro. Republic Services had a 5-year bid as follows:

April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027	\$ 15.85
April 1, 2027- March 31, 2028	\$ 16.64
April 1, 2028-March 31, 2029	\$ 17.47
April 1, 2029-March 31, 2030	\$ 18.35
April 1, 2030-March 31, 2031	\$ 19.27

Bulldog Acquisitions, LLC turned in a no bid.

Mayor May opened the bids for the Fire Station Addition. They read as follows:

Zeller Construction - \$379,159.00  
 Evrard Company, Inc. - \$385,000.00  
 SI Cabinets, Doors & More - \$463,140.00

Mayor May read, for the second 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 ACCEPT ORDINANCE #25-1137, second Mr. Johnson. Roll Call: Brown, Johnson, Maulding, Hall, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE #25-1135, second Mr. Maulding. Roll Call: Johnson, Maulding, Hall, Brown, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mayor May read, for the first time, Ordinance #25-1138 amending Chapter 21 – Liquor, Section 21-2-7-License Classification, Fees, Limitation, K(7)(b) – Class E-2.

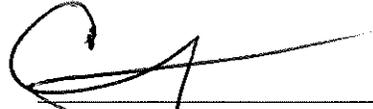
Mayor May read, for the first time, Ordinance #25-1139 regarding banning the sale and delivery of kratom and derivatives with the City of McLeansboro, IL.

At approximately 6:30pm, Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 2(C)(5) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING MEETINGS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING WHETHER A PARTICULAR PACEL SHOULD BE ACQUIRED AND SECTION 2(C)8 FOR SECURITY PROCEDURES, second Mr. Johnson. Roll Call: Brown, Johnson, Maulding, Hall, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

At approximately 7:05, Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll Call: Brown, Griesemer, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Reyling. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

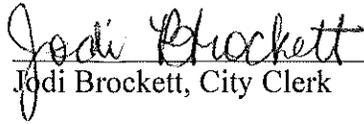
At approximately 7:10pm, having completed City business, Mr. Griesemer made a MOTION TO ADJOURN, second Mr. Johnson. A voice vote was taken without dissent. Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST:



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Chad May, Mayor



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Jodi Brockett, City Clerk