

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**MCLEANSBORO CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 21, 2026**  
**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. Johnson made a MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2026, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll call: Johnson, Griesemer, Maulding, Hall, Brown, Reyling. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

During public comments, Rodney Campbell announced a crappie fishing tournament at Lake McLeansboro on May 16, 2026. Mr. Campbell also questioned if the Governor's Award sign that was, at one point, located at the entry into city limits on the north side of town had been replaced. It has not. There were 3 civics students in attendance.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDED MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS WITH BILLS AND TRANSFERS INCLUDING AN ADDITION TO THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT, NUSSMEYER TREE SERVICE, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,200.00, APRIL ZONING REPORT, MARCH DEPARTMENT REPORTS, ANNOUNCING CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAYS OF MAY 27- MAY 29, 2026 FROM 7:45AM-3:30PM AND MAY 30, 2026 FROM 7:45AM-12:00PM, ORDINANCE #26-1145 REGARDING APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENTS FOR THE FY26 BUDGET, FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENT #7, RESOLUTION 26-03 REGARDING RECURRENT DEBTS FOR FY27, RESOLUTION 26-04 REGARDING PURCHASE ORDER PROCEDURES, RESOLUTION 26-05 REGARDING MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE, AIRPORT LEASES FOR: BRET VAUGHAN, DAVID SUTTON AND THE FEERLESS FLYERS, UPDATED TIF AGREEMENT WITH JUSTIN DRAKE D/B/A COUNTRY FINANCIAL, TIF FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT #2 BETWEEN JUSTIN DRAKE D/B/A/ COUNTRY FINANCIAL, HAMILTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF MCLEANSBORO, TIF REIMBURSEMENT TO JUSTIN DRAKE D/B/A COUNTRY FINANCIAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$578.64, PURCHASE OF FIREWORKS IN FY27 NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00, WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COAL BELT FIRE PROTECTION ASSN OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, second Mr. Johnson. Roll Call: Brown, Johnson, Maulding, Hall, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO APPROVE FY27 CHRISTMAS BONUSES TO EMPLOYEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250 PER EMPLOYEE WITH PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE PORTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE AND IMRF, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll Call: Brown, Griesemer, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Reyling. Ayes - 5. Nays - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING AS LIFEGUARDS AT THE CITY POOL PENDING VERIFICATION OF CERTIFICATIONS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2026: MACKENZIE ALLEN, CARTER BELANGEE, GRADY BROWN, DYLAN COCKRUM, EMERY HART, AYDAN HOOD, RAYNIE JOHNSON, LEAH YOUNG, second Mr. Johnson. Roll Call: Brown, Johnson, Maulding, Hall, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Ms. Hall made a MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY27 BUDGET AS PRESENTED, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll Call: Hall, Griesemer, Maulding, Johnson, Brown, Reyling. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mayor May read, for the second time, Ordinance #26-1144 regarding FY27 Appropriations.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE #26-1144, second Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Johnson, Brown, Maulding, Hall, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mayor May read, for the first time, Ordinance #26-1146, regarding utility rates.

Item #10, regarding the Axon agreement was tabled

At approximately 5:55pm, Mr. Reyling made a MOTION TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 2(C)1 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS, second Mr. Griesemer. Roll Call: Reyling, Griesemer, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Brown. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

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

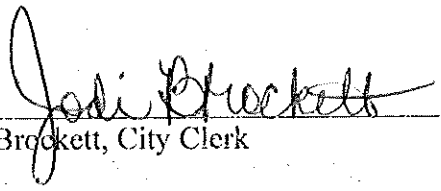
Mr. Maulding made a MOTION TO REHIRE BRODY BILDERBECK AND HIRE KAL WELCH AS PART TIME SUMMER HELP FOR THE SUMMER OF 2026, second Griesemer. Roll Call: Maulding, Griesemer, Hall, Johnson, Brown, Reyling. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

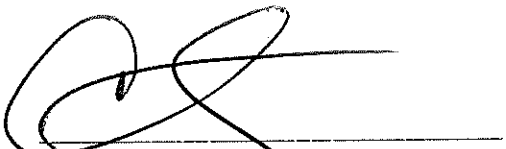
Mr. Griesemer made a MOTION TO HIRE BRODY BARKER AS A FULLTIME ELECTRIC LABORER WITH A START DATE TO BE DETERMINED, second Reyling. Roll Call: Griesemer, Reyling, Maulding, Hall, Johnson, Brown. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION TO FOLLOW THE APPROPRIATE CONTRACT REGARDING PAY RAISES FOR PERMANENT PART TIME CITY EMPLOYEES AND PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS, second Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Johnson, Brown, Maulding, Hall, Reyling, Griesemer. Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Motion passed.

At approximately 6:30pm, having completed City business, Mr. Brown made a MOTION TO ADJOURN, second Mr. Griesemer. A voice vote was taken without dissent. Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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Jodi Brockett, City Clerk

  
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Chad May, Mayor