

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020  
MACOMB CITY HALL  
VIA TELECONFERENCING  
**5:15 P.M.**

The Committee of the Whole of the Macomb City Council met via teleconferencing on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall at 232 East Jackson Street, Macomb, IL.

Mayor Inman called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken and the following were present: Alderman Mike Wayland, John Vigezzi, Annette Carper, Tom Koch, Gayle Carper, Tammie Leigh Brown-Edwards and Dennis Moon.

In addition to the Mayor, Deputy City Clerk Renee Lotz and Aldermen, others present were: City Attorney Lisa Scalf and City Administrator Scott Coker. Also, in attendance was CDC John Bannon.

Public Comment: Mayor Inman read into the record by request of Melissa Calhoun, a comment in opposition of the proposed RIPPLE, or Resident Incentive for Purchases to Promote the Local Economy program for the City of Macomb. Her first point of opposition was the recent mixed message of voting in a recent water rate increase, due to "no other alternatives" and the model comparative of Frankfort was a bad metric to compare numbers with. She was thankful for the city's ideas to stimulate the economy.

The first item on the agenda for discussion was on establishing a Resident Incentive for Purchases to Promote the Local Economy (RIPPLE) program for the City of Macomb. CA Coker explained that he had seen this implemented by the City of Frankfort. Their City Administrator gave Scott permission to use the template and name. This is an economical tool to patronize local business forced to close during COVID-19.

**What's offered:** \$25 credit on water bill

**Who qualifies:** Each residential household within the City of Macomb, City Limits

**When:** Purchases made at qualifying businesses, June 15<sup>th</sup> through July 31, 2020.

**Minimum Spent:** A total of \$150 with a minimum of \$50 at qualifying retail stores and \$100 at local restaurants.

**Restrictions/Limitations**

1. Qualifying retail stores are those considered non-essential and were closed by the Governor's early executive order and include boutiques, gift shops, salons and clothing stores located within the City Limits.
2. Purchases at stores considered essential, such as grocery stores, fueling centers, home improvement stores, garden centers, and pharmacies are excluded from this program and are not qualified.
3. Limit one credit per household.
4. Receipts must be dated between the designated dates. 6-15 through 7-31
5. Proof of purchase (receipts) must be submitted with credit requests.
6. Multiple purchases and/or gift cards may be combined to reach the minimum threshold for retail restaurant purchases.
7. Credit request form must be submitted by August 31, 2020.
8. Credit will be applied to a future water bill; account must be in good standing to receive credit.

**Apply**

To apply, complete the water bill credit request form and submit to POB 377 Macomb, IL 61455, along with receipts. You may also use the drop box at City Hall or email to [staff@cityofmacomb.com](mailto:staff@cityofmacomb.com).

After much discussion on pros and cons of the program, the consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to move it onto Council for approval with the following modifications.

CA Coker would extend the timeline to August 31st, there would be a limit of the first 2,000 customers, \$150 could be spent on any of the non-essential businesses with no breakdown of \$50 retail and \$100 restaurant.

Mayor Inman stated, the basis of the program was positive with the modifications suggested. This would be considered at next Monday night council meeting.

Mayor Inman wanted everyone to understand the money was coming from DCEO monies revolving loan fund established many years ago; those funds are now nonrestrictive for economic development.

Community Development Funds for Community Improvements, with no loss of revenue from the water fund. Any rebate that gets offered out or through the water fund, the Community Development Fund will offset.

CDC John Bannon stated after discussions on the program; he felt by leveraging the funds to multiply the impact for economic development to stimulate business was appealing. He felt the businesses could use some stimulus and this was an attempt to do so.

There was no further discussion and Mayor Inman stated it would be placed on the agenda for final action at Monday night meeting.

The second item on the agenda for discussion was on the proposed Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace policy for the City of Macomb. CA Coker stated he and former City Attorney Petrie presented a draft of the Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy, to the Personnel Committee, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Recommended changes from that meeting; our now Attorney Lisa Scalf, has incorporated into the final draft for review tonight.

Currently the city has section 308 in the personnel manual which provides a purpose and intent of the policy and references an external Mid-West Truckers CDL Drug & Alcohol-Free Policy. With current legalization of cannabis, the city needs to implement a policy that better fits State Regulations. To that end, they're proposing updating 308 with the purpose and intent of the policy, adding 308-A for Non-CDL employees; and 308-B as the verbatim Mid-West Truckers CDL Policy.

The CDL would continue the use of random drug testing for CDL workers which are solely for Public Works. Reasonable suspicion would be the basis of the Non-CDL policy for the remaining city workers as described in the policy. The Police Department have a separate policy and would continue to have it moving forward. He explained there would be training for "reasonable suspicion" for Non-CDL outside of Public Works.

The restrictions on use of cannabis is stated for the CDL drivers and "Sensitive Safety" workers, (Fire & Police).

Alderman G. Carper summarized some of the changes that were made; the original policy was legally dependent on Federal Statute, which cannabis is still illegal, so we've added in Illinois Law addressing the same kinds of concerns, so there's a consistent definition of the particular drugs that are not allowed. Referring to the Illinois Statute, keeps it in compliance with what is legal in the State of Illinois. She stated there was other wording changes made and adding "zero tolerance" by the employer in the work place.

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The third item on the agenda was an update on the Complete Count Census. CDC John Bannon reported the following information:

There was now someone available in his office M-F, 10am to 2pm, 309-833-4944 to answer any question.  
There now at 56%.

More banners around town.

Partnering with Regional Development Office of Workforce.

Activities planned with the NAACP, and masks to be placed on the Rocky statues around town.

2020Census.gov website, to remind anyone who has not taken it.

844-330-2020 National number to call.

309-833-4944 Local number to call.

The majority of people are responding on-line.

There being no further business, Alderman Vigezzi moved, seconded by Alderman Koch to adjourn, all Aldermen voting "Aye", Mayor Inman declared the motion carried and they adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Clerk