

City approves equal opportunity contract

Macomb Journal (IL) - November 8, 2005

- Author/Byline: Patrick Stout/Journal Correspondent
- Section: News

MACOMB-A \$700 bid from a Peoria lawyer for external review of the city's proposed affirmative action policy was accepted unanimously Monday by the Macomb City Council. Donald Jackson, a lawyer with extensive civil rights and equal opportunity litigation experience, will conduct the review. Jackson also serves as the current state president of the NAACP.

The policy document draft was written by members of the Macomb Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing Commission. That body will serve as the enforcement agency for the city policy once it is adopted by the city council.

The council also voted to accept the low bid of Vawter Construction to build three block structures at the Macomb Water Plant for \$24,849. The units will protect the well head pump and two service pumps at the plant.

Aldermen also approved resolutions regarding the sale of vacant lots owned by the city. In one case, Mayor Mick Wisslead was authorized to sell four lots to a single bidder for \$20,900. The amount represents 80 percent of the appraised value of the real estate.

In the second case, aldermen approved advertising the availability for sale of an extensive list of lots owned by the city.

The city council also approved an extension of the city cable television franchise agreement with Insight Midwest to the end of the year. "We are in the midst of negotiation (of a renewed contract)," said City Administrator Mike Hays. "We have made an offer...and are waiting for a response."

First readings were held of ordinances which would raise the fine for fighting from a \$25 minimum penalty to \$250, and which would authorize the sale of surplus city property.

Hays said the city will sell a 1978 fire rescue truck and a 1978 pumper truck. The engine and transmission have been removed from the pumper truck and were installed in the Macomb Fire Department's tanker truck.

The city administrator said Macomb will also sell a 1984 pumper truck once two new fire engines have been delivered to the city next year.

• Record: 12A1610C14BD6320

• Copyright: Copyright 2005, 2009, Macomb Journal. All Rights Reserved.