

Regular Session Meeting Feb 9th, 2026

People in attendance were Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner Patrick Bridgers, Commissioner Peggy Walker, Commissioner Joyce Braxton, Chevy Taylor, Gracieann Ehteridge, Andrea Radford with Stewart Engineering, Gabriel Du Sablon with Cauley Pridgen P.A., Mr. Curtis Joyner with House of Redemption Church, citizens Robert Cochrun, Daniel Cochrun, A.R. Walker. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. She also led everyone in prayer. Everyone in attendance stood to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to go into the public hearing for the new updated zoning ordinances, this was seconded by Commissioner Braxton. With none opposed the motion passed. Discussions began on the Zoning ordinance updates with Stewart Engineering representative Andrea Radford. She was updating everyone on what all the changes mean for the town and how to best implement them.

Commissioner Braxton made a motion to accept the new and improved zoning ordinances. This was seconded by Commissioner Bridgers. With none opposed the motion passed.

Commissioner Braxton made a motion to end the public hearing for the zoning ordinance update. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion, with none opposed the motion passed.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles wanted to add the discussion of attending City Vision to the agenda under New Business. And with this acceptance added to the agenda, there was a motion to approve this agenda by Commissioner Braxton. Which was seconded by Commissioner Bridgers, and with none opposed the motion passed.

Commissioner Braxton motioned for the approval of January 20th, 2026, regular session minutes. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. With none opposed the motion passed.

In citizen concerns there was Mr. Curtis Joyner with House of Redemption church. Here to speak of the good things that they are trying to assist on within the community. They want to try to do a community day with a food drive and clothing give away to assist those in need. Also, some other ideas to help all citizens of Macclesfield. Some citizens were concerned about the loud sounds coming from the church. They're not in violation of the noise ordinance.

Mrs. Etheridge then gave the finance reports of the interest earned in the municipal accounts. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles was concerned with how the funds are being allocated, and how much money is left in each fund so far for the fiscal year. Her concerns

were with the water and sewer funds. They want to stay on top of things so that we don't end up in a deficit like other towns.

Mr. Taylor gave the public works update starting with the explanation of how the wastewater treatment plant works and the severity of keeping the pumps going in the underground bunker. He explained that we need to purchase a similar pump to the bypass pump that we are currently renting to use. It was discussed that with the wastewater grant the town has received that they will be replacing a lot of the equipment at the treatment plant, but that we need the backup bypass pump to ensure that the plant keeps running in this transition time. There were some discussions, but ultimately the idea was tabled until more information could be presented to the board.

He informed them that the blinds were installed at the community building bathrooms for privacy. Also, they would be putting a sign up on the gazebo to keep patrons off it for safety reasons. The board has been informed of all the repairs around town these last few weeks with all the cold weather exposing issues. Since we've had continuous weeks of snow/ice the cemetery couldn't be cleaned off as usual, and that the guys would be working on that this week. Commissioner Bridgers was asking Mr. Taylor about the broken utility poles around town. Mr. Taylor began to explain his efforts to track down companies and get them replaced. Some research will need to be done to get some quotes. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles was asking if there was a better way to get in contact with everyone during emergency situations. It was explained that if the customers that have the issues called the town hall, they can get the on-call phone number, and someone will answer that way.

We need to encourage the town citizens to join the municipal impact page. We will try to put the link in the bills again.

Under old business, Commissioner Wooten-Jiles was asking about the cameras for the town hall. Mrs. Etheridge informed her that the deposit check was sent to the company and were awaiting their arrival with materials for the installation. Mr. Taylor began to explain to them about how much it might take to repair the gazebo.

Under new business, discussions began concerning fireworks show for this year. They talked about going with the same company and how many funds were available for that. Mrs. Etheridge stated that she would check the budget and get back to them with more information about the funding and needs. The motion to continue with the same fireworks company was made by Commissioner Braxton. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bridgers and with none opposed the motion passed.

Mrs. Etheridge then informed the board that the auditor was finalizing the FY 22 audit information and that it was submitted to the next stage with Cherry Bekaert last Friday.

Then we should begin to hear from them, and they would be in close contact to get the next steps completed. There should be an update from them of what's next on the list to complete.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles was speaking about the benefits of attending City Vision again this year. Commissioner Braxton made a motion to attend. This was seconded by Commissioner Bridgers and with none opposed the vote was passed. Also, the newly voted Commissioners need to attend the elected official's class.

Commissioner Braxton informed the board that Ms. Lewis wouldn't be able to deliver the meals on wheels for a few weeks due to personal reasons. Mrs. Etheridge informed her that they would make sure they get delivered on time to the recipients with no issues. She was wondering if there would be issues this year with keeping up on grass cutting. It was advised by Mr. Talyor that the cemetery grass cutting should be contracted out because it put too much of a strain on the team trying to add it on last year. Also, the citizens were not satisfied with the appearance of it either.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles informed the board that the housing committee meeting was cancelled for the month of Feb due to the bad weather. That they would resume the regular schedule next month. They are completing some more steps in the process.

There was motion made by Commissioner Braxton to go into closed session. It was seconded by Commissioner Walker, with none opposed the motion passed.

There was motion made by Commissioner Braxton to go back into open session. It was seconded by Commissioner Walker, with none opposed the motion passed.

Announcements were that there would be Easter egg hunt March 14th 1pm- 4pm. The next board meeting will be March 9th, 2026.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Braxton and it was seconded by Commissioner Walker. With none opposed; the meeting was adjourned.