

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2008**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Whipple led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple

Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Kathy Revels, Finance Director
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Deborah Cwiertniewicz, Deputy City Clerk
Rolland Olney, Public Works Director
Kenneth Baker, Public Worker Superintendent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: May 19, 2008

The Minutes of May 19, 2008, were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A brief discussion was held regarding the plans to install a water main with the M-36 project as well as where the recent compost fee required by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) should be charged. It was questioned whether costs for North Central Laboratories was billed twice or duplicated in error due to illegible invoice numbers on the copy.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Preadmore,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$138,199.47 as submitted.
Yes (6) Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple

No (1) Bruno

MOTION APPROVED

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2008-21 – Approval of an Amended Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and Industrial Facilities Exemption Agreement with Gestamp U.S. HardTech, Inc.

Resolution No. 2008-21 was introduced by Whipple and seconded by Preadmore.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2008-21
APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL
FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION AGREEMENT WITH GESTAMP U.S. HARDTECH, INC.**

June 2, 2008

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has enacted 1974 PA 198 allowing industrial property owners property tax abatement under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, Gestamp U.S. HardTech, Inc. (SSAB) submitted an application to the City for tax abatement pursuant to Act 198, whereby property taxes would be abated or reduced on new industrial facilities to be acquired by the applicant consisting of land and building improvements of \$12,000,000 and machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures of approximately \$47,100,000, with said improvements totaling \$59,100,000 as set forth in the applicant's application to the City Administrator dated September 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Council Resolution 2006-41 after a public hearing on October 16, 2006, duly noticed by publication pursuant to Act 198, approving an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in the amount requested; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Tax Commission issued its Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate No. 2006-662 on December 13, 2006, granting an exemption for a new facility consisting of \$12,000,000 for real property and \$47,100,000 for personal property; and

WHEREAS, SSAB has submitted a request to the Mason City Council dated May 12, 2008, that the real property component of IFEC 2006-662 be amended to increase the real property exempt component from \$12,000,000 to \$22,000,000;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mason finds and determines that the amendment of the Gestamp U.S. HardTech, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under 1974 PA 198, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Mason, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Mason; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the application of Gestamp U.S. HardTech, Inc. to amend its Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and the Industrial Exemption Facilities Agreement for real property improvements to increase the amount of exempt improvements from \$12,000,000 to \$22,000,000 is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2008-22 – Resolution to Approve Change Order No. 3 - Raw Water Main Construction

Resolution No. 2008-22 was introduced by Whipple and seconded by Preadmore.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 22
Resolution to Approve Change Order for Water Main Loop Under US-127
June 2, 2008**

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made to complete a 12-inch water main loop from the east side of Columbia Street to the west side beneath US-127; and

WHEREAS, this loop would improve pressure, reliability, and fire protection to the west side of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Mason to proceed with the proposed water main extension at this time; and

WHEREAS, the contractor is available to perform the work at this time, at the same unit cost as the raw water main project, it is cost effective for the City of Mason to approve a change order for this work; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council does hereby approve Change Order No. 3, for an increase in the amount of \$62,000.00.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Street Closure- Patriotic Bike Parade

Mary Kay Gavitt, Mason Public School Community Education/Aquatic Director, requested street closures to hold the first annual Patriotic Bike Parade, July 3, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for children ages 5 years old to 13 years old. The parade will be the finale of “Patriotic Week” held for the children.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Bruno,
to approve the street closures, July 3, 2008, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00
a.m. for the Patriotic Bike Parade, as requested.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION – Bid – Purchase of a 2008 Half-Ton Pick-Up Truck

Rolly Olney, Public Works Director and Ken Baker, Public Works Superintendent addressed Council. Olney informed Council that truck #16 was slated to be replaced in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. However, as a result of a recent accident, the truck was totaled and needs to be replaced immediately. Staff presented the bids from last January’s truck purchase as well as from two local dealerships. Olney requested Council to waive the formal bid process and accept the Andrews Chevrolet bid for \$14,352.58.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Naeyaert,
to waive the formal bid process and approve the purchase of a 2008 half-
ton pick up truck through Andrews Chevrolet for the price of \$14,352.58,
and approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$14,352.58.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bruno asked about replacing the detective car prior to July 1, 2008, due to similar promotions as those offered for the replacement of truck #16. Discussion ensued whether staff had been directed to do research. It was the consensus of Council to have Colburn look into making a purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Bruno informed Council that a Tree Commission meeting will be scheduled to review and recommend the types of trees to be used for neighborhood street trees. Mulvany informed Council regarding current Historic District Commission business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor