

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Bruno led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Ferris, Naeyaert, Johnson, Tornholm, Waltz
Absent: Councilmember: None
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
Kathy Revels, Administrative Services Director
John Stressman, Chief of Police
Ken Baker, DPW Water and Streets Division Superintendent
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Deborah Cwiertniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 8, 2009

Discussion was held regarding wording under "Unfinished Business."

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Bruno,
to amend the September 8, 2009, Minutes by inserting the words, "most of the suggestions at this time" under *Unfinished Business*, after the word "consider" in the fifth sentence.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The regular meeting Minutes of September 8, 2009 were approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$327,840.40 as submitted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Introduction – Lance M. Werner, Director, Capital Area District Library

Colburn introduced Lance Werner, Executive Director of the Capital Area District Library (CADL), who was appointed August 3, 2009 following the retirement of Sue Hill. Mr. Werner spoke regarding his career history, goals for CADL, and the Mason Branch Librarian vacancy that occurred last Friday due to Barbara Faiks' departure.

Presentation – American Water Works Association (AWWA) Award from the Research & Technical Practices Committee

Bethel Skinker, MDEQ District Engineer of the Research and Technical Practices Committee, presented the City of Mason Water Treatment Plant representative Superintendent of the Water and

Streets Division Ken Baker with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Award for the installation of a Radium Removal System which allowed the City to be in compliance with the Radium 226 & 228 standard.

Presentation – City Hall – The Granger Group

Granger staff Will Goosen, Project Manager, and Joe Ditanto, Designer, presented an overview of the City Hall site plan, highlighting areas that had been adjusted since the first presentation.

First Reading – Ordinance No. 177 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42- Offenses – of the Code of the City of Mason by Adding Article VI Which Defines Graffiti Offenses and Provides Penalties for Graffiti Within the City of Mason

Stressman stated that the necessity for a graffiti ordinance has been realized in the past year. A brief discussion was held regarding recent graffiti reports and revising language within specific areas of the proposed ordinance.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Johnson,
to amend Ordinance No. 177 in subsection 42-202(b)(1) by striking “at the school” and inserting “or sanctioned school activity” and in subsection 42-208((a) by inserting “not to exceed the amount allowed by the Revised Judicature Act” at the end of the sentence.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Johnson, second by Naeyaert,
to consider Ordinance No. 177 as read for the first time.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation – Planning Commission By-Laws

At the September 8, 2009 Council meeting, Planning and Development Director David Haywood presented Council with the revised Planning Commission By-Laws adopted August 14, 2009, by the Planning Commission in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. At that meeting, Council discussed language revisions to Section 2 of the By-Laws for consideration by the Planning Commission. At its September 15, 2009, meeting, the Planning Commission accepted the recommendations and amended the document.

MOTION by Ferris, second by Johnson,
to accept the Planning Commission By-Laws and place it on file.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Street Closure Request for Mason High School Homecoming Parade

The homecoming parade is an annual event promoted by Mason High School. The construction of City Hall/Police Department will prevent staging in the usual location at Park and Jefferson streets. The Police Department has approved staging in the 100 block of East Oak Street with overflow lining up on the 500 block of South Barnes Street with the requirement that the streets be cleaned following the procession of horses.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Johnson,
to approve the use of Oak, Jefferson, Maple, and Barnes Streets for the Mason High School Homecoming Parade, October 9, 2009, between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and assembly in the 100 block of East Oak Street and the 500 block of South Barnes

Street beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the condition that the staging area and city streets are cleaned following the procession of horses.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Street Closure Request for Riverwalk Meadows Neighborhood Picnic

Clark stated that the Riverwalk Meadows neighborhood requested a street closure to hold its annual neighborhood picnic. However, often this type of request is not submitted far enough in advance for Council consideration. He proposed that administrative approval between the Police Department and Administration would be more appropriate for requests of this nature. It was the consensus of Council to direct the City Administrator and City Attorney to research City Code and the Charter to determine the authority of this matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Johnson informed Council that Officer Nettles is meeting with concerned residents of Middlebury Street and Foxview Lane regarding blight issues on [insert] Middlebury Lane and [delete] with [insert] crime issues at the rental properties [insert] on Peachtree Place between Ash and South streets.

NEW BUSINESS

Ferris commended Barbara Faiks for her service to the Mason Library.

Tornholm recommended that administration explore the implementation of a rental housing code.

Clark informed Council that on October 24, 2009, the Ingham County Hazardous Response Team is holding a hazmat exercise at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. City and township administrators, councilmembers, and board members are invited to attend all or select sessions offered.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Naeyaert informed Council regarding current Planning Commission business. Discussion was held to schedule a joint meeting between City Council and the Planning Commission.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor