

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2013**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Ferris led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany, Naeyaert
Absent: Councilmember: Bruno
Also present: Martin A. Colburn City Administrator
Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mason Sesquicentennial Committee will meet at City Hall on March 11, 2013.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

PRESENTATION

Ed Sesi, System Manager of Wide Open West (WOW) Cable, spoke regarding recent outages and developments with the company. He stated that since they took over the business from Broadstripe they have been attempting to update infrastructure and equipment to better serve the customers of the areas they cover, including Mason. He said the recent failures were due to product faults and that the company is acting as fast as they can to rectify all problems and provide a better system for the customer. He apologized for the unforeseen situations that occurred and said that when all improvements are complete the system in Mason will be top quality.

Robert Trezise, President & CEO of Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) spoke about the advantages of membership in the partnership and informed the Council of recent projects undertaken by the organization and how they affect all of the Greater Lansing area. He encouraged the city's membership in the group.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Council Meeting: February 18, 2013
 - Special Council Meeting: January 28, 2013
- B. Approval of Bills: \$77,147.44

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2013-10 – A Resolution Recognizing the “Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation”, a Non-Profit Organization in the City of Mason

Liz Luttrell-Wilson, past Michigan District Governor at Kiwanis International, and current Vice President at Mason State Bank, spoke on behalf of the “Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation”

Resolution No. 2013-11 was introduced by Ferris and seconded by Mulvany.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2013-11
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MASON FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN 2013-2017
March 4, 2013**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has prepared a Five-Year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the planning period between 2013 and 2017, and

WHEREAS, two community workshops were held on June 21 and 28, 2012, in the Training Room at the Mason City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to provide input regarding recreation opportunities within the community, and

WHEREAS, citizens were notified of availability of the draft plan on December 30, 2012 and afforded thirty-three days to review and provide comments on a draft of the Five-Year Recreation Plan prior to the Mason City Council taking formal action to adopt the plan, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 4, 2013, in the Council Chamber at the Mason City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Five-Year Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts the Mason Five-Year Recreation Plan 2013-2017 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Mason.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-12 - Mayoral Appointment to the Planning Commission

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,
to consider Resolution No. 2013-12 as read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-12 was introduced by Ferris and seconded by Mulvany.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12
MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 4, 2013**

WHEREAS, the resignation of Nancy Cotter on February 26, 2013, created a vacancy on the Planning Commission; now

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, does hereby appoint Seth Waxman to the Planning Commission of the city to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, commencing March 4, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Service Agreement With The Mason Softball Association (MSA)

Russ Whipple, Lead Director of the Mason Softball Association (MSA) spoke regarding the benefits of the Service Agreement, specifically that it will give the association the ability to fundraise for MSA, which will keep the costs down for the teams, as well as improve the fields, freeing up city employees for other areas of their duties.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to approve the Mason Softball Association (MSA) Service Agreement and authorize the City Administrator to enter into the agreement.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion – Review of Codes Relating to Allowable Parking Areas for Recreational Vehicles

Haywood informed the Council of current ordinance parameters for parking recreational vehicles in residential areas. It was discussed that vehicles are permitted to be parked on the driveway, but they are not permitted to be parked in the front yard. It is permissible to park vehicles in the back yard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Mulvany informed Council regarding Historic District Commission business
- Naeyaert informed Council regarding Planning Commission business

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Brown stated that he recently attended MML Committee Meetings and offered discussion and feedback regarding planning and zoning issues currently before the State Legislature.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Colburn informed Council regarding City business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Leon R. Clark, Mayor