

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2013**

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: Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Mulvany, Ferris, Naeyaert
Absent: Councilmember: None
Also present: Martin A. Colburn, City Administrator
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
John Stressman, Chief of Police

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sundried Music Festival – August 23 – 24, 2013
- Sundried Worship Festival – August 25, 2013

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Diane Jackman of 768 West Howell Road, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club member and Blue Star Memorial Project Chairperson, invited Council to attend the Blue Star Memorial Marker dedication ceremony at Rayner Park, Friday, September 20, 2013 when a Blue Star Memorial Marker will be placed in a garden created by the Garden Club.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Clark asked Council to join him as he presented three Mayoral Proclamations. The honorees were Mrs. Shirley Grieve, for organizing and hosting a fundraiser during Darrell's 11th Annual Car Show, successfully raising \$3,172.00 for donation to the Capital Area Prescription Drug Task Force for printing and publication expenses, and Jamie and Scott Robinson, proprietors of Darrell's Super Market and Hardware and the Vault Delicatessen, for sponsoring Darrell's 11th Annual Car Show, which raised \$2,851.00 of the \$3,172.00 donated to the Capital Area Prescription Drug Task Force for printing and publication expenses. The third proclamation was presented in honor and recognition of the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week and Warrant Officer Jordan Murdock, member of the United States Army National Guard and current City of Mason Police Officer.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) for a Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Grant Under the 2012 Housing Resource Fund Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for 124 and 140 East Ash Street, Mason, Michigan

Clark opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Martin Colburn, City Administrator, spoke in support of the application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) for a Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Grant Under the 2012 Housing Resource Fund Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for 124 and 140 East Ash Street, Mason, Michigan.

Clark closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Resolution No. 2013-33 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Mason to Apply to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Rental Rehabilitation Grant for 124 and 140 East Ash Street Mason, Michigan through the Community Development Block Grant Program

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to consider Resolution No. 2013-33 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-33 was introduced by Droscha and seconded by Brown.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2013-33
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MASON TO APPLY TO THE MICHIGAN
STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RENTAL REHABILITATION GRANT FOR
124 AND 140 EAST ASH STREET, MASON, MICHIGAN THROUGH THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
August 19, 2013**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is working cooperatively with the Ingham County Land Bank (ICLB), who in turn is working on a Development Agreement with private investors to develop their properties located at 124 and 140 E. Ash St.; and

WHEREAS, this is a private/public partnership in which there are numerous components to make this project work financially; and

WHEREAS, the plan is to redevelop blighted properties that are within the Mason Historic District that front the southern exposure of the historic Ingham County Courthouse, and have been acquired by the ICLB due to foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the concept is to develop the second and third stories of the two properties into ten single bedroom loft apartments, with the first floor designated as commercial space, totaling 23,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a Public Hearing the evening of August 19, 2013 in regard to a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) being applied for by the City of Mason through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA); and

WHEREAS, the grant request is for \$350,000, or \$35,000 per unit, to rehabilitate the second and third floors into ten habitable dwellings built to code. As required through the CDBG because of its federal funding, 51% or more of the housing units must be designated for low to moderate housing tenants for a minimum of five years; and

WHEREAS, the City is utilizing Revitalize, Inc. as the designated contractor to help administer these program funds; now

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mason City Council, that this Public Hearing and Resolution authorizes the City of Mason to apply to MSHDA for a rental rehab grant for 124 and 140 E. Ash St. Mason, MI through the CDBG Program to reduce blight within the City of Mason and place these properties to productive use.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: August 5, 2013
- B. Approval of Bills - \$191,532.61

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2013-34 – Approval to Purchase a 2014 Ford Sedan Interceptor

Stressman spoke regarding the purchase of a 2014 Ford Sedan Interceptor.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to consider Resolution No. 2013-34 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-34 was introduced by Brown, seconded by Droscha.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2013-34
APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 2014 FORD SEDAN INTERCEPTOR
August 19, 2013**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Mason to schedule the replacement of vehicles within the motor vehicle pool; and

WHEREAS, the scheduled replacement of Police Car No. 86 was approved in the Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 Budget; and.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council does hereby approve the purchase of one (1) 2014 Ford Sedan Interceptor for \$24,439.00 from Signature Ford.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-35 – Approval to Purchase a 2014 Ford 4x4 Pickup Truck

MOTION by Droscha, second by Naeyaert,
to consider Resolution No. 2013-35 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-35 was introduced by Naeyaert, seconded by Droscha.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2013-35
APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 2014 FORD 4x4 PICKUP TRUCK
August 19, 2013**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Mason to schedule the replacement of vehicles within the motor vehicle pool; and

WHEREAS, the scheduled replacement of Truck No. 31 was approved in the Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 Budget; and.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council does hereby approve the purchase of one (1) 2014 Ford 4x4 pickup truck for \$21,365.00 from Signature Ford.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Designation of Voting Delegate to the 2013 Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting

The Annual Michigan Municipal League Convention will be held in Detroit, September 17-20. The annual meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. In accordance with the League Bylaws, Council is requested to select a designee and alternate to attend the meeting by formal action.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to appoint Mayor Leon Clark to serve as the City of Mason principal official
representative and Councilmember Jon Droscha to serve as an alternate to attend
the Annual 2013 MML Convention in Detroit and the annual meeting held
Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held to consider seeking the advice of the MSU Landscape Architecture
Program for landscape renovations around the city hall parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held to cut down the plantings around the city hall parking lot for pedestrian
and vehicle safety. Staff asked for direction from the entire Council.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Bruno,
to have the grass in front of City Hall cut down to a level that allows the
sidewalk, the streets and the parking lot visible.

Yes (5) Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Naeyaert

No (2) Mulvany, Ferris

MOTION APPROVED

It was discussed that the grass should be cut to the height of twelve inches. Administrator
Colburn recommended letting a bid for professional services to provide a conceptual
landscaping plan for this area.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed. A letter from Mr. Ken Smith was received by Mayor Clark
and Councilmember Bruno regarding a code enforcement matter.

LIAISON REPORTS

Naeyaert informed commissioners regarding current City Council business.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed Council regarding City business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Leon R. Clark, Mayor