

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

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

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany, Naeyaert
Absent: Councilmember: None
Also present: Martin A. Colburn, City Administrator
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director
John Stressman, Chief of Police

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mason Pizza Day – Mason Public Schools Foundation – November 6, 2013
- Rayner Park Clean Up – November 9, 2013
- Ingham County Veterans Day Memorial Service and Parade – November 11, 2013
- Art Sculpture “Silver Respite” dedication – November 13, 2013
- Mason Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner – Mason First United Methodist Church – November 28, 2013

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Motion – Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: October 21, 2013
- B. Motion – Approval of Bills - \$62,412.13
- C. Motion – Request for Excused Absence – Councilmember Bruno
 - To excuse the absence of Councilmember Bruno from the November 18, 2013 City Council Meeting.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2013-47 – MERS Employer Resolution Establishing Uniform Transfer Provision

Officer Todd Thie was present for the consideration of his request for an alternate transfer provision that would allow him to choose which plan he prefers with the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) when he transfers to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

MOTION by Droscha, seconded by Brown,
to consider Resolution No. 2013-47 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-47 was introduced by Mulvany and second by Ferris.

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2013-47
November 4, 2014
EMPLOYER RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
UNIFORM TRANSFER PROVISION



Introduced: Mulvany
Second: Ferris

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is a participating municipality or court in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan ("MERS"); and

WHEREAS, the Standard MERS Transfer Rules became effective in August 2007; and

WHEREAS, under the Standard Rules, all transferees to a new division are covered under the active employee plan in the new division; where the defined benefit plan in the new division is closed to entrants, the accrued defined benefit (based on benefits, service and wages as of transfer date) of transferees is frozen as of transfer date.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Retirement Board action on November 10, 2010, the employing municipality or court will be allowed, on a one-time irrevocable and uniform basis, to adopt for all its MERS divisions (present and future) an alternate policy which allows all transferred employees an individual choice at the time of transfer to either be placed in: (1) the division's open plan, or (2) the closed plan if it is the same plan type, provided there are active employees remaining in the plan type.

WHEREAS, this alternate transfer provision applies to transferred employees only; retired employees will continue to be enrolled into the active plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that effective December 1st, 2013, the Governing Body adopts this Resolution (or for a participating court, the Chief Judge by Administrative Order) for all present and future employee divisions requiring that all transferred employees (select only one):

- shall be covered under the active employee plan in the division they are transferred into.
- shall be given the individual choice to either be placed in the open plan or the closed division if it is the same plan type (in the division from which the employee is transferred from) provided there are active employees remaining in the closed plan type.

CERTIFICATION FOR PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITY OR COURT

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by (check one):

- The Governing Body of the Mason City Council at its meeting held on November 4, 2013.
- Administrative Order No. _____ adopted by the Chief Judge of the _____, on _____, 20_____.

(Signature of Authorized Official)
Deborah Cwierntewicz, City Clerk
(Title)

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-48 – A Resolution to Adopt the 80/20 Cost Sharing Model as Set Forth in Section 4 of Public Act 152

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,
to consider Resolution No. 2013-48 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-48 was introduced by Mulvany and seconded by Ferris.

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2013-48
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 80/20 COST SHARING MODEL
AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4 OF PUBLIC ACT 152
November 4, 2014

WHEREAS, Public Act 152 (PA 152) was designed to lessen the burden of employee healthcare costs on public employers; and

WHEREAS, the communities are given three options for complying with the requirements of PA 152; and

WHEREAS, the options available to the city are:

- 1) Apply the hard cap (capped dollar amount each employer may pay towards an employee's health care costs;
- 2) Adopt by majority vote the 80%/20% cost-sharing model;
- 3) Opt out (exempt itself from) the cost-sharing model as set forth in the act and revisit it prior to the next plan year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Mason will comply with the contribution limits contained in Section 4 of the Act, the 80%/20% cost sharing option, subject to the limitations contained in Section 5 of the Act pertaining to collective bargaining agreements.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-49 – Approve Funding and Construction of an Apron in Front of the Mason Fire Department and the Sidewalks Within the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA)

Discussion was held regarding the proposal to replace the drive approach at Mason Fire Station No. 1, and the installation of sidewalks at two locations within the LDFA. In connection with a MDOT Traffic Safety Grant, funds were awarded to place sidewalk at the intersections of Jefferson Street and Kipp Road, and Cedar Street and Kipp Road.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to consider Resolution No. 2013-49 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2013-49 was introduced by Ferris and seconded by Mulvany. Discussed ensued regarding concerns for installing concrete and asphalt in November.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Naeyaert,
to defer the proposed projects in Resolution No. 2013-49 to the next construction season.

Yes (6) Bruno, Brown, Clark, Droscha, Mulvany, Naeyaert

No (1) Ferris

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Motion – Request to Occupy the Public Right-of-Way

Ms. Brittany Perisco, Pennsylvania State University student and FOTO Canning Chair, submitted a letter requesting to occupy the public right-of-way for the purpose of soliciting funds for the Penn State IFC Panhellenic Dance Marathon, the main benefactor of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Children's Hospital. Penn State students would occupy the sidewalk at the corner of Jefferson and Ash Streets and Jefferson and Maple Streets in groups of two to three, soliciting donations that are collected in canisters on Friday and Saturday, November 8-9, 2013, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

It was the consensus of Council that this type of fund raising should be reserved for those that would benefit the local community. No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council determined to meet with City Financial Planner Tom Traciak, November 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that the police officer job opening had been posted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Brown informed Council regarding the Mason 150 Steering Committee business
- Droscha informed Council regarding Traffic Commission business

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Clark reported that he, Administrator Colburn, David Haywood, and John Sabbadin met with Vevay Township representatives to present Mason's Draft Master Plan.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed Council regarding City business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

Leon R. Clark, Mayor