

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

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, Ferris, Mulvany, Naeyaert
Absent: Councilmember: None
Also present: Martin A. Colburn, City Administrator
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
Ken Baker, Street & Water Superintendent
Don Heck, City Engineer/Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors, Inc.
Marty Sekrenes, Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors, Inc.
John Stressman, Chief of Police

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Blood Drive – St. James Church – Thursday, February 20, 2014
- The Tree Commission is seeking nominations for the person that will be honored at the 2014 Arbor Day celebration
- Council thanked State Representative Tom Cochran for his attendance at tonight's meeting

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

PRESENTATION

Corey Wojen, Network Manager of Wide Open West (WOW) Cable, spoke regarding recent weather incidents that caused cable outages. He stated that they have lowered the repair timeframe by an hour, power supply upgrades are ongoing, and Beacon Lakes Apartments have been rewired at no cost to the customers.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Motion – Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: February 3, 2014
- B. Motion – Approval of Bills - \$27,669.97
- C. Motion – Excused Absence – Councilmember Bruno
Move to excuse the absence of Councilmember Bruno from the March 3 and March 17, 2014 City Council meetings.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2014-07—Accept Change Order No. 3 for Local Streets

At the February 3, 2014 meeting, Council considered read, and introduced, Resolution No. 2014-07. Action was taken to postpone consideration of the resolution to this meeting to allow including pricing for the addition of West Columbia Street to Change Order No. 3 for Local Streets. Mr. Heck and Mr. Sekrenes spoke regarding the construction process for local streets

MOTION by Droscha, second by Naeyaert,
to amend Resolution No. 2014-07 by inserting West Columbia Street from Cedar
Street to the Railroad tracks in the fourth paragraph after, Monroe Street, in the third
line; striking \$176,382.69 in the fifth paragraph in the third line and insert \$299,030.84.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07
ACCEPT CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR LOCAL STREETS
February 17, 2014**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason went out for public bids for the construction of the local streets of North Street
from Mason Street to Cedar Street, and Temple Street from East Columbia Street to Ash Street; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and publicly opened on May 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the low bidder is Reith-Riley Construction with a bid of \$521,502.29; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 to the above-referenced Local Streets project reflects the prices to
complete Hunting Meadows Drive, Stag Thicket Lane, Eagles Nest Court, Monroe Street and West
Columbia Street from Cedar Street to the railroad tracks; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council approves the expenditures as part of the Fiscal
Year 2013-2014 budget, with the Change Order No. 3 increase of \$299,030.84 for the construction of Local
Street construction program, and authorizes the City Administrator signature authority.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Area District Library Agreement with the City of Mason

Colburn stated that the 2001 Agreement between the City and Capital Area District Library
(CADL) for the operation of the Mason Branch has expired.

MOTION by Brown, second by Ferris,
to authorize signature authority for the City Administrator to sign the Capital Area
District Library (CADL) Library Agreement.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion— Well No. 9 Update

Mr. Heck and Mr. Baker informed Council regarding the condition of Well No. 9. When the well was
originally drilled, it appeared that it could be equipped at producing 325 gallons per minute (GPM).
However, the rock formation of the well has caved in several times due to the geological condition in
the area. Numerous attempts to restore the well to the original depth of approximately 390 feet
below ground level (BGL) were unsuccessful. A study was conducted in order to submit the required
reports to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The hydrogeologist's report to the
State of Michigan requests that the well be rated at 250 GPM. The next step is to obtain a permit
and place the well online. Although the rating will be reduced, the production of all city wells, without
the largest well in service, provides the necessary capacity to meet the maximum daily water
demands of the water system.

Discussion— Snow Removal Ordinance

The Traffic Commission requested that Council would discuss whether a citywide sidewalk snow
removal ordinance is necessary. Council discussed the cost of enforcement, the burden for the
elderly and residents that go to a warmer climate for the winter. No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The following items were discussed:

- Staff ask Granger to extend the storm tree debris collection
- Review Ordinance No. 26-50 to update language

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Brown informed Council regarding the Sesquicentennial Committee business
- Naeyaert informed Council regarding Planning Commission business
- Clark informed Council regarding Downtown Development Authority business

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Brown informed Council that he attended the Newly Elected Officials Academy sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League (MML).

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed Council regarding city business. A brief discussion ensued regarding city projects to consider for the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Community Excellence Awards.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Leon R. Clark, Mayor