

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2014**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany
Absent: Councilmember: Naeyaert
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
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rayner Park Fund Raiser – A & W Restaurant – April 7, 2014

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Roger Bauer of 608 East Maple Street commended Council for not expending \$30,000 for the bridge at this time. However, he felt that expending \$20,000 for the City Hall parking lot landscaping was excessive and the area could be beautified with a more reasonable budget. [CORRECTION] [INSERT] *He pointed out that East Maple held up very well for 30 years. He asked that the specs be considered to last 30 years.* [STRIKE] ~~improvements for Maple Street be included in the 2014-2015 FY Budget.~~ [CORRECTION end]

Ann McConnelee of 109 Mason Hills Drive urged Council to reconsider their decision and approve the agreement to rebuild the pedestrian bridge over the Sycamore Creek to continue the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail.

Christopher Mumby of 827 Charrington Court commented on the letter he submitted to Council urging them to reconsider their decision and approve the agreement to rebuild the pedestrian bridge over the Sycamore Creek to continue the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail.

Patrick Kelly of 850 Holt Street stated that he is a member of the Tri-County Bike Club. The Club donated \$10,000 to the bridge project and he encouraged Council to reconsider their decision

PUBLIC HEARING

Authorize the City of Mason to Apply for a Michigan State Housing Development Authority Community Development Block Grant for 124 and 140 East Ash Street

Colburn informed Council that Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) approved the application for the rental rehabilitation grant for 124 and 140 East Ash Street.

Clark opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Bruce Johnson commented on the various grants and funding sources for the rehabilitation of 124 and 140 East Ash Street.

Clark closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

MOTION by Mulvany, second by Ferris,
to amend the agenda by moving Regular Business Item No. (8)(A) A Resolution
Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Project Development Agreement
With The Michigan Department Of Natural Resources, to Item No. (6)(B) and adjust
the remaining regular business item accordingly .

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Mulvany, second by Droscha,
to reconsider Resolution No. 2014-10.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mulvany stated that he is committed to his comments of March 17, 2014, regarding his objection to taking on another Capital Improvement Project when the city doesn't have the capacity to maintain the existing trail. However, he empathized with individuals who spoke with him since then, and would like to see the project take place. He said he was opposed to using the Iva Bond Fund to finance the project. He appreciated Councilmember Ferris donating \$1,000 to the project and feels strongly enough that he presented a \$1,000 check to the City Administrator to offset the draw on that Fund.

Resolution No. 2014-10 – A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Project Development Agreement With The Michigan Department Of Natural Resources

Colburn informed Council that the Dart Foundation withdrew their funding commitment based on the result of the Council meeting of March 17, 2014. Representatives of the Dart Foundation informed the City that they would reconsider the request upon reapplication. The Tri-County Bicycle Association has bestowed a \$10,000 commitment for the project.

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown
to consider Resolution No. 2014-10 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-10 was introduced by Droscha and seconded by Mulvany. Discussion ensued regarding the funding source for the project.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO
ENTER INTO A PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH
THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

April 7, 2014

WHEREAS, the City of Mason applied for and received approval from the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program for the development of a pedestrian bridge over the Sycamore Creek and trailhead signage to serve as a link between the existing Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail and the existing trailhead parking lot on South Jefferson Street; and

WHEREAS, the estimated project cost, including matching obligations, is as follows:

City of Mason (Iva Bond Trust Fund match)	\$30,100
Dart Foundation	\$10,000
Private Donation (George & Lisa Hayhoe)	\$20,000
State Funds (MI Passport Grant)	\$30,000
Total Project Cost	\$90,100

WHEREAS, the City wishes to appropriate \$30,100 from the Iva Bond Trust Fund as local match; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and that the City Council does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide thirty-thousand and one-hundred (\$30,100) dollars to match the grant authorized by the MDNR.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the MDNR for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreement.
4. To regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
5. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

Yes (4) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany
No (2) Bruno, Clark
Absent (1) Naeyaert

RESOLUTION APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA

By consensus of Council, the Bills dated April 7, 2014 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

- A. Motion – Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: March 17, 2014
- B. Motion - Request for Excused Absence – Councilmember Naeyaert
 - Excuse the requested absence for Council Member Robin Naeyaert from the April 7, 2014 regular council meeting.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion – Approval of Bills

Council requested staff to provide the meeting date when Council approved the \$17,500 expenditure for the Water & Sewer Fund & Rate Management Study.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to approve the bills in the amount of \$59,308.65 as presented.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-14 – A Resolution to Award Cedar Street Sewer Lining

MOTION by Mulvany, second by Droscha,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-14 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-14 was introduced by Droscha and seconded by Mulvany.

CITY OF MASON

**CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14
AWARD OF CEDAR STREET SEWER LINING
APRIL 7, 2014**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Mason to maintain City infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as part of our maintenance program, the City has been videotaping sanitary lines, starting from the largest to the smallest sizes; and

WHEREAS, a section along north Cedar Street from Mason State Bank to Family Quick Lube, of nearly two football lengths (590') was found to be in poor shape as it is cracked and in risk of collapse within the commercial district area, and

WHEREAS, as this item was placed in the current budget, staff went to bid and received two bids to provide street sewer lining, with LiquiForce Services the low bidder at \$38,700.00; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council does hereby approve the award of the Cedar Street Sewer Lining to LiquiForce Services in the amount of \$38,700.00.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-15 – Appointment to the Cemetery Board by the Mayor

MOTION by Mulvany, second by Bruno,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-15 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-15 was introduced by Droscha and seconded by Mulvany.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15
APPOINTMENT TO THE CEMETERY BOARD BY THE MAYOR
April 7, 2014**

WHEREAS, the resignation of Joe Dean on November 18, 2013, created a vacancy on the Cemetery Board; now

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, does hereby appoint Norman Austin to the Cemetery Board of the city to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, commencing April 7, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-16 – Appointment to the Traffic Commission by City Council

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-16 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-16 was introduced by Droscha and seconded by Mulvany.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-16
APPOINTMENT TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE CITY COUNCIL
April 7, 2014**

WHEREAS, the resignation of Larry Briggs on March 12, 2014, created a vacancy on the Traffic Commission; now

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council, of the City of Mason does hereby appoint Josh Woodland to the Traffic Commission to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, commencing April 7,

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion - Street Closure - Memorial Day Parade

MOTION by Droscha, second by Bruno, to approve street closures from 8:30 a.m., as follows: Bond Park to East Columbia Street, south on Barnes Street, west on Ash Street, north on Jefferson Street, west on Maple Street, to State Street, right on Columbia Street, into Maple Grove Cemetery and to waive all fees.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion—Ingham County Proposed Parks and Trails Millage

Discussion was held regarding the proposed parks and trails millage by Ingham County. A Task Force committee has been created to investigate and determine if a Countywide millage question should go forward on the November 4, 2014, ballot. A communication of the discussions from the first meeting held on the topic was provided by Commissioner Vickers. It was stated that the City and Commissioner Vickers has expressed concerns in regard to Ingham County recently stopping services to certain County parks including Rayner Park located in the City of Mason.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bruno thanked Mayor Clark for keeping him apprised of Council business during his absence. A brief discussion ensued regarding the new face of the city website, as well as security of the videos on the site. McGinty stated that the city bears no responsibility to make Council meeting videos accessible on the city website. Clark stated that Mr. Rasdale of Bad Brewing will need to obtain three administrative street closures due to State filing deadlines.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed

LIAISON REPORTS

- Ferris informed Council regarding Tree Commission business
- Brown informed Council regarding the Sesquicentennial Committee business

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed Council regarding city business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

