

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

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Naeyaert 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
John Stressman, Chief of Police
Kathy Revels, Human Resource Coordinator
Michael Kluck, City Labor Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Farmers Market opens July 12, 2014 – October 4, 2014
- Bruno thanked Councilmembers who attended the Carved Wooden Soldier Statue Dedication Ceremony on July 4.
- Brown read a portion of a note from his long time friend, elected official, Guillaume Lavoie, City Councillor in Montreal, Quebec, thanking the City of Mason community for the various souvenirs Councilmember Brown collected and sent to him.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

No comments were offered from the public at this time.

Presentation—Don Vickers, Ingham County Commissioner

Don Vickers, Ingham County Commissioner, spoke regarding the upcoming Parks and Trails Millage question that is being considered to be on the November 4, 2014, ballot. The proposal has not been filed as yet. The filing deadline is August 12, 2014.

Resolution 2014-36—A Resolution of Non Support of a Dedicated Parks Millage of an Ingham County-wide Half Mill in the November 4, 2014 Election

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-36 read.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-36 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Droscha.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2014-36
A RESOLUTION OF NON SUPPORT OF A DEDICATED PARKS MILLAGE OF AN
INGHAM COUNTY-WIDE HALF MILL IN THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION
July 7, 2014**

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Parks Commission created a Parks and Trails Task Force to research the needs of parks within the County system; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Trails Task Force is comprised of Ingham County Parks Commissioners and members of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, their review has initiated a proposal of a half mill increase ballot question to be placed on the November 4, 2014 ballot; and

WHEREAS, this millage is being dedicated as a funding source for parks operated by the County of Ingham or other municipal parks located in Ingham County and existing river trails and pathways owned by other government agencies within Ingham County and the construction of new trailways within government agencies within Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County chose to discontinue maintenances and services of Rayner Park in the year 2010, and the City of Mason stepped up to ensure that this asset was maintained for the good of the people within Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has demonstrated in good faith that we maintained our own parks system as well as providing services during challenging economic times by allocating local resources as well as organizing significant volunteer efforts to maintain our park system.

WHEREAS, the current ballot language is interpreted as providing other cities and entities with financial assets to take care of their park system without the consideration of focusing solely on Ingham County parks as should be the interest of County government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mason implores the Ingham County Commissioners to not support this millage ballot question as written.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mason City Council encourages Mason Citizens and Ingham County Citizens to not support the special parks millage question as written.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Council Meeting: June 16, 2014
- B. Approval of Bills - \$533,520.96

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR BUSINESS

Second Reading and Adoption – Ordinance No. 198 – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Mason by Repealing in its Entirety Chapter 60 – Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to consider Ordinance No.198 read for the second time and adopted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to reconsider the motion considering Ordinance No.198 read for the second time and adopted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to amend Ordinance No.198 by striking “20 days after adoption and upon publication” and inserting “ immediately upon its adoption and publication by the City Clerk posting a copy hereof in conspicuous locations in ten public places in the city” in its place.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to consider Ordinance No. 198 read for the second time and adopted, as amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2014-35—Resolution for Changing MERS Benefits

Colburn informed Council regarding the increase in MERS benefits. Revels gave current and new MERS employee contribution percentages. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the effect of not supporting the MERS resolution. Smith stated that non-support would cause the contract that is in effect to be reopened. Kluck stated that Resolution 2014-35 is the MERS contract. The City would be in violation of the existing contract if Council voted down the resolution.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Bruno,
to postpone consideration of Resolution No. 2014-35 to the July 21, 2014,
regular meeting to allow an executive session regarding the MERS
Agreement to be placed on that agenda.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council inquired about the following matters:

- Cwierniewicz informed Council that the defective City Council DVD of May 19, 2014, has not been fully recovered; however, efforts continue in hopes that full recovery of the DVD recording will be achieved.
- The City Administrator was asked to inform Council when the discussion of the Arts Policy will be an agenda item to allow time to notify Arts Initiative, Mason (AIM)
- Colburn informed Council that the Cemetery Board met recently and approved the plotting for the west half of Section U; the Cemetery Board approved having the work completed this summer by Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors.
- Stressman informed Council regarding State funds provided to County Sheriff departments for secondary road patrol.

NEW BUSINESS

Council inquired about the following matters:

- Street lights that have been out for over a year in the block between Kipp Road and South Street. It was discussed that more than a year ago the City changed to high-pressured sodium; several mercury vapor lights have not been replaced. A street light was knocked over last winter on Cedar Street and is laying in the median. Colburn informed Council that a replacement for the street light on Cedar Street has been ordered. Council asked to have the fixture removed from the median.
- Colburn stated that employment ads were published for a part-time receptionist and the Cemetery/Parks/Forestry division.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Mulvany informed Council regarding Historic District Commission business
- Clark informed Council regarding Downtown Development Authority business

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

No report at this time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report was given at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Supervisory Contract

MOTION by Naeyaert,

To adjourn to executive session to discuss a matter involving the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Supervisory Contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes (7) Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany, Naeyaert

No (0)

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:41 p.m. and reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,

to amend the agenda to insert Agenda Item (15) Ratification of the Agreement between the City of Mason and the Mason Police Department Supervisory Division, adjusting the agenda accordingly.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,

to ratify the Agreement between the City of Mason and the Mason Police Department Supervisory Division.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

Leon R. Clark, Mayor