

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2014**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:31p.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: John Stressman, Chief of Police/Acting City Administrator
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
Ken Baker, DPW Superintendent
Kathy Revels, Human Resource Coordinator
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Michael Kluck, City Labor Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Jerry Collie, Representative of Local Union 1390 - City of Mason Employees, stated that he and Jeff Rewerts, City of Mason employee/Union 1390 Representative, were present to comment regarding City Council Resolution No. 2014-35 - Resolution for Changing MERS Benefits. Handouts were provided to Council: City Council Resolution No. 97-43, dated October 20, 1997, City Council Resolution No. 98-3, dated February 2, 1998, IV. Employer Contributions and Funded Status – Table 10, and a letter from the Chapter Chairperson to the City Administrator, and then from the City Administrator to the City Council, dated October 17, 1997. Rewerts commented that City Council Resolution No. 97-43, states that the employment classification, General – Union (01) AFSCME, would pay the cost difference to change from MERS Benefit Plan B-2, F55-15, to B-3, F55-15. Following the 1997 contract, the city paid the difference every year until October of 2010. At that time, Union (01) AFSCME employees were required to pay the difference and have been paying it to date. Mr. Rewerts cited benefit percentage rates from the MERS Actuarial Summary Report.

Presentation—DPW Superintendent Ken Baker - 2013 Water Quality Report

Baker gave a brief overview of the State mandated Water Quality Report for 2013. Discussion ensued regarding various details of the report.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Council Meeting: July 7, 2014
- B. Approval of Bills - \$92,252.61

MOTION APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-37—Support for Proposal 1

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Brown,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-37 read.

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution No. 2014-37 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Brown.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Proposal 1.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-37
SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL 1
July 21, 2014**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason, as have other local governments in Michigan, has struggled with unstable funding necessary to provide needed service; and

WHEREAS, Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on business; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and manufacturers power our economy and are the largest contributor of job growth in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, no other state in our region taxes businesses the way Michigan does, most of which don't tax at all, making Michigan significantly less competitive in job creation and business investment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have struggled with diminishing revenues for years to pay for essential services like police, fire, emergency medical, jails, schools; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have relied on the shrinking resource of Personal Property Tax revenue to provide other community services as well, including roads, transportation, libraries and parks; and

WHEREAS, a bi-partisan Michigan Legislature has voted to reform the antiquated Personal Property Tax to increase Michigan's competitiveness with other states by eliminating an onerous tax, thereby allowing more business investment and more jobs created by providing a stable revenue source for local communities; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 is not a Constitutional Amendment, but the Constitution of the State of Michigan requires voters approve certain changes in local taxes; and

WHEREAS, local governments, with unstable funding needed to provide service, as well as businesses, have struggled with an uncompetitive tax for years; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014 ballot, will make Michigan more competitive, helping Michigan communities attract more business and talent and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Association of Police, the Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Independent Businesses and the Michigan Manufactures Association, among others; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mason, Michigan hereby expresses its strong support for Proposal 1 to eliminate the unfair double tax, strengthen our communities, and urge the residents of Mason to vote YES on Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014 ballot.

Yes (5) Brown, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Naeyaert
No (2) Bruno, Mulvany

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Resolution 2014-38—Resolution Declaring Ingham County Fair Non-Profit Organization

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-38 read.

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution No. 2014-38 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Droscha.

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CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-29

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE "SUN DRIED MUSIC FESTIVAL, INC." A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE CITY OF MASON

June 2, 2014

LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES
(Repealed by MCL 452.1024(3)(1))

At a Regular meeting of the City of Mason
called to order by Leon Clark on 6-2-2014
at 7:30 a.m./p.m. the following resolution was offered:
Moved by Mulvany and supported by Ferris
that the request from Sundried Music Festival of Mason
county of Ingham, asking that they be recognized as a
nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable
gaming licenses, be considered for Approval

APPROVAL	DISAPPROVAL
Yeas: <u>(7)</u>	Yeas: _____
Nays: <u>(0)</u>	Nays: _____
Absent: <u>(0)</u>	Absent: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the City of Mason at a Regular meeting held on 6-2-2014
SIGNED: Deborah Cwiertniewicz
Deborah Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk
201 W. Ash st., Mason, MI 48854

Authority: Act 387 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended
MCL 207.603(2) (Rev. 05-12)

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Resolution 2014-39—A Resolution Approving “Making Mason Memories” as Theme Song for the Sesquicentennial Celebration

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-39 read.
MOTION APPROVED

Resolution No. 2014-39 was introduced by Brown and seconded by Droscha.

Discussion was held whether there should have been an opportunity for persons other than those on the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee to submit a sesquicentennial theme song for consideration.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-39
RESOLUTION APPROVING “MAKING MASON MEMORIES”
AS THEME SONG FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
July 21, 2014**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason Sesquicentennial Steering Committee was established to coordinate, plan and facilitate a yearlong sesquicentennial celebration to commemorate the City’s past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, the intent is to increase civic pride, honor our history, stimulate the local economy and help focus on the future as we salute our past; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee has organized official events and opportunities to celebrate within the community, sharing the official logo with all organizations to help define and celebrate this time; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee, worked with the cooperation of songwriter Dewey Longuski to create the theme song for the Mason Sesquicentennial, “Making Mason Memories;” and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee did vote and unanimously choose Longuski’s song, “Making Mason Memories” as the theme song for the sesquicentennial celebration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council does hereby recognize Dewey Longuski’s song, “Making Mason Memories” as the official theme song for the Mason Sesquicentennial celebration.

Yes (5) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany, Naeyaert
No (2) Bruno, Clark

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Motion—Street Closure Request for Maple Street – The Andy Minshall/Heather Allen Leukemia Fund

Ms. Christine Ramon submitted a request to close Maple Street from QD’s driveway to Jefferson Street on July 27, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to hold a fundraiser for the Andy Minshall/Heather Allen Leukemia Fund.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to approve the street closure request by Christine Ramon, Director of The Leuko Freaks, for Maple Street between Quality Dairy’s driveway and Jefferson Street on July 27, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to hold a fundraiser for the Andy Minshall/Heather Allen Leukemia Fund.

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council inquired about the City Council DVD of May 19, 2014. Cwierniewicz informed Council that a recovery specialist has been contacted; although it appears unlikely that recovery of the disk will be successful, efforts continue.

NEW BUSINESS

Council inquired about the following matter:

- The bike race that was held last Saturday traveled through downtown, specifically on Maple Street and through the Farmers Market. Stressman stated that there was no bike race request filed for Saturday, July 19, 2014. Farmers Market Director Elaine Ferris stated that the bike race organizer had confirmed the route with her prior to the race, but forgot to change the route given to the racers.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Naeyaert informed Council regarding Planning Commission business.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

No report at this time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Stressman informed the Commission regarding current City business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Client Privileged Communication Dated July 13, 2012

MOTION by Droscha,
to adjourn to executive session to discuss an attorney/client privileged communication
dated July 21, 2012.

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

No (0)

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:16 p.m. and reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

Resolution 2014-35—Resolution for Changing MERS Benefits

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-35 read.

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution No. 2014-35 was introduced by Mulvany and seconded by Ferris.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to take a brief recess.

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

No (1) Mulvany

MOTION APPROVED

A brief recess was taken at 9:26 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:39 p.m. Mayor
Clark requested a roll call vote for Resolution No. 2014-35.

Yes (3) Brown, Ferris, Mulvany

No (4) Bruno, Droscha, Naeyaert, Clark

MOTION FAILED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Leon R. Clark, Mayor