

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2014**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Mayor Clark 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements at this time.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Colburn introduced Ron Drzewicki, Mason Public Schools Superintendent. Clark invited Mr. Drzewicki to comment. Mr. Drzewicki stated he is beginning his seventh week in his new position and that the community has generously welcomed him.

Dallas Henney introduced himself and stated that he is a candidate for the Ingham County Commissioner's race for the 14th District representing the City of Mason.

Mayor Clark and Councilmembers joined in presenting Mayoral Proclamations in honor of Josh Woodland, Scott Davidson, and Jacob Meyer for the exceptional selfless rescue of a Mason resident from a burning structure that clearly saved the life of this unconscious person.

On behalf of he and his wife, Vicky, Councilmember Bruno presented the Mayor and Council a hand hewn plaque to continue the tradition of recognizing annual Arbor Day honorees. He gave recognition to those who contributed to the completion of the plaque.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:
A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Council Meeting: September 15, 2014
B. Approval of Bills - \$103,896.45

MOTION APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2014-49– A Resolution to Accept Change Order No. 2 for the Mason Fire Department Apron Project

Colburn elaborated on the Staff Agenda Report submitted informing them regarding the change order for the Mason Fire Department concrete work. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed concrete work and stoop.

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-49 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-49 was introduced by Droscha and seconded by Mulvany.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-49
TO ACCEPT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2
FOR THE MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT APRON PROJECT
October 6, 2014**

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2013 the City of Mason published a bid for replacing the drive apron at the Mason Fire Station Number 1 and placement of sidewalks within the LDFA area; and

WHEREAS, it is noted that there is concrete work to be performed at the fire station, including the construction of a new concrete stoop; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 will address these additional concrete needs, adding an additional \$10,902.52 to the project; and

WHEREAS, the new total of the project will be \$29,000.02, which is below the originally budgeted \$40,000.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mason City Council approves Change Order No. 2, authorizing the City Administrator for contractual signature authority.

Yes (4) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany

No (3) Bruno, Clark, Naeyaert

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Resolution No. 2014-50—Appointment to the Planning Commission by the Mayor

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,
to consider Resolution No. 2014-49 read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2014-49 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Droscha.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-50
MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
October 6, 2014**

WHEREAS, the resignation of Jim King on August 1, 2014, created a vacancy on the Planning Commission; now

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, does hereby appoint Tim Scott to the Planning Commission of the city to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, commencing October 6, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2014.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Motion—2015 Contracted Tree Services

Discussion was held to continue using the services of Express Tree Services for 2015.

Motion by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to waive the bidding process and allow Express Tree Services to perform the
2015 contracted tree services for the City of Mason at a price of \$22,490.00

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

No (1) Bruno

MOTION APPROVED

Motion—Directory of Charges

Cwierniewicz elaborated on the memorandum she submitted regarding the recommendation of the Cemetery Board for the provision of a single space option for purchase in the Maple Grove Cemetery due to the trend of cremation burials and request by the public. Discussion ensued regarding total available space in the cemetery and the need to revisit the merits of a columbarium for cremation burials in the next budget hearings.

Motion by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to approve the Directory of Charges dated October 6, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion—Cancel the November 10, 2014 City Council Meeting to Alleviate the Office of the City Clerk for the Administration of the General Election

Discussion was held regarding the logistics of holding a Council meeting, the General Election, and the Planning Commission meeting within one week's time relating to the burden of responsibilities for the Clerk's office and the use of the meeting room.

Motion by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,
to approve the request of the City Clerk to cancel the Monday, November 10, 2014 meeting, recognizing that a special meeting would be scheduled for any business requiring Council consideration prior to the next meeting date, Monday, November 17, 2014.

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

No (1) Bruno

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was discussed that the bridge construction approved in April is currently being prepared for bid.

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that the street signs at Kerns Road have not been replaced with the correct spelling of the road. Also, Colburn was asked about the orange fence in the cemetery since winter and the water sample box that has been down all summer at the North Jefferson Street storage yard. Colburn stated that he would look into the progress of these items.

Clark suggested appointing a liaison to the Cemetery Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed. A brief discussion ensued regarding the WOW! Mason Quarterly Update correspondence.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mulvany informed Council regarding Historic District Commission business.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Brown informed Council regarding the Cost of Government Summit he attended that sponsored by *Governing – The States and Localities* magazine that. He provided various publications he obtained from the summit to Council.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed Council regarding current City business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

Leon R. Clark, Mayor