

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2015**

Mayor Waltz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan, 48854. Mayor Pro Tem Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Clark, \*Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany, Waltz  
Absent: Councilmember: Bruno (excused)  
Also present: Martin A. Colburn, City Administrator  
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk  
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer  
David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director  
Tom Traciak, City Financial Planner  
John Stressman, Chief of Police

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mason Area Sesquicentennial Celebration Ceremony – City Hall – March 9, 2015

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**PRESENTATION**

**Pat Hicks – Sun Dried Music Festival**

Pat Hicks, Vice President of the Sun Dried Music Festival, Incorporated, informed Council regarding the organization's plans for its annual event.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Motion – Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: February 16, 2015
- B. Motion – Approval of Bills - \$110,575.63
- C. Motion – Sun Dried Music Festival

Approved the request for the Sun Dried Music Festival Incorporated street closures as follows: Jefferson Street between Ash and Sycamore Streets, Maple Street from the east side of the entrance to the Mason State Bank parking lot to Barnes Street (including both sides) from Maple to Ash Streets, and Ingham Court from Jefferson Street to the Mason State Bank driveway, Friday, August 28, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. through Sunday, August 30, 2015, approximately 4:00 p.m. Also granted is a waiver of the amplified music ordinance, Friday night, August 28 until 12:00 midnight, Saturday until 1:00 a.m. Sunday, August 30, and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to allow a Community Worship Service to be held; additionally, rental of the City generator, and use of the fire hydrant located on the corner of Jefferson and Maple Streets to provide a potable water supply to the vendors is granted.

D. Motion – Mason State Bank 5K Race

Approved the request of Mason State Bank to close Maple Street in front of the court house at 6:00 a.m. and Jefferson Street at 7:00 p.m., as well as the route as shown on the provided map, and provide electricity located at the court house drive on Maple Street.

MOTION APPROVED

\*Droscha left the meeting at 7:44 p.m. to attend to an emergency at home, with the intent to return if possible.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2015-12 – Authorization Releasing Funds for Local Streets Construction**

MOTION by Brown, second by Ferris,  
to consider Resolution No. 2015-12 read.

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution No. 2015-12 was introduced by Brown and seconded by Ferris.

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12  
AUTHORIZING RELEASING FUNDS FOR LOCAL STREETS CONSTRUCTION INCLUSIVE OF:  
EAST MAPLE STREET BETWEEN ROGERS AND TEMPLE STREETS, WASHINGTON STREET  
BETWEEN EAST ASH AND EAST MAPLE STREETS, SOUTH LANSING STREET BETWEEN  
WEST MAPLE AND WEST ASH STREETS, AND REPAIR AT 433 WEST CHERRY STREET  
MARCH 2, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason went out for public bids for the construction of the local streets of East Maple Street between Rogers and Temple Streets, Washington Street between East Ash and East Maple Streets, South Lansing Street between West Maple and West Ash Streets, and repair at 433 West Cherry Street; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received and publicly opened on February 12, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the low bidder is Reith-Riley Construction with a bid of \$1,474,682.70.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Mason City Council approves the expenditures as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget of \$1,474,682.70 for the construction of East Maple Street between Rogers and Temple Streets, Washington Street between East Ash and East Maple Streets, South Lansing Street between West Maple and West Ash Streets, and repair at 433 West Cherry Street and authorizes the City Administrator signature authority.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

**Discussion – Update on Mason Library Boiler System**

Haywood gave a brief update of the failing boiler system at the library. A brief discussion ensued.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Brown requested that the March 16, 2015, agenda include two items; a discussion/motion on the Rayner Park Lease/Buy Option, including the recent agreement and staff agenda report for that agreement, and a proposed resolution regarding City Council support on Proposal 2015-1 that will be on the May 5, 2015, ballot.

MOTION by Ferris, second by Brown,  
to excuse the absence of Councilmember Droscha, as left the meeting at 7:44 p.m. to  
respond a family emergency.

**MOTION APPROVED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was distributed.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

- Mulvany informed Council regarding Historic District Commission business
- Ferris stated that nominations for an Arbor Day Honoree are currently being accepted

## **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

- Ferris reported on the Ingham County Parks Board Trails and Parks Task Force meeting that she attended. She provided a copy of the February 19, 2015, draft Minutes as well as a progress report she compiled, dated March 3, 2015.
- Brown gave a brief update regarding the Sesquicentennial Committee plans and events

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed Council regarding city business. He stated that the Building Authority met February 18, 2015, to discuss the Build America Bonds (BAB) that the City purchased to fund a new city hall. The Federal Government has not been fulfilling the obligations of BAB due to mandatory spending cuts in the Federal budget.

City Financial Planner Tom Traciak stated that due to current interest rates, it would be beneficial to exercise the call feature, which grants the right to retire the debt, before the scheduled maturity date on the bonds and reissue tax exempt bonds. It was the consensus of Council to have a resolution proposed at the next regular meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

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Mike Waltz, Mayor