

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2015**

Mayor Waltz called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan, 48854. Councilmember Ferris led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany, Waltz
Absent: Councilmember: None
Also present: Patrick M. Price, Acting City Administrator
Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
John Stressman, Chief of Police
Tom Hitch, City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- gofundme.com – Campaign to make donations to help those affected by the Baja Grill fire.
- Farmers Market – July 11–October 24, 2015
- Brown thanked those involved in the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Jack Carmichael of 519 South Rogers read excerpts from an Ann Arbor, Michigan resolution in opposition of oil drilling by the West Bay Exploration Company in nearby Scio Township. Mr. Carmichael provided a copy to Council and asked that action be taken on the matter.

James Gill, candidate for Ingham County Sheriff, introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his professional qualifications and experience.

MOTION by Brown, second by Bruno,
to amend the agenda by adding Agenda Item No. 6, INTRODUCTIONS and
renumber the sequence of the remaining items accordingly.

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTIONS

Stressman introduced newly hired officers, Mr. Michael Pence and Mr. Evan Bennehoff.

At the request of Mr. Price, Council excused Mr. Hitch as there was no business requiring his attention.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was the consensus of Council to remove Agenda Item No. 7(A) Special Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2015 and (C) Motion – 1020 East Ash Street – Quote for Demolition Services, from the Consent Agenda.

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Council Meeting – June 15, 2015
- B. Approval of Bills: \$657,655.61

MOTION APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS

Special Council Meeting – June 15, 2015

Discussion was held to insert the criteria that was determined to be used in the selection of the temporary appointment of an acting city administrator under the first item of regular business, Report from Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Recommend an Acting City Administrator, into the Special Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2015. It was stated that Council took action to accept the criteria and place it on file. Although it is not required to include text of this nature in the Minutes, it was suggested to include the criteria by consensus of the Council; there was no objection and the criteria is to be inserted as discussed.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to adopt Special Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2015, with the addition of the ad hoc committee criteria.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion – 1020 East Ash Street – Quote for Demolition Services

Price stated that he understood there was concern regarding whether the asbestos hauler was licensed and certified. The apparent low bidder is Anderson-Fischer Associates Inc. The company's letterhead states they are an MDOT prequalified contractor, indicating that they are licensed and certified. Mr. Price committed to confirming that Anderson-Fischer Associates Inc. is credentialed as an asbestos hauler if Council would give its contingent approval to allow the advancement of this matter.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Droscha,
to accept the bid from Anderson-Fischer Associates Inc. in the amount of \$15,945 and authorize the Acting City Administrator to enter into an agreement for demolition services, subject to confirmation that the company is credentialed as an asbestos hauler.

MOTION APPROVED

First Reading – Ordinance – Fire Code

The proposed Fire Code Ordinance would add Article VII – False Summoning and Obstructing – to Chapter 42 of the Mason Code by prohibiting the unnecessary summoning of emergency providers, the raising of a false alarm, and the obstructing of and disobeying firefighters within the City of Mason.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to consider the Fire Code Ordinance as read for the first time and introduced.

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee: a brief update was given stating that requested information was received and will be reviewed by the committee, Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

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

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Brown reported that he attended the Michigan Municipal League and LOCUS Development Summit on June 23, 2015.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Price informed Council regarding City business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Mike F. Waltz, Mayor