

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 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. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Bruno, Droscha, Ferris, Waltz  
Absent: Councilmember: Clark, Mulvany  
Also present: Patrick M. Price, Acting City Administrator  
Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk  
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer  
John Stressman, Chief of Police

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Blood Drive - St. James Church - August 13, 2015
- Sesquicentennial Legacy Trees are available.

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Jack Carmichael of 519 South Rogers provided Council with his paper "Vanishing Royalties." He urged the City Council to act against the proposed drilling under the city of Mason by the West Bay Exploratory Company.

Jennifer Graham of 529 Main Court stated that she supported the views and concerns of Dr. Carmichael regarding the West Bay project. She urged the City of Mason to act on his suggestions.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - Regular Council Meeting – July 20, 2015
- B. Approval of Bills: \$71,946.41

**MOTION APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**First Reading – Nuisance Abatement Ordinance**

Stressman commented on the proposed ordinance that would define and prohibit a public nuisance within the City of Mason.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,  
to consider the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance read for the first time and introduced.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Motion - Designation of Voting Delegate for Michigan Municipal League (MML) Annual Business Meeting**

The Annual Michigan Municipal League Convention will be held in Traverse City, September 16 - 18, 2015. The annual meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 12:30 a.m. In accordance with the League Bylaws, Council is requested to designate by formal action one official who will attend the Convention as your official voting representative and one alternate. The official representative has voting privilege in the election of trustees, on policy, and other business.

Council Members Droscha and Ferris, and Mayor Waltz indicated interest in attending.

MOTION by Droscha, second by Ferris,  
to appoint Mayor Waltz to serve as the City of Mason principal official representative  
and Council Member Droscha to serve as an alternate to attend the 2015 MML  
Annual Meeting.

MOTION APPROVED

**Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchase**

Price informed Council that at his time staff will be purchasing a new fire truck and a street sweeper and would like to use the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for the purchases. H-GAC is a Texas-formed entity and has become a national clearinghouse handling large equipment purchases for municipalities across the country. Due to the large volume of bids, H-GAC solicits the best prices from a large number of manufacturers, dealers, etc.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,  
to consider the Resolution to Enter into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative  
Purchase read.

MOTION APPROVED

The Resolution to Enter into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchase was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Ferris.

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2015-40  
RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT  
FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING  
August 3, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas operating under Chapter 391, Texas Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, H-GAC is authorized to contract with eligible entities to perform governmental functions and services, including the purchase of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, in reliance on such authority, H-GAC has instituted a cooperative purchasing program under which it contracts with eligible entities under the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason will be purchasing a number of large and expensive items during fiscal year 2015-16; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason, a municipal corporation, is eligible to enter into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with H-GAC; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the financial and economic interest of the City of Mason to enter into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with H-GAC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Mason, Michigan, does hereby agree to enter into said Interlocal Contract with H-GAC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Mason, does hereby authorize the Acting City Administrator to Execute said Contract on behalf of the City Council of Mason, Michigan.

**RESOLUTION APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,  
to excused the absence of Council Members Clark and Mulvany.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Price informed Council that the special meeting scheduled to precede tonight's regular meeting was canceled due to a misunderstanding between city staff and the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Executive Search team. The meeting has been rescheduled for August 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was distributed.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Brown informed Council regarding Planning Commission business.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Waltz reported on the Town Hall Meeting co-hosted by State Representative Tom Cochran and Senator Curtis Hertel Jr. at the Mason Historical Museum on mineral rights and oil drilling. Panelists from Michigan State University and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality were also present.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Price informed Council regarding City business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

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Mike F. Waltz, Mayor