

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Mayor Waltz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 West Ash Street, Mason, Michigan, 48854, 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. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
John Stressman, Chief of Police

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mason Cares – September 11, 2015
- 9-1-1 Ceremony – September 11, 2015
- Roxie Stark, Mason Today Reporter, was introduced.
- Mason Brass Quintet – Free Concert – Rotary Stage in Rayner Park – September 20, 2015.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Jack Carmichael of 519 South Rogers provided a copy of the permit issued by Ingham County Road Commission to Leslie Township that he was given by West Bay Geophysical Company when they were conducting seismic testing on Rogers Street some months ago. He urged Council to prepare an ordinance with a bond sufficient to repair damage that would result from seismic testing. He provided a copy of his statements to the Mayor. He stated that there were several neighbors and friends present in support of his concerns.

Jennifer Graham of 529 Main Court raised many of her concerns and shared her research with Council. She provided a copy of her statements to the Mayor.

Clark stated that he has done a bit of research by contacting the Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor, who told him they did not enact a moratorium. They passed a resolution supporting Scio Township's law suit to obtain the right to control drilling. The Mayor of Scio Township explained that under the Zoning Enabling Act, townships do not have authority to control drilling in their jurisdiction. Price stated that the City of Mason has not been contacted by West Bay regarding compensation. Discussion ensued.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was the consensus of Council to remove the regular meeting Minutes of August 17, 2015 from the Consent Agenda.

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Special Council Meeting: August 24, 2015
- B. Approval of Bills: \$389,061.21
- C. Motion – Street Closure Request – Riverwalk Meadows Homeowners Annual Picnic
 - Move to approve the requested street closure at 408, 409, and 412 Raging River in Riverwalk Meadows Subdivision, Sunday, September 20, 2015, between 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to allow the neighborhood to hold its annual picnic.

MOTION APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – August 17, 2015

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,
to approve the August 17, 2015 regular council meeting minutes as corrected.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion – Approval to Authorize Monetary Reward for Information

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to consider the Resolution, *Approval to Authorize Monetary Reward for Information*, read.

MOTION APPROVED

Introduced by Mulvany, seconded by Brown, a resolution for *Approval to Authorize Monetary Reward for Information*.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2015-45
APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE MONETARY REWARD FOR INFORMATION
September 8, 2015**

WHEREAS, the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail is a public property owned by the City of Mason; and

WHEREAS, an unknown person defaced areas of the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail with graffiti on August 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the graffiti included satanic symbols, hate group identification and racial epithets, all in red spray paint; and

WHEREAS, this was the second incidence of graffiti using red spray paint to create offensive symbols, the first occurring in an area close to the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail; and

WHEREAS, Section 42-201 of the City of Mason Code of Ordinances authorizes the Mason City Council to approve by resolution a cash reward for information leading to the identification and apprehension of any person who willfully damages or destroys any public property by the use of graffiti; and

WHEREAS, Section 42-208(b) of the City of Mason Code of Ordinances provides for the Mason City Council to seek restitution for costs and damages resulting from graffiti to be borne by the offender or, in the case of a minor, the parent(s) of the offender(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council hereby agrees to authorize a

\$1,000 cash reward for the identification and apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the graffiti damage inflicted upon the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the ongoing concern of residents regarding seismic testing in the city. Council requested Acting Administrator Price to gather information useful for determining if the City has the ability to regulate seismic testing.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Mulvany informed Council regarding Historic District Commission business.
- Brown informed Council that Thursday, September 24, 2015, the Planning Commission will hold a public input session regarding the proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance.
- Ferris informed Council that Legacy Trees are available through December 30, 2015.
- Waltz informed Council regarding Downtown Development Authority business.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Waltz reported that he and Council Member Droscha were prepared to report on Mason Public Schools (MPS) efforts to examine facility options for growing enrollment. Council Member Droscha is a member of the MPS Steering Committee and Mayor Waltz is a member of the MPS Strategic Planning Task Force.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Price informed Council regarding City business. He informed Council that in the past, the City hired Attorney Gary Worman, who has worked in the gas and oil business for 35 years. Price suggested contacting Mr. Worman to obtain his interest and fee in representing the City.

Clark stated that the City is behind in its Sidewalk Replacement Program and he is concerned about the raised and broken sidewalk in the city. He requested Mr. Price to provide a report on the status of the program. Price stated that the program established in the 1970's and was followed until he left in 1999 has been discontinued. He suggested that the City reinstate the program as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Michael F. Waltz, Mayor