

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2015**

Mayor Waltz called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 West Ash Street, Mason, Michigan, 48854. Mayor Pro Tem Brown 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
Kerry Minshall, Fire Chief

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mason Public Schools Facilities Improvement Community Forum – Middle School Cafeteria - October 6, 2015
- Mason Kiwanis Club – Blood Drive – St. James Church – October 8, 2015

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Jack Carmichael of 519 South Rogers spoke regarding his knowledge of current West Bay Exploration activities.

Jane Miles of 448 High Point Drive, Apt. 3, stated concern regarding sidewalk condition on Cedar Street along the property of the St. James Church. Administrator Price stated that an inventory could be done in the spring.

PRESENTATIONS

Shaun Lehman, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality(MDEQ) Ingham County

Shaun Lehman, Ingham County Geologist, DEQ-Office of Oil, Gas & Minerals stated that he had been asked to give a primer on oil and gas wells in Michigan. He gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding oil and gas drilling, focusing particularly on directionally drilled wells. He explained his role as the regulatory authority for Ingham County. Although throughout his presentation, he spoke using West Bay Exploration tendencies, he stated that an application for a permit had not been requested by West Bay Exploration. He spoke in terms of the type of well that would be expected to be seen from West Bay Exploration for the project they have in mind for the Mason area. A brief discussion ensued.

Presentation by William I. Tucker IV, Abraham & Gaffney

William I. Tucker IV of Abraham & Gaffney commented on the 2014-2015 audit he performed for the City's records, as well as a single audit that was performed due to the amount of federal grants received during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Mr. Tucker stated that the City received an unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion that can be received on financial statements.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: September 21, 2015

- B. Approval of Bills: \$136,536.85
- C. Motion – 2016 Tree Trimming Contract
 - to award the 2016 tree trimming contract to Express Tree Services in the amount of \$15,200.
- D. Motion – 2014-2015 Financial Statements
 - to accept the City of Mason 2014-2015 Financial Statements and Single Audit and place them on file.

MOTION APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2015-48 – Resolution – To Accept the Bid to Purchase a Pumper/Tanker Apparatus and of the Intent to Purchase Accessory Equipment

Price commented that he supported the recommendation of the Fire Department Truck Committee for the purchase of a pumper/tanker. Minshall spoke regarding the decision to purchase a new pumper/tanker apparatus. He introduced the Fire Department Truck Committee, Lt. John Sabbadin (Chairperson of the Committee), Lt. Russ Whipple, and Engineer Steve Armstrong. Lt. Sabbadin gave a brief synopsis of the committee's process to provide a recommendation for the purchase of a pumper tanker. A brief discussion ensued.

MOTION by Clark, second by Bruno,
to consider the resolution, *To Accept the Bid to Purchase a Pumper/Tanker Apparatus and of the Intent to Purchase Accessory Equipment* read.

MOTION APPROVED

Introduced by Brown, seconded by Mulvany, *Resolution to Accept the Bid to Purchase a Pumper/Tanker.*

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2015-48
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BID TO PURCHASE A PUMPER/TANKER
APPARATUS AND OF THE INTENT TO PURCHASE ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2015 the City Administrator authorized the Fire Chief to assemble a committee to start the process to replace existing Tanker 807, a 1984 Wolverine, with a Pumper/Tanker apparatus for the protection of the City and Townships; and

WHEREAS, HGAC (Houston Galveston Area Council) is a regional council of governments, operating under the laws of the State of Texas and governed by a board of 35 elected officials from a 13-county region, that utilizes HGACBuy to establish competitively priced contracts for goods and services in an effort to make the governmental procurement process more efficient; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is a member of HGACBuy which currently works with 27 fire truck manufacturers with hundreds of fire apparatuses on its bid list; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator authorized the potential purchase of a Pumper/Tanker through HGACBuy; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department Truck Committee has met numerous times writing and reviewing specifications and traveled many miles to visit fire departments and to look at trucks; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion, the Fire Department Truck Committee and Fire Chief recommends to the City Council that the City purchase a 3,000 gallon Pumper/Tanker from Spartan ERV with delivery expected 280 to 320 days after order at a cost of up to \$349,794.00, and the immediate purchase of necessary accessory equipment for the new Pumper/Tanker at a cost of up to \$17,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mason accepts the recommendation of the Fire Department Truck Committee and the Fire Chief to

purchase a Pumper/Tanker from Spartan ERV without accessory equipment and authorizes said purchase at a cost up to \$349,794.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes immediate expenditure of up to \$17,000.00 for necessary accessory equipment for the new Pumper/Tanker.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was discussed that the review of a food truck ordinance would be presented to the Planning Commission in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding a possible request for Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to place a green-arrow traffic signal at the left turning lane for the west bound traffic on West Columbia Street to north bound Cedar Street.

Clark asked that a future meeting agenda would include a discussion regarding placing snow that is moved from locations in the city during heavy snow fall to Rayner Park for the purpose of building a sledding hill. Rayner Park is closed in the winter and could be used for cross country skiers as well as other winter activities.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Brown informed Council regarding Planning Commission business.
- Ferris informed Council that there is still time to purchase a Sesquicentennial Legacy Tree before the end of the year.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Price informed Council regarding City business. He suggested implementing the sidewalk program that was followed during his years as city administrator.

Mr. Price announced that Human Resources Coordinator Kathy Revels has submitted notification that she is retiring at the end of this month, which will culminate 21 years of service. To allow the new administrator discretion on making the appointment, he plans to take responsibility for the position when it is vacated by Ms. Revels' retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Michael F. Waltz, Mayor