

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2017**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Vogel, Waltz, Whipple  
Absent: Councilmember: None  
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Administrator  
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Brass Quintet, Hand Bell Choir, and Pipe Organ Concert – First United Methodist Church – January 22, 2017.
- Councilmember Vogel thanked voters for giving her the opportunity to serve.

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Motion – Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2017
- B. Motion – Approve Bills in the Amount of \$36,559.69
- C. Motion – Approve Amendments to the 2016-2017 FY Budget
- D. Resolution 2017-01 – Approve City Council Ex-Officio Appointments to City Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01  
APPROVE CITY COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND  
COMMISSIONS  
January 16, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.15 of the Mason City Charter designates one Councilmember as a member of the Election Commission, who shall serve ex-officio from the City Council provided the Councilmember shall not be a candidate for elective office at the election for which he/she serves as a member of the Election Commission;

**WHEREAS**, Section 50-32 of the Mason City Code designates that one member of the Planning Commission shall serve ex-officio from the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 94-361 of the Mason City Code designates that one member of the Zoning Board of Appeals may serve ex-officio from the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Mason does hereby make the following City Council liaison appointments/reappointments to the specified boards and commissions of the City and that each term shall commence January 1, 2017 and expire on December 31, 2018:

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Election Commission     | Angela Madden |
| Planning Commission     | Jon Droscha   |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | Angela Madden |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any prior City Council ex-officio appointments are hereby declared null and void.

E. Resolution 2017-02 – Approve Mayoral Ex-Officio Appointments to City Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02  
APPROVE MAYORAL EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS  
TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
January 16, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.291 of the Mason City Charter designates that one member of the Traffic Commission shall serve ex-officio from the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-311 of the Mason City Code designates that one member of the Tree Commission may serve ex-officio from the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, Section 31-3 of the Mason City Code designates that one member of the Historic District Commission may serve ex-officio from the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 1989, a 425 Agreement between the City of Mason and the Township of Vevay was executed requiring Joint Planning Commission members representing the City be appointed by the Mayor with approval by the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council approves the Mayor's appointments to the following specified boards and commissions of the City and that each term shall commence January 1, 2017 and expire on December 31, 2018:

|                              |  |
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| Traffic Commission           | Rita Vogel                                   |
| Tree Commission              | Elaine Ferris                                |
| Historic District Commission | Rita Vogel                                   |
| Joint Planning Commission    | Ex-officio Member of the Planning Commission |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any prior City Council ex-officio appointments are hereby declared null and void.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2017-03 – Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Related to Rayner Park Between the City of Mason and Ingham County**

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,  
to consider Resolution No. 2017-03 read.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution No. 2017-03 was introduced by Brown and seconded by Droscha.

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03  
APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATED TO RAYNER PARK  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND INGHAM COUNTY  
January 16, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Ingham County entered into a Lease/Option agreement with the City of Mason for Rayner Park June 9, 2010;

**WHEREAS**, within the agreement the City may exercise the option to purchase Rayner Park incorporating 59.9 acres;

**WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2016 the Mason City Council authorized the City Administrator to complete all necessary documents required to transfer the ownership of Rayner Park to the City of Mason (Resolution No. 2016-36);

**WHEREAS**, the Mason City Council requested that a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) be negotiated related to addressing damage to the park by the County by patrons of the Ingham County Fair; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator, City Attorney, and County staff have negotiated an MOU for the City Council to consider.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to execute the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Ingham County and any other related documents.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

**Ordinance – Introduction and First Reading of Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance**

Ordinance No. 117, a thirty-year gas franchise agreement with Consumers Power, was adopted by Council on December 15, 1986. The ordinance grants Consumers Power the right to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, as well as perform a local gas business in the City of Mason for a period of 30 years. The agreement has expired and Consumers Power is requesting to enter into another 30-year agreement.

MOTION by Brown, second by Waltz,  
to consider the proposed ordinance to enter into a franchise agreement with Consumers Power as read for the first time.

MOTION APPROVED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion - Approve Davis Automotive Request to Issue License for Use of Public Right-of-Way**

Scott Davis, proprietor of Davis Automotive, requested approval for a license for the use of public right-of-way for 10 years. A license has been issued for ten-year periods for approximately the previous 40 years. The right-of-way is for the south side of Center Street and on the north side of Davis Automotive. The current license expired October 17, 2015.

Discussion ensued to extend the license to 20 years.

MOTION by Droscha, second by Ferris,  
to approve the request from Davis Automotive to issue a 10-year license for use of public right-of-way.

MOTION by Vogel, second by Droscha,  
to amend the agreement by striking 10 years and inserting 20 years.

MOTION APPROVED

Vote on the Main Motion

MOTION APPROVED

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

None.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Brown informed Council regarding Planning Commission business.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Stuart thanked Council for canceling the orientation work session planned this evening. She asked for a congruent date and time to reschedule the work session. It was the consensus of Council to meet January 30, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

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Russell W. Whipple, Mayor