

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2017**

Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Vogel 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. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments at this time.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. Motion – Approve Minutes: Regular Council Meeting May 1, 2017
- B. Motion – Approve Bills in the Amount of \$59,236.78
- C. Motion – Approve Street Closures for Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 29, 2017, and Waive All Associated Fees
- D. Motion – Approve Street Closures and Use of Public Right-of-Way for Mason Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade on Tuesday, July 4, 2017, and Waive All Associated Fees
- E. Correspondence
  - a. City Attorney’s Report
  - b. April 2017 Revenue and Expenditure Report
  - c. Abraham and Gaffney P.C. – Letter of Engagement for City Audit

Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Vogel, Waltz, Whipple

No (0)

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Motion – Approve Amendment of City of Mason Public Art Policy**

Stuart informed Council that there were some minor changes made to the Public Art Policy and recommended that the policy be approved.

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,  
to approve the amendment to the City of Mason Public Art Policy.

Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Vogel, Waltz, Whipple

No (0)

**MOTION APPROVED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion – Authorize the City Administrator to Negotiate a Refuse Contract for Final Approval by the City Council and Waive the Bidding Process**

The City of Mason executed a contract with Allied Disposal Co. in 1977 to provide refuse services to its residents. When Granger bought Allied Disposal, they continued to honor the

existing contract, even though it includes services that Granger does not offer at no cost.

After researching other communities and conversations with Granger, bidding out the contract would likely result in a reduction in services and/or an increase in costs. Many contracts for other communities do not provide yard waste removal or large item pickup.

Granger has proposed to provide the same services and honor the contract terms, if the community would convert to using Granger's uniform carts. These carts result in less staffing and better efficiency for Granger. The carts would be provided at no additional cost to existing users. Granger would also expand services under the same cost structure to include recycling. Granger is willing to enter into a minimum of an eight-year contract to justify the investment and the expanded services. The benefit to Granger is a long-term contract. The benefits to residents will be expanded services at the same cost structure.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed contract, mandating Granger carts, and the bidding process.

MOTION by Droscha, second by Ferris,  
to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a refuse contract for final approval by City Council, and to waive the bidding process.  
Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Vogel, Waltz, Whipple  
No (0)  
MOTION APPROVED

**Ordinance No. 209 – Introduction and First Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 94-143 – C-3: Local Commercial District of Chapter 94 – Zoning – Of the Code of the City of Mason to Amend Subsection (b) to Add a New Subsection (14) to Permit Veterinary Clinics and Hospitals, Not Including Kennels**

A brief discussion was held on zoning for veterinary clinics and hospitals, with and without kennels.

MOTION by Droscha, second by Ferris,  
to introduce Ordinance No. 209 and consider it read for the first time.  
MOTION APPROVED

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Ferris informed Council on city events as follows:

- The Innocence Project will be presented by Cooley Law School Innocence Project Director at the Mason First United Methodist Church on May 16.
- Library Plant Sale – May 16
- Reading of the Names and Memorial Day Parade – May 29
- Councilmember Ferris will be teaching four classes at the Ingham County Fair.
- Thank you to the DDA, Jamie Robinson, and Mary Kelsey for the Chocolate Walk event.

Waltz informed Council that the Tin Can Tourist show will be held at the Ingham County Fair Grounds this summer. Also, he shared that Lauren Shattuck was elected Mayor 50 years ago and provided a picture and Minutes of the event, as well as a resolution from the City of Howell in honor of Mayor Exchange Day that year.

Whipple informed Council that he presented Warren Edington with a Mayoral Proclamation commemorating his accomplishments that led to him earning the prestigious rank of Eagle

Scout at the First Presbyterian Church of Mason on May 7. Today, May 15, is “Eagle Scout Warren Edington Day” in and for the City of Mason. Also, he was contacted by Lansing Mayor Bernero’s office to schedule a meeting between Mayor Bernero and himself. He asked Council to forward anything that they would like to pass onto, or ask, Mayor Bernero.

Droscha informed Council regarding Planning Commission business.

### **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Stuart informed Council regarding the following:

- The Oath of Office was administered to Officer Kevin Bradley today.
- Stuart noted she has conducted a few retention visits with area businesses.
- She is also discussing amendments to existing agreements with area townships.
- The City of Marshall visited the Mason Fire Department to exchange matters of procedure and basic fire department function.
- The Ethics Board is currently meeting to recommend ordinance changes and disclosure forms.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

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Russell W. Whipple, Mayor