CITY OF MASON

201 West Ash Street
Mason MI 48854-0370

City Hall 517-676-9155
Fax 517-676-1330

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBER
September 8, 2015
7:30 p.m.
Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
4. Announcements
5. People from the Floor
6. Presentations
7. Consent Agenda
   A. Approval of Minutes
      - Regular Council Meeting: August 17, 2015
      - Special Council Meeting: August 24, 2015
   B. Approval of Bills
   C. Motion – Street Closure Request – Riverwalk Meadows Homeowners Annual Picnic
8. Regular Business
   A. Motion – Approval to Authorize Monetary Reward for Information
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Correspondence
12. Liaison Reports
13. Councilmember Reports
14. Administrator's Report
    A. Meeting with WOW! Representative
    B. Meeting with Jane Miles
15. Adjournment

CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2015

Mayor Waltz called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan, 48854. He explained that a previous special meeting of Council was held regarding filling the City Administrator position that caused this meeting to be called to order after 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Mulvany 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
	John Stressman, Chief of Police

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mason Brass Quintet – Free Concert – Rotary Stage in Rayner Park – September 20, 2015.
- Pickle Ball – Hayes Park – For more information see Councilmember Mulvany.
- Mason First Methodist Church – Human Trafficking Informational Meeting – Bestsellers – August 18, 2015.
- Mason Sesquicentennial Anniversary Committee – Information Session on 1990 Time Capsule/2015 Time Capsule – Mason Area Historical Museum and Library – August 19, 2015.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Jennifer Graham of 529 Main Court requested Council to enact a moratorium on Mason Code, Chapter 38, Article II., Oil and Gas Wells, and asked that the City host a town meeting. She provided a copy of her written comments to Council.

Jack Carmichael of 519 South Rogers asked Council to contact Oil and Gas Attorney Jim Olsen. He provided a copy of his statements to the Mayor.

Mayor Waltz asked Mr. Price to forward the written comments to the city attorney.

PRESENTATIONS

Bruce Johnston, Revitalize LLC, with Update of Existing and Potential Future Grants

Bruce Johnston, Owner of Revitalize, LLC, gave an update of current and prospective downtown revitalization projects, including the 124 and 140 East Ash Street properties. The City and the Robinson family have received a funding commitment from Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). The Worman family will be requesting the City to seek funding from MSHDA to renovate the space above the Dart building for apartments. Information is being gathered to work with Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and MSHDA. Discussions are being held with the Wren family to consider restoration options with the second floor above Keans Store. Council thanked Mr. Johnston for his commitment and enthusiasm.

Chief of Police Stressman Introducing New Police Officer

Stressman introduced newly hired officer, Alex Thompson.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of Minutes
   - Regular Council Meeting – August 3, 2015

B. Approval of Bills: $595,275.18

MOTION APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS

Second Reading – Nuisance Abatement Ordinance

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

MOTION APPROVED

CITY OF MASON
ORDINANCE NO. 201
AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ARTICLE V - NUISANCE ABATEMENT - TO CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MASON BY DEFINING AND PROHIBITING A PUBLIC NUISANCE WITHIN THE CITY OF MASON

THE CITY OF MASON ORDAINS: Article V - Nuisance Abatement - of Chapter 6 of the Code of the City of Mason shall be added to read as follows:

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Division 1. Generally

Sec. 6-210. Public nuisance defined and prohibited.

(a) A *public nuisance* is defined as follows:

(1) Any unreasonable interference with a common right enjoyed by the general public. It includes conduct:
   (a) Which significantly interferes with the safety, health, comfort, peace, convenience or repose of the public;
   (b) Offends public decency;
   (c) Significantly interferes with, obstructs or renders dangerous any street, highway, navigable lake or stream; or
   (d) In any way renders the public insecure in life or property;
   (e) Which is known, or should have been known, to be of a continuing nature that produces a permanent or long-lasting, significant effect on these common rights;

(2) Public nuisances shall include, but not be limited to, whatever is forbidden by any provision of this article, or where nuisance is referenced in Chapters 10, 18, 58, 68 and 82.

(b) No person shall commit, create or maintain any public nuisance.

Sec. 6-211. Enumeration of nuisances.

The following acts, services, apparatus and structures are hereby declared to be public nuisances:

(a) The maintenance of any pond, pool of water or vessel holding stagnant water.

(b) The pollution of any stream, lake or body of water by depositing or permitting to be deposited any refuse, toxic or industrial waste of forcing or discharging into any public or private sewer or drain any stream or gas.

(c) Any vehicle used for any illegal purpose.

(d) Betting, bookmaking and all apparatus used in such occupations.

(e) All gambling devices.

(f) Gambling houses and all houses kept for the purpose of prostitution or promiscuous sexual intercourse.

(g) All dangerous, unguarded excavations or machinery in any public place, or left or operated on private property so as to endanger the safety of the public.

(h) The owning, driving or moving upon any public streets and alleys of trucks or other motor vehicles that are constructed or loaded so as to permit any part of their load or contents to blow, fall or be deposited upon any street, alley, sidewalk or other public or private place, or which deposits from its wheels, tires or other parts, onto the street, alley, sidewalk or other public or private place, dirt, grease, sticky substances or foreign matter of any kind.

(i) The placing, or causing to be placed, in or on any motor vehicle parked upon any street, alley or other public place within the corporate limits of the city, any paper, posters, signs, cards or other advertising matter.

(j) The presence of an inoperable motor vehicle or parts of a motor vehicle on any land in violation of the terms of Division 2 of this article.

Sec. 6-212-220. RESERVED.

THE CITY OF MASON FURTHER ORDAINS: That this ordinance shall become effective twenty days after its adoption, but not before it is published; and

THE CITY OF MASON FURTHER ORDAINS: That this ordinance shall be published within fifteen days after its adoption.

The foregoing Ordinance was moved for adoption by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Droscha with a vote thereon being: YES (7) NO (0), at a regular meeting of the City Council held pursuant to public notice in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, on the 17th day of August, 2015.

ORDINANCE APPROVED

Resolution – Authorizing City Administrator to Purchase Johnston VT651 Street Sweeper from Houston-Galveston Area Council and Charged to Motor Vehicle Pool Fund

Mr. Price stated that with the current street sweeper, it takes thirty days to sweep the city. The purchase of new equipment will more efficiently accomplish sweeping the streets in ten days. He added that the city streets have been swept once a year in the past. From here on, the streets will be swept every sixty days, and the central business district every two weeks, as they were when he was the City Administrator in 1999.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to consider *Resolution Authorizing City Administrator to Purchase Johnston VTY51 Street Sweeper from Houston-Galveston Area Council and Charged to Motor Vehicle Pool Fund* read.

Yes (6) Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Mulvany, Waltz
No (1) Ferris

MOTION APPROVED

Introduced by Brown, seconded by Droscha, *Resolution Authorizing City Administrator to Purchase Johnston VT651 Street Sweeper from Houston-Galveston Area Council and Charged to Motor Vehicle Pool Fund.*

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2015-41
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE JOHNSTON VT651 STREET SWEEPER FROM HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL AND CHARGED TO MOTOR VEHICLE POOL FUND
August 17, 2015

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is in urgent need of replacing its present street sweeper; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of using said existing street sweeper is causing unnecessary expense; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, at its July 20, 2015, regular Council meeting did authorize the City Administrator to initiate the process for purchasing a new street sweeper; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works, based on industry-wide standards and reputation, chose to research and watch demonstrations of three street sweepers: the Elgin Whirlwind ($265,000), the Johnston VT651 ($242,000), and the TYMCO Model 600 ($214,982); and

WHEREAS, the City Council did receive a report and recommendation from the Director of Public Works on these three street sweepers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based on the report and recommendation from the Department of Public Works Director, the Mason City Council does hereby authorize the City Administrator to purchase the Johnston VT651 Vacuum Street Sweeper; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Administrator is authorized to make said purchase from the Houston-Galveston Area Council in the amount of $242,000, plus the fee ($1800) that is charged by the H-GAC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the purchase price, in ten (10) installments, shall be charged to the Motor Vehicle Pool Fund, with the first installment being made during Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Yes (6) Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany, Waltz
No (1) Ferris
RESOLUTION APPROVED

Motion – Approval of Dart Bank's Financing Proposal

Mr. Price stated that with the motor vehicle pool fund financial situation, it is in the best interest of the city to enter into a five-year installment plan to purchase and pay for a new street sweeper.

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,
to approve the interest rate quote of 3.17% from Dart Bank to finance the 2015 Johnston VT652 Street Sweeper at a total cost of $242,000.

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution Recognizing the "Ingham County Animal Control," a Non-Profit Organization in the City of Mason

Ingham County Animal Control (ICAC) is seeking a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan Bureau of State Lottery. Approval by City Council states that the Ingham County Animal Shelter is recognized as a nonprofit organization in the community.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to consider the *Resolution Recognizing the "Ingham County Animal Shelter," a Non-Profit Organization in the City of Mason* read.
MOTION APPROVED

Introduced by Bruno and seconded by Clark, *Resolution Recognizing the "Ingham County Animal Shelter," a Non-Profit Organization in the City of Mason.*

MICHIGAN LOTTERY

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOULTION 2015-42
LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES
August 17, 2015

At a Regular meeting of the City Council

called to order by Mayor Waltz on August 17, 2015

at 7:30 ~~a.m.~~ p.m. the following resolution was offered.

Moved by Bruno and supported by Clark

that the request from Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund of Mason

county of Ingham asking that they be recognized as a

non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable

gaming licenses be considered for Approval

APPROVAL		DISAPPROVAL	
Yeas:	7	Yeas:	
Nays:	0	Nays:	
Absent:	0	Absent:	

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Mason City Council at a Regular meeting held on August 17, 2015

SIGNED: Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz

Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

201 West Ash Street, Mason, MI 48854

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Resolution Regarding City of Mason Responsibilities for Transportation Alternatives Program (Tap) Grant

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to consider the *Resolution Regarding City of Mason Responsibilities for Transportation Alternatives Program (Tap) Grant* read.
MOTION APPROVED

Introduced by Bruno, seconded by Clark, *Resolution Recognizing the "Ingham County Animal Control," a Non-Profit Organization in the City of Mason.*

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2015-43
RESOLUTION REGARDING CITY OF MASON RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT
August 17, 2015

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has been awarded a Federal Grant in the amount of $39,935 through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Grant Number 2015045, for the Construction of Hayhoe Riverwalk Trailhead Parking at South Jefferson Street; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires a local match for, at a minimum, twenty percent (20%) of the grant amount to be set aside as non-federal match, in addition to further costs required for engineering and contingencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has the necessary public right-of-way as well as a license from Consumers Energy to use its easement for said Trailhead parking; and

WHEREAS, this project includes an asphalt parking area, concrete sidewalk, and bicycle racks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason recognizes that it shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of these items for at least the useful life of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council hereby certifies that all necessary matching funding has been secured, is available, and has been committed for use on this project, commits to owning, operating, and maintaining all of the above improvements funded with TAP funds, and authorizes the City Engineer to act as the City's agent during project development and to sign any necessary project agreements.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
A brief discussion was held regarding residents' concerns of oil and gas well drilling. Price stated that he will contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Supervisor of Wells to obtain his advice on the situation.

CORRESPONDENCE
All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS
- Mulvany informed Council regarding Historic District Commission business.
- Brown informed Council regarding Planning Commission business.
- Ferris informed Council regarding Tree Commission business.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS
None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Price informed Council regarding City business. He asked for a brief recess to obtain correspondence he asked to be provided to Council.

Waltz called a brief recess at 8:42 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

A brief discussion ensued regarding a letter from Dominic Silvio, General Manager of WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone, rate adjustments. It was the consensus of Council to have Mr. Price invite Mr. Silvio to address Council regarding the rate adjustment. Also, he received a letter today from Gerald Richards, Rayner Ponds Estates Community Association (RPECA) Secretary, requesting sidewalk installation that was requested to be completed in 2012. Price stated that it will be done by the end of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

Mike F. Waltz, Mayor

CITY OF MASON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2015

Mayor Waltz called the special meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 West Ash Street, Mason, Michigan, 48854.

Present:	Councilmembers: Brown, Bruno, Droscha, Mulvany, Waltz
Absent:	Councilmembers: Clark, Ferris
Also present:	Patrick M. Price, Acting City Administrator
	Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk
	Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
	Thomas M. Hitch, City Attorney

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Jane Miles of 448 High Point Drive, Apt. 3, asked that the sidewalk on Lansing Street, south of West Ash Street, be considered for repair because it is slanted and difficult to walk on.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Motion - Request for Excused Absence – Councilmember Ferris
   - Excuse the requested absence for Council Member Elaine Ferris from the September 24, 2015 special council meeting.

MOTION APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS

Consideration – Resolution to Amend the Acting City Administrator Contract

Hitch explained the amendment process for the Acting City Administrator's contract. He stated that Mr. Price discovered the error this week. The amendment would correct the error due to misunderstandings of both parties.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to consider *Resolution to Amend the Acting City Administrator Contract* read.
MOTION APPROVED

The *Resolution to Amend the Acting City Administrator Contract* was introduced by Mulvany and seconded by Droscha.

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2015-44
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT
August 24, 2015

WHEREAS, the Mason City Council determined that it was desirous of appointing an Acting City Administrator until a new, permanent City Administrator was hired and available; and

WHEREAS, the Mason City Council did appoint Patrick M. Price on June 15, 2015 to serve as said Acting City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Waltz met with Mr. Price for the purpose of entering into a contract that would state the duties and responsibilities of said Acting City Administrator position, as well as agreeing on a compensation amount; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Waltz and Mr. Price agreed that Mr. Price would receive the same salary and the equivalent cost of fringe benefits provided to former City Administrator Martin Colburn; and

WHEREAS, both Mayor Waltz and Mr. Price were advised that the cost of salary plus fringe benefits equaled $53 per hour; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Price offered to only bill the City of Mason twenty (20) hours per week with any excess of more than twenty (20) hours worked to be carried forward to be used only for paid time off, but never exceeding twenty (20) hours per week; and

WHEREAS, it recently came to the attention of the Mayor and Acting City Administrator that the current $53 per hour compensation was incorrectly reported and relied upon; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the rate of pay under the contract from August 25, 2015, by amending the rate of pay to $87 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to make explicit the intention of the parties that the Acting City Administrator may in some weeks work more than twenty (20) hours per week and work less than twenty (20) hours per week during other weeks, but the Acting City Administrator shall not, in the aggregate, work and bill more than twenty (20) hours per week over the term of his contract with the City; and

WHEREAS, the Acting City Administrator has not received any compensation to date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mason City Council hereby agrees to amend the original contract to reflect the hourly compensation of the Acting City Administrator to be $87 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting City Administrator's contract shall be amended to provide that the Acting City Administrator shall not, on average, work and bill more than twenty (20) hours per week over the term of his contract.

Yes (4) Bruno, Droscha, Mulvany, Waltz
No (1) Brown
Absent (2) Clark, Ferris

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Discussion – Salary Range for City Administrator Candidate

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding setting the salary range for the new City Administrator position. It was the consensus of Council to set $80,000 – $95,000 as the base, depending on qualifications.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

Mike Waltz, Mayor

INVOICE APPROVAL BY INVOICE REPORT FOR CITY OF MASON
EXP CHECK RUN DATES 08/17/2015 - 09/09/2015
BOTH JOURNALIZED AND UNJOURNALIZED
BOTH OPEN AND PAID
COUNCIL REPORT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Vendor Code / Invoice / GL Number	Vendor Name / Invoice Description / GL Description	Invoice Date	Amount	
07480	ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY, P.C.			
EL-24107	AUDIT FIELDWORK 6/30/2015	09/08/2015		
101-101.00-807.000	AUDIT FIELDWORK 6/30/2015		13,100.00	
248-000.00-807.000	AUDIT FIELDWORK 6/30/2015		800.00	
250-691.00-807.000	AUDIT FIELDWORK 6/30/2015		1,800.00	
			15,700.00	
		VENDOR TOTAL:		15,700.00
07800	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN			
G#7029499 DIV#001	SEPT INS RETIREES ~ CITY EXPENSE	08/18/2015		
101-855.00-874.001	SEPT INS RETIREES ~ CITY EXPENSE		5,368.54	
G#7029499710D#000	SEPT HEALTH INSURANCE ~ CITY EXPENSE	08/18/2015		
750-000.00-231.015	SEPT HEALTH INSURANCE ~ CITY EXPENSE		15,119.42	
		VENDOR TOTAL:		20,487.96
06474	CONSUMERS ENERGY			
SEPT 2015	GAS & ELECTRIC 7/21 - 8/18	09/01/2015		
101-265.00-920.000	GAS & ELECTRIC 7/21 - 8/18		6,195.73	
592-559.00-920.000	ELECTRIC 7/21 - 8/18		6,046.17	
			12,241.90	
SEPT 2015	ELECTRIC 7/23 - 8/20	09/08/2015		
592-555.00-920.000	ELECTRIC 7/23 - 8/20		9,716.04	
		VENDOR TOTAL:		21,957.94
05016	GRANGER			
AUGUST 2015	AUGUST REFUSE #2313 CUSTOMERS	09/08/2015		
101-528.00-818.000	AUGUST REFUSE #2313 CUSTOMERS		28,357.38	
		VENDOR TOTAL:		28,357.38
08096	JOHNSTON NORTH AMERICA, INC			
18058	JOHNSTON VT651 STREET SWEEPER	09/08/2015		
661-000.00-138.000	JOHNSTON VT651 STREET SWEEPER		242,000.00	
		VENDOR TOTAL:		242,000.00
06993	PREIN & NEWHOF			
31301	WWTP HEADWORKS UPGRADE	09/08/2015		
592-555.00-970.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WWTP HEADWORKS		5,848.66	
		VENDOR TOTAL:		5,848.66
05363	WOLVERINE ENGINEERS INC			
20150436	WELL 9 ENGINEERING PROJ#12-0055	08/17/2015		
592-558.00-970.017	WELL 9 ENGINEERING PROJ#12-0055		6,809.27	
20150437	MAPLE ST RECONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES PROJ#14-0002	08/17/2015		
592-558.00-970.919	ENGINEERING MAPLE ST RECONSTRUCTION		39,780.00	
20150499	ALLEY ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION ~ STREET, SANITAR	09/08/2015		
203-451.00-970.211	ALLEY ENGINEERING~STREET PROJ#15-0005		2,436.00	
592-548.00-965.211	ALLEY ENGINEERING ~ SANITARY PROJ#15-005		2,679.60	
592-558.00-970.919	ALLEY ENGINEERING~STORM PROJ#15-0005		3,004.40	
			8,120.00	
		VENDOR TOTAL:		54,709.27
		TOTAL - ALL VENDORS:		389,061.21

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the above bills and expenses and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they cover expenditures of the City services and materials and are within current budget appropriations.

Patrick M Price: _____

CITY OF MASON

STAFF AGENDA REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: September 8, 2015 **Agenda Item:** 7C

AGENDA ITEM
Motion - Street Closure Request – Riverwalk Meadows Homeowners Annual Picnic

EXHIBITS
- Letter of Request – Lori A. Hagle, President, Riverwalk Meadows Homeowners Association – September 1, 2015
- Memorandum – Police Sgt. Ed Hude – September 2, 2015

STAFF REVIEW
Office of the City Clerk

SUMMARY STATEMENT
The Riverwalk Meadows neighborhood is requesting to close traffic to the Raging River cul-de-sac for addresses 408, 409, and 412, Sunday, September 20, 2015, between 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to hold its annual neighborhood picnic.

RECOMMENDED ACTION
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.

Riverwalk Meadows
Homeowners Association

September 1, 2015

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

The Riverwalk Meadows Homeowners Association requests that the cul-de-sac on the end of Raging River Road be closed during the neighborhood annual picnic. This year the picnic is scheduled for September 20th from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM and will assemble in front of the residences of 408, 409, & 412 Raging River Road. The remainder of Raging River Road would stay open for emergency and other access from the north intersections of Raging River Road and Riverwalk Drive or Raging River Road and Howell Road.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (517) 648-3174 or lhagle@fraserlawfirm.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Hagle

Lori A. Hagle, President
Riverwalk Meadows Homeowners Association

Mason Police Department

201 W. Ash St.
P.O. Box 370
Mason, MI 48854-0370

JOHN STRESSMAN
Chief of Police

Office: (517) 676-2458
Fax: (517) 244-9024
MASON_PD@ingham.org

MEMORANDUM

To: Deborah Cwiertniewicz
City Clerk

From: Sgt Ed Hude EH

Date: September 2, 2015

Ref: Riverwalk Meadows Homeowners Association Annual Picnic and Request for Street Closure

I have received the correspondence from your Office regarding the Riverwalk Meadows Homeowners Association request dated September 1, 2015. I have reviewed the request with Police Chief John Stressman. The Police Department has no objection to the closure of the cul-de-sac on the end of Raging River, with the assembly in front of 408, 409, 412 Raging River with the remainder of Raging River remaining open. A condition to the closure is that the participants must vacate a portion and or the entire roadway should an emergency develop at the addresses previously mentioned or the immediate area.

CITY OF MASON

STAFF AGENDA REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: September 8, 2015 **Agenda Item:** 8A

AGENDA ITEM
Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2015- To Authorize Monetary Reward for Information

EXHIBITS
Photos attached

STAFF REVIEW
Mason Police Department

SUMMARY STATEMENT
On August 20, 2015, an unknown person(s) defaced areas of the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail with graffiti. The graffiti included satanic symbols, hate group identification and racial epithets, all in red spray paint. 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.

Section 42-205 of the City of Mason Code of Ordinances declares graffiti a public nuisance civil infraction with a maximum fine of $1,000.

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.

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).

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Move to authorize a $1,000 cash reward for the identification and apprehension of those (persons) responsible for the graffiti damage inflicted upon the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail.

Introduced:
Second:

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
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.

Yes ( )

No ( )

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at its regular meeting held Tuesday, September 8, 2015, the original of which is part of the City Council minutes.

_____

Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk
City of Mason
Ingham County, Michigan

(1)

(2)

3

City of Mason

201 W. Ash St.
P.O. Box 370
Mason, MI 48854-0370
www.mason.mi.us

City Hall 517 676-9155
Police 517 676-2458
Fax 517 676-1330
TDD 1-800-649-3777

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
City of Mason

FROM: Patrick M. Price
Acting City Administrator

DATE: September 8, 2015

RE: Meeting with WOW! Representative

Please be advised that I contacted Dominick Silvio, General Manager of WOW! for Mid-Michigan, inviting him to a Council meeting wherein he could explain the reasons for the price increase being passed down to Mason subscribers. I believe Mr. Silvio is located in Denver, Colorado, and he advised me that he could not be available on Tuesday, September 8, but would be available for the September 21, 2015 Council meeting. This memorandum is for Council information.

PMP/meg

City of Mason

201 W. Ash St.
P.O. Box 370
Mason, MI 48854-0370
www.mason.mi.us

City Hall 517 676-9155
Police 517 676-2458
Fax 517 676-1330
TDD 1-800-649-3777

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
City of Mason

FROM: Patrick M. Price
Acting City Administrator

DATE: September 8, 2015

RE: Meeting with Jane Miles

At the last Special Meeting held by the Council on August 24, 2015, Jane Miles, who lives in the Beacon Lake Apartments, appeared at this meeting to bring to the Council's attention some faulty sidewalk. The way it was described sounded like it was on South Lansing Street, between West Ash and West Oak streets. She referred to a "bubble-like" defect in said sidewalk. I had Ken Baker, DPW Director, walk this block on both sides of South Lansing Street and he was unable to find any obvious defects, especially something "bubble-like." However, he is of the opinion that Mrs. Miles was referring to the handicapped ramps at the intersection. I can see that making some sense as to her reference to "bubble-like." I never saw it that way until now but I guess you could see these ramps as somewhat "bubble-like." I will write a letter to her explaining that the ramps are required for handicapped accessibility.

I met with Jane on Thursday, September 3, 2015, after she had made an appointment to meet. I fully expected to discuss the sidewalk issue; however, it was on another matter altogether. She had walked to City Hall on a hot, muggy day, if you remember, and I asked if she was able to get back home and she immediately responded that she could. Ten minutes later she was back at my office stating she did not have the strength to get back home. She got a ride home from the Chief of Police. Kudos to John.

PMP/meg