

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2006**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Coady, Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Kathy Revels, Finance Director/Treasurer
Joe Dean, Public Works Director
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: May 1, 2006

The Minutes of May 1, 2006 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Bruno, second by Whipple,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$67,557.45 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Elaine Ferris, Friends of the Library President, stated that they held a successful book sale and a plant sale is scheduled for this Saturday. The Friends are working hard to increase the Library Building/Renovation Fund and Ms. Ferris presented the City with a \$5,000.00 check to add to the fund.

Lynn Lindsay of 305 W. Elm, Apartment 2, introduced herself to Council and informed them that she intends to run for Ingham County Board of Commissioner seat for the 16th District.

PUBLIC HEARING

Budget FY 2006-2007

Clark opened and closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. as there were no comments.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2006-16 – Adoption of the FY 2006-2007 Budget

Resolution No. 2006-16 was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Johnson. A brief discussion was held.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2006-16
ADOPTION OF THE FY 2006-2007 BUDGET
May 15, 2006**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mason did hold a public hearing on the proposed 2006-2007 fiscal year budget on Monday, May 15, 2006 as prescribed by law: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed 2006-2007 Operating Budget herewith filed with the City Clerk, providing for the sums of \$12,298,005 for expenditures for municipal purposes for General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, Trust and Agency Funds, Enterprise Funds, Intergovernmental funds, and Special Assessment Funds for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, and that of the said amount the sum of \$2,770,325 shall be raised by taxes, or a levy of 13.25 mills, upon real and personal property of the City of Mason; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that whereas the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budget for 2006-2007 is forwarded to the City Council for its approval, and whereas the captured State Equalization Taxable Valuation for the DDA District is \$2,814,202, the sum of \$33,560 shall be placed in the DDA Fund along with other taxing jurisdictions' appropriate tax dollar amounts, and together this money will be used for future public improvements within the District, and bond payments; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that whereas the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) budget for 2006-2007 is forwarded to the City Council for its approval, and whereas the captured State Equalization Taxable Valuation for the LDFA District is \$27,698,502; the sum of \$164,595 shall be placed in the LDFA Fund along with other taxing jurisdictions' appropriate tax dollar amounts, and together this money will be used for future public improvements within the District, and bond payments; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the 2006-2007 Governmental Fund Budgets shall be automatically amended on July 1, 2006 to re-appropriate encumbrances outstanding and reserved on June 30, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mason hereby adopts the 2006-2007 proposed fiscal year budget which is currently on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Yes (7) Bruno, Clark, Coady, Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple
No (0)

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 Monday, May 15, 2006 the original of which is part of the Council's minutes.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk
City of Mason
County of Ingham

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2006-17 – Fire Works Display Agreement

Resolution No. 2006-17 was introduced by Johnson and seconded by Bruno.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2006-17**

FIREWORKS DISPLAY AGREEMENT

May 15, 2006

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Mason that it does hereby grant permission to the Mason Fire Department to hold a fireworks display on the evening of July 4, 2006 in conjunction with the annual Fourth of July celebration at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lease agreement with the Ingham County Fair Grounds be signed by the Mayor on behalf of the City of Mason for use of the facilities that day.

Yes (7) Bruno, Clark, Coady, Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple
No: (0)

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Martin A. Colburn, Clerk
City of Mason
Ingham County, Michigan

Bid – Tank Replacement for Tanker 807

Colburn stated that the water tank of Tanker 807 has developed a leak and needs repair. It is difficult to hold a public bid because the apparatus has to be taken to the vendor for assessment.

Chief Scutt is requesting that the public bid process be waived and of the several quotes that were submitted, is recommending to accept the quote from H&H Welding & Repair.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Johnson,
to waive the public bid process and approve the repair of the tank for Tanker 807
to H&H Welding & Repair for \$15,570.00.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion – Public Water Treatment Survey

Discussion was held to mail the proposed survey regarding public water treatment to each water customer in the City with a stamped return envelope to the City, followed by a reminder post card two weeks later. Data entry will be done twice and compared for accuracy. A brief discussion ensued and edits were made to the survey. Mulvany stated that he is opposed for several reasons, including that he feels there is not enough information to make a decision and costs are unknown.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Bruno,
to move forward with the survey as amended.
Yes (6) Bruno, Clark, Coady, Johnson, Naeyaert, Whipple
No (1) Mulvany
MOTION APPROVED

Discussion – Storm Water Stub Connection

Johnson stated that he became aware that it is planned to install sump pump collector drains along Foxview and Middlebury in conjunction with the current year's street plan. He questioned whether the installation of storm drain stubs were recommended as Phase II requirements, and if they were needed. He spoke with DEQ representative, Christi Alwin today, who administers the storm water program. He asked her if the City of Mason was in full compliance with Phase II regulations, and she responded that the City is in compliance and that there is no action plan in place. He feels that installing storm drains on Foxview and Middlebury is not necessary.

Joe Dean stated that he has talked with Christe Alwin of DEQ. He told her the city's intent to install sump pump collectors, meaning footing tile. She told him that connecting their sump pump was an illicit discharge under Phase II and he respectfully corrected her and explained that the EPA has exemptions in their guidelines. She consulted her supervisor and called Mr. Dean back and thanked him. Dean stated that connection to the sanitary system by sump pumps and

footing tiles had been identified as a significant contributor to inflow as far back as 1974. Other studies and review of literature support this conclusion. Last year he recommended that the city begin to provide places for sump pump connections. He did not intend to put a service to a property and make them connect at this time. He does not feel that every resident will need to. He also talked with Mr. Tim Benton, the DEQ District Supervisor for the Lansing area, regarding his conversation with Ms. Alwin, as he was concerned about misinformation.

A lengthy discussion ensued. It was discussed to verify if there is any residence that is not complying.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Whipple,
to defer action on the storm water work for Foxview and Middlebury until it is
verified whether homes are in compliance or not with storm water discharge.

MOTION by Coady, second by Whipple,
to amend the main motion by setting June 15, 2006 as the completion
date for the home inspections.

Yes (7) Bruno, Clark, Coady, Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple

No (0)

AMENDMENT APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Yes (7) Bruno, Clark, Coady, Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple

No (0)

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Further discussion was held regarding inspection of individual homes to assess.

Council recognized resident Marty Sekrenes. He thanked the Council for everything that they are doing for the Foxview and Middlebury residents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Naeyaert asked if a letter and the funding proposal that was forwarded to DEQ was sent to the State Senator and State Representative. Colburn stated that one would be forwarded to them.

Mulvany asked if it is known if there are other communities dealing with the same drinking water issues. Naeyaert responded that she has researched this as part of her job; although Mason is not the only community affected, at this time the problem is being defined. Further discussion was held. Bruno stated that he spoke with Mr. Brown, of the DEQ drinking water division, who informed him that there are three other communities in the State of Michigan dealing with an exceeding level of radionuclide.

Clark stated that he, Councilmember Coady, and Administrator Colburn had an encouraging meeting with the Palmer family regarding the proposal to rename Hayes Park; they will contact Mr. Colburn once they have consulted with their family regarding options that were offered for renaming Hayes Park.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Coady informed the Council regarding Planning Commission business.

Johnson informed Council that the event held at the Skate Park sponsored by the Mason Community Asset Builders (MCAB) went well.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

David Rocky of 10 Avimore Drive stated that he read Wolverine Engineer's Drinking Water Proposals and he appreciated what he heard tonight and efforts for the survey seem right on the mark. A brief discussion was held regarding the proposal.

Heather Durand of 351 E. Bailey stated that she is the President of the Bailey Park Condo Association and a member of the bar. Ms. Durand asked several questions regarding the drinking water mandates and a brief discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor