

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2006**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Naeyaert 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: June 19, 2006**

The Minutes of June 19, 2006 were approved as corrected.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Whipple, second by Coady,  
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$54,333.16 as submitted.  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2006-24 – Demolition of 510 S. Park Street**

Resolution No. 2006-24 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Johnson. Johnson stated that if a public bid had been conducted, a better quote could have been acquired; therefore, he would be voting no regarding this resolution. Clark stated that it was the consensus of the Council [insert] *at a previous meeting* to waive the bid process, and directed staff to obtain a quote from Sherrell's Excavating based on the bids that were solicited last year for the demolition of 502 S. Park Street.

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2006-24  
RESOLUTION TO PROCEED – REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE  
LOCATED AT 510 S. PARK STREET  
July 5, 2006**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason purchased the property at 510 S. Park Street, February 17, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason had an Environmental Site Assessment Review and found the need to remove asbestos, in this structure; and

**WHEREAS**, asbestos abatement in this structure is set for July 13, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the structure on the site is not usable in its current condition and it is in the best interest of the City to demolish it; and

**WHEREAS**, the city followed a previous quote process for the demolition of 502 S. Park Street and found Sherrell's Excavating the lowest bidder.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mason City Council waives the public bid process and accepts the quote for the demolition and removal of the structure and parking lot located at 510 S. Park Street from Sherrell's Excavating, Inc. for \$17,800.

Yes (5) Clark, Coady, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple  
No (2) Bruno, Johnson

**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 Wednesday, July 5, 2006 the original of which is part of the City Council minutes.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVED

### **Discussion – Water Treatment Plant**

Discussion was held regarding several aspects of water treatment to satisfy the radium level issue including the timeline, conducting a simulated test, and financial issues including, whether to negotiate the cost of the pilot project plan. Also, it was debated whether a Request for Proposals (RFP) should be conducted, rather than continuing with the current team of engineers.

MOTION by Coady, second by Whipple,  
to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate with the current consultants, Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors, Inc., Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd., and Layne Christensen Company, to proceed with the abbreviated Pilot Study to verify the information and meet the MDEQ expectations, not to exceed \$14,000.00.

Discussion followed whether to negotiate the cost of the pilot project plan or to approve the expenditure.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Coady,  
to amend the main motion by striking the word negotiate, and authorize the expenditure up to 14,000.00 for the abbreviated Pilot Study.  
AMENDMENT APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

VOTE ON THE AMENDED MOTION:  
AMENDED MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Further discussion ensued regarding whether a RFP should be pursued.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Bruno,  
to direct staff to prepare and process a RFP for the design and inspection phase of the centralized HMO water treatment.

Discussion followed regarding the cost involved with a RFP process. Coady stated that she is opposed to the RFP process in this situation because she is pleased with the consulting team, and the timeline set by federal regulations is very tight. Whipple stated that he concurred; in addition, Jones & Henry is well respected in water treatment and the city selected them for the waste water treatment project; consequently, he would vote against the motion he made. Bruno stated that he feels it is advantageous to follow the RFP process. Further discussion ensued.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:**

Yes (3) Bruno, Clark, Johnson,

No (4) Coady, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple

MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Whipple, second by Coady,

to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a price for the design and inspection phase of the centralized HMO water treatment system.

Yes (5) Clark, Coady, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple

No (2) Bruno, Johnson

MOTION APPROVED

**Report – Assessing Practices**

Councilmember Johnson had asked that a representative of the contracted assessing firm would explain how they conduct residential appraisals. Colburn affirmed the submitted report stating that Mark MacDermaid of LandMark Appraisal Company had prior plans for July 5. He will be available for the next regular meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Naeyaert informed the Council that she will be attending a conference July 17<sup>th</sup> and will be absent from the regular meeting.

MOTION by Coady, second by Whipple,

to excuse Councilmember Naeyaert from the July 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Naeyaert commended Mayor Clark and Councilmember Whipple, both firefighters, for their role in preparing for the annual fire works display, along with many other Mason Firefighters that annually stage and manage fire works for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. She recognized the High School Soccer Team for their participation in the World Cup Soccer Tournament.
- Clark stated that the fire works show is funded solely on contributions. He asked that the City Administrator thank Chief Stressman for his efforts and participation.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

- Johnson informed Council regarding Traffic Commission business. Clark requested that the Traffic Commission would be asked to consider parking along South Street between McRoberts and Cedar Streets.
- Coady informed Council regarding the first meeting of the Sign Ordinance ad hoc committee.
- Mulvany informed Council regarding Historic District Commission business.
- Clark informed Council regarding Local Development Finance Authority business.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business. He recommended making a public statement opposing the Capital Area District Library (CADL) millage request on the Primary Election ballot due to their refusal to assist local libraries with capital projects. It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to provide a resolution stating the Council's position for the next regular meeting agenda.

Council requested that staff provide a time line for the proposed city hall project.

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Coady, second by Whipple,  
To adjourn to executive session to discuss a matter involving the AFSCME Contract Negotiations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

No (0)

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:01 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Coady,  
to amend the agenda by adding, Item 14, Motion – Authorization to Renegotiate Health Care for the AFSME Contract.

Yes (5) Clark, Coady, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple

No (2) Bruno, Johnson

**MOTION APPROVED**

MOTION by Whipple, second by Coady,  
to authorize staff to renegotiate health care for the AFSME contract.

Yes (6) Clark, Coady, Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple

No (1) Bruno

**MOTION APPROVED**

Being that there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Leon Clark, Mayor