

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2007**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Clark, Coady, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Whipple  
Excused: Bruno, Mulvany  
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator  
Kathy Revels, Finance Director  
David Haywood, Zoning and Planning Director  
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney  
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: February 19, 2007**

Motion by Coady, second by Preadmore,  
to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2007 with the following amendments: page two,  
under Presentation Budget, last sentence, strike *informed* and insert *confirmed*, and strike *is*  
and insert *had been*.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Preadmore,  
To approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$94,294.22 as submitted.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Don Gailey, Mason Fire Department Member, stated that during a recent trip he stopped to visit the Stone County, Mississippi Fire Department. Following Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Gailey spearheaded acquiring a used truck, and with donations of area Fire Departments, he painted and outfitted the truck, donating it and other equipment to the devastated Fire Department. They are using it every day and extended their thanks to the Mason City Council.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2007-08 – Resolution to Accept the Sanitary Sewer Easement for Temple Street**

Resolution No. 2007-08 was introduced by Preadmore and seconded by Coady.

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 08  
Resolution to Accept the Sanitary Sewer Easement for Temple Street  
March 5, 2007**

**WHEREAS**, Temple Street was constructed in 2005 for the future benefit of the City of Mason and approved as a public street on September 18, 2006 by Resolution No. 2006-36; and

**WHEREAS**, a sanitary sewer system was constructed to the design and specifications approved by the City of Mason and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to serve the properties adjacent to the street and for future development; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Mason to acquire a permanent easement for the maintenance of the sanitary sewer system from the Arthur W. Jewett Trust and the Alice L. Jewett Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney has reviewed the easement agreement for form and the City Engineer has approved the easement description.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mason City Council does hereby authorize the City Mayor and the City Administrator to execute and record the easement with the Ingham County Register of Deeds on behalf of the City of Mason.

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

No (0)

Absent (2) Bruno, Mulvany

**RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Annual Report – Zoning and Development Director, David Haywood**

Haywood gave a brief presentation regarding building permits and enforcement activity for the past year.

Motion by Coady, second by Whipple,

to accept the 2006 Zoning & Development Annual Report and place it on file.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion – Mason Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Events**

Doug Klein, MACC Executive Director, spoke briefly about this year's annual community events and the letter of request he submitted, outlining street closures, use of equipment, electrical power, and the waiver of permits and fees.

Motion by Naeyaert, second by Whipple,

to approve the request as outlined in the letter from Doug Klein, MACC Executive Director, dated February 12, 2007, for street closures use of equipment, electrical power, and waiver of permits and fees for the annual community events.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion – Directory of Charges**

Staff is recommending amendments to the Directory of Charges for cemetery rates, Laylin Park pavilion rental, and the non-resident fee for recreational league fees.

Motion by Whipple, second by Naeyaert,

To consider the recreational league fees separately, and to allow Councilmember Whipple to abstain from voting on this issue due to a financial interest.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Whipple requested to approach the public podium and address Council. He stated that he is the new Mason Softball Association League Director. Recently taking the position, he has learned that the five dollar non-resident fee is problematic for the leagues to manage. He informed Council that the elimination of the fee would not affect the coffers of the Association, because it is entirely passed on to the City. The organization is suffering due to lack of interest, and elimination of the fee may make a difference to help increase participation and the existence of the organization.

Motion by Preadmore, second by Coady,

To remove the \$5.00 non-resident fee for the recreational league fees effective March 5, 2007.

Yes (4) Clark, Coady, Naeyaert, Preadmore

No (0)

Abstain (1) Whipple

Absent (2) Bruno, Mulvany

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Preadmore, second by, Naeyaert,  
To approve the increase for cemetery rates as recommended by the Mason  
Cemetery Trustee Board at its January 31, 2007 meeting, effective July 1, 2007, and  
establish the pavilion rental fee of \$15.00, effective March 5, 2007.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**Presentation – MML – Revenue Sharing**

Council viewed an informational video presentation from the Michigan Municipal League (MML).

Motion by Whipple, second by Naeyaert,  
to instruct the City Administrator to inquire about obtaining a copy of the MML  
presentation regarding revenue sharing to run on the City's governmental cable  
channel.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

No reports were given at this time.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business. He announced that in honor of Joe Dean's retirement, a party is planned for Friday, March 7, 2007. He commended Joe's 34 years of dedicated service to the City and its residents.

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Regina Bell, External Affairs for AT&T, informed Council regarding AT&T's competitive grant program, "The Accelerator Program," that allows organizations to apply and receive funding to help meet their technological needs. She presented a \$15,000.00 check to Mary Reed, Director of Fund Development for Child & Family Services and Mayor Pro Tem Naeyaert, Development for Child & Family Services Board Member. Ms. Reed stated that the grant money would be used to revamp and update their website.

Toby Mohlman of 725 S. Barnes Street shared recycling information he has acquired with Council and requested that they consider current legislation offering grants that will help communities generate revenues and economic development.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Leon Clark, Mayor