

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:36 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: Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple  
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: September 4, 2007**

The Minutes of September 4, 2007 were approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Bruno,  
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$138,199.47 as submitted.  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Ordinance No. 159 – Signs – Second Reading and Adoption**

MOTION by Bruno, second by Preadmore,  
To consider Ordinance No. 159 read for the second time and adopted.

A brief discussion was held regarding amendments to the draft ordinance.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Bruno,  
to amend Ordinance No. 159 as presented in the council packet with  
the following four changes:

- 1) Page 11 - do not include changes to Section 127 (b)(4)(c).
- 2) Page 6 – strike the changes in Division 3 except for the changes  
on page 7 to Section 58-87.
- 3) Page 4 – Section 37(b), second line, insert the word “sign” before  
the word “board.”
- 4) Page 1 – Section 1-2 Definitions, at “[insert date]” insert “October  
15, 2007.”

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

A brief discussion ensued whether the appellate body for signs would function better through the Building Board Code of Appeals and the addition of two business persons, or through the Zoning Board of Appeals. Haywood was asked to provide a recommendation regarding the matter. He stated that he would recommend the Zoning Board of Appeals because the procedure is already in place and it deals with dimensional variances routinely.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Preadmore,  
to amend Ordinance No. 159, Division 3, to establish the Zoning Board  
of Appeals as the Sign Board of Appeals.  
Yes (2) Preadmore, Whipple  
No (5) Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Waltz  
MOTION FAILED

A brief discussion ensued regarding the dimensions of projected signs.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Naeyaert,  
to amend Ordinance No. 159, Section 58-127(b)(4)(c) to allow  
projection signs up to twelve square feet with no more than four foot  
projection.  
Yes (1) Whipple  
No (6) Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Waltz  
MOTION FAILED

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION:  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**Resolution No. 2007-45 – Resolution to Provide Signature Authority for MDOT  
Contract to M-36 Cedar and Ash Streets**

Resolution No. 2007- 45 was introduced by Preadmore and seconded by Whipple.

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2007-45  
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR  
MDOT CONTRACT TO M-36 CEDAR AND ASH STREETS  
September 17, 2007**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason has requested to participate with a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project on the M-36, known as Federal Project EBSL 0733(55); Contract 07-5398; and

**WHEREAS**, the project consists of remilling M-36 along Cedar Street from Legion Drive to Ash Street and Ash Street from Cedar Street to Dexter Trail, the majority being within the corporate city limits of Mason; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason is participating with sanitary sewer repairs and watermain upgrading and replacement; all together with necessary related work within the corporate city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason is participating with an MDOT Enhancement Grant which includes federal, state and local participation including tree planting, decorative lighting between Kerns Road and Curtis Street; together with necessary related work within the corporate city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Transportation will administer city components of the project including watermain and sanitary improvements as well as the MDOT Enhancement Grant at an estimated cost of \$650,600 to the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Mason that Martin A. Colburn, City Administrator is the authorized signatory on behalf of the City of Mason, the Requesting Party, for the infrastructure project costs and federal funding grant contracts with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

**RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mulvany commented on the success of the Farmer's Market, although there were fewer vendors involved this year. He stated that the fee should be eliminated in the future budget. He praised the Thursday Night Live event and suggested that Council send a letter of commendation to the Mason High School Band and Director for their performance. Naeyaert received correspondence from the neighborhoods of E. Oak and E. Elm Streets regarding parking issues since the beginning of the new school year. After a brief discussion, it was determined that this issue should be referred to the Police Department. Whipple asked about the sewer backup that occurred on Columbia last week. Colburn stated that last Tuesday a manhole was installed with a faulty pipe. When it was tamped down the pipe was crushed and caused a blockage, resulting in a sewage backup for two residents on Columbia. A brief discussion ensued regarding notice of work sessions prior to the packet delivery. Waltz stated that he presented Eagle Scout Logan C. Pecinovsky with a mayoral proclamation. Clark commended Administrator Colburn's physical involvement in all areas of city issues. He also commended the Police Department, specifically, Corporal Detective Lynne Mark's involvement in solving the recent string of breaking and entering cases and Police Officer Reckling who apprehended the kidnapper who attempted to lure a child.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Naeyaert informed Council regarding current Planning Commission business. Clark informed Council regarding current Downtown Development Authority business.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

### **PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Leon Clark, Mayor