

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2007**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Waltz led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple  
Also present: Kathy Revels, Finance Director  
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: September 17, 2007**

The Minutes of September 17, 2007 were approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Whipple, second by Preadmore,  
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$226,732.14 as submitted.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Judge Tom Boyd of the 55<sup>th</sup> District Court spoke regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month and provided a handout depicting the key differences between domestic assault and assault and battery.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Motion – Appoint Delegate Representative to Attend MERS Premier Health Annual Meeting**

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Whipple,  
to appoint Kathy Revels as the City of Mason's delegate representative to the MERS Premier Health 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Board Meeting to be held October 23, and Eric Smith as the alternate.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**Motion – Amend the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget**

MOTION by Whipple, second by Naeyaert,  
to amend the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

the issue

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Naeyaert stated she was informed by residents of the E. Elm Street and E. Oak Street neighborhood that Police Officers have rectified illegal parking by patrolling the area. Whipple stated he had a prepared statement he wanted to read to the Council regarding reissue of arrest for himself and Dennis Whipple by the county prosecutor's office in connection with events that occurred on the evening of December 8, 2006 at the Mason Jar, Pub & Grub. Mayor Clark interrupted Whipple while he was reading the statement and stated that the comments regarding the Mason Police Department's investigation was not related to Council business and there was no representation of the Police Department present to respond to his statements. A general

statement would be appropriate, but this meeting was not the proper forum. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Rules of Order. Whipple stated that it became Council business when others asked him to resign his seat; he is explaining his position. Clark maintained that this is not Council business and Whipple was out of order.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Preadmore,  
to challenge the decision of the Chair in accordance with the Rules of Order.

It was stated that an affirmative vote supports the Mayor's decision.

Yes (5) Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Waltz  
No (2) Preadmore, Whipple  
MOTION APPROVED

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Mulvany informed Council regarding current Historic District Commission business.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of Administrator Colburn, Revels informed Council regarding current city business.

### **PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Russ Whipple of 322 Lawton Street finished reading his prepared statement at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Leon Clark, Mayor