

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2008**

Naeyaert 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: Bruno, Naeyaert, Mulvany, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple
Absent: Councilmember: Clark
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

MOTION by Bruno, second by Waltz,
To excuse the absence of Mayor Leon Clark for the April 21, 2008 meeting.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: April 7, 2008

The Minutes of April 7, 2008 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Preadmore, second by Whipple,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$371,125.37 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2008-16 – Mayoral Appointment to the Planning Commission

Resolution No. 2008-16 was introduced by Preadmore and seconded by Mulvany.
Mayor Pro Tem Naeyaert introduced Mr. Matthew Smith.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2008-16
April 21, 2008
MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, a resignation created a vacancy on the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the term of the vacancy expires on December 31, 2008;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, does hereby appoint Matthew Tolbert Smith to the Planning Commission of the city to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, commencing April 21, 2008.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2008-17 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Mason to Participate with the Michigan Department of Transportation on a Request for a Category III Type Traffic Signal with Mast Arms at the Intersection of M-36 (Ash Street) and Jefferson Street

Resolution No. 2008-17 was introduced by Mulvany and seconded by Preadmore.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Waltz,
to defer discussion regarding proposed Resolution No. 2008-17 to the next

regular meeting to allow consideration of the control cabinet location.

Colburn stated that he asked MDOT about the size of the control cabinet and was told that until it is designed, they are unable to say. However, they will only begin design once they have received an official request by City Council.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yes (2) Bruno, Waltz

No (4) Mulvany, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Whipple

Absent (1) Clark

MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Whipple, second by Bruno,
to amend Resolution No. 2008-17 in the fifth “whereas” by striking the
words following “right-of-way” and inserting, “at a location mutually
agreed upon by the City and MDOT.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

A brief discussion was held regarding the exterior façade of the traffic signal poles and control cabinet. It was the consensus of the Council that Administrator Colburn would report back regarding MDOT’s material and paint standard for traffic signal poles and control cabinets.

CITY OF MASON

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2008-17

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MASON TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) ON A REQUEST FOR A
CATEGORY III TYPE TRAFFIC SIGNAL WITH MAST ARMS AT THE INTERSECTION OF M-36
(ASH STREET) AND JEFFERSON STREET**

April 21, 2008

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has included “Box Span” traffic signal improvements for the intersection of M-36 (Ash Street) and Jefferson Street in their construction program for the summer of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is requesting consideration of replacing a “Box Span” traffic signal with a Category III type traffic signal with mast arms; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason understands that it would be responsible for future inspection costs associated with Category III type traffic signal poles with mast arms; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the two traffic signal poles, arms and pedestals will be painted black; and

WHEREAS, the electrical cabinet will be located in city right-of-way at a location mutually agreed upon by both the City and MDOT; and

WHEREAS, the MDOT will design the Category III traffic signal and provide the City of Mason a project estimate, reducing the project cost to the city by the original expenses of a “Box Span” traffic signal system prior to final acceptance of an agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council endorses the request to participate with the MDOT with a Category III type traffic signal with mast arms, painted black, and future inspection costs at the M-36 (Ash Street) and Jefferson Street intersection.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Street Closure - Mason Farmers Market Association, Inc.

Elaine Ferris, Mason Farmers Market Association President, stated that the Association was requesting approval to close E. Maple Street between S. Barnes Street and the west edge of

the Ingham County Hilliard Building to hold the annual Farmers Market on Saturday mornings July 12, through September 27 of 2008, between 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This year they will begin the season with a "Flag Day Market Preview" on June 14, during the same hours.

MOTION by Preadmore, second by Mulvany,
to approve the closure of the 100 block of E. Maple Street on Saturday mornings
June 14, and July 12, through September 27, 2008, between the hours of 6:00
a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to allow the Mason Farmers Market Association, Inc. to hold
the annual Farmers Market.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Proclamation – Arbor Day

Bruno informed Council that it is the seventeenth year Mason has received national recognition as Tree City USA by the Department of Natural Resources. To maintain "Tree City" status, four out of six category standards set by the Foundation must be met each year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Whipple informed Council that the Mason Firefighters Association will hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser May 17.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Preadmore,
to authorize the Mason Fire Fighters Association to post a sign advertising a
pancake breakfast on city owned property in front of the Fire Station between
April 22 and May 17, 2008.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Bruno informed Council regarding current Tree Commission business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor