

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2008**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Naeyaert, Mulvany, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator/Clerk
Kathy Revels, Finance Director/Treasurer
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: April 19, 2008

The Minutes of April 19, 2008, were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Bruno, second by Preadmore,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$73,403.92 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2008-2009 Budget

Clark opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. Colburn gave an overview of the FY 2008-2009 Budget. Judge Tom Boyd asked to comment on a non-budget item as he arrived late and missed the opportunity to address Council during the appropriate agenda item, people from the floor. Clark denied the request due to the public hearing format being restricted to the purpose of the hearing. Discussion ensued. Clark closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m. as there were no comments from the public.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2008-18 – Adoption of the FY 2008/2009 Budget

Resolution No. 2008-18 was introduced by Waltz seconded by Preadmore.

MOTION by Preadmore, second by Whipple,
to amend the Budget by increasing the Fire Department's line item for personal protective equipment to \$43,300.00 for the purchase 20 sets of turn out gear.

A lengthy discussion was held whether to accelerate the budget plan to provide turn out gear for all of the frontline fire fighters this year rather than purchasing half in the 2008-2009 budget cycle and the remainder in the 2009-2010 budget cycle. Preadmore provided a graphic analysis depicting the current condition of each item of gear, a comparison of the proposed replacement plan, and the proposed amendment.

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION:
Yes (2) Preadmore, Whipple
No (5) Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Waltz
MOTION FAILED

Naeyaert commended Administrator/Clerk Colburn and Finance Director/Treasurer Revels on the Budget; Bruno and Waltz echoed the sentiments.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2008-18
ADOPTION OF THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET
May 5, 2008**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mason did hold a public hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 fiscal year budget on Monday, May 5, 2008 as prescribed by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed 2008-2009 Operating Budget is filed with the City Clerk, providing for the sums of \$12,022,700 to expend for municipal purposes of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, Trust and Agency Funds, Enterprise Funds, Intergovernmental funds, and Special Assessment Funds for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, and the said amount of \$3,059,370 shall be raised by taxes, or a levy of 13.25 mills, upon real and personal property of the City of Mason; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that whereas the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budget for 2008-2009 is forwarded to the City Council for its approval, and whereas the captured State Taxable Valuation for the DDA District is \$3,464,935, the sum of \$42,845 shall be placed in the DDA Fund along with other taxing jurisdictions' appropriate tax dollar amounts, and together this money will be used for future public improvements within the District, and bond payments; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that whereas the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) budget for 2008-2009 is forwarded to the City Council for its approval, and whereas the captured State Taxable Valuation for the LDFA District is \$34,871,414; the sum of \$151,879 shall be placed in the LDFA Fund along with other taxing jurisdictions' appropriate tax dollar amounts, and together this money will be used for future public improvements within the District, and bond payments; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the 2008-2009 Governmental Fund Budgets shall be automatically amended on July 1, 2008 to re-appropriate encumbrances outstanding and reserved on June 30, 2008; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mason hereby adopts the 2008-2009 proposed fiscal year budget which is currently on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

At this time, it was the consensus of Council to allow Judge Boyd to address the Council. Judge Tom Boyd, Chief Judge of the 55th District Court, gave a brief report regarding the results of the Operation Night Hawk and thanked the Mason Police Department for their participation.

Motion – Bid – Audit Services

Revels gave a brief overview of the bids submitted for auditing services.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Whipple,
to approve the three year auditing services bid from Abraham & Gaffney for not more than \$55,500 with an option for the following two years as quoted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Street Closure – Rayner Ponds Estates Community Association

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Preadmore,
to approve the request to close Charrington Court at Wildemere Drive, Friday, June 20, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to hold a neighborhood social, and in the event of inclement weather, June 27.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion – Federal Appropriation Request – Water Treatment Plant – Rolly Olney

Public Works Director Olney has served on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Rural Water Association for the past twelve years and has served for the past nine years as a National Director for Michigan on the National Rural Water Board. Each year the Association travels to Washington to lobby for appropriations for the Association. He may invite one elected official as a guest and asked Mayor Clark to attend with him to share the small town perspective with the Board and promote Mason's request for federal appropriations for the unfunded mandate of the new water treatment plant. Mayor Pro Tem Naeyaert and Administrator Colburn traveled to Washington D.C. at this time, as well, to lobby on behalf of the City. Between them, they were able to meet with all seventeen members of the Michigan Delegation as well as various members of the Federal Appropriations Committee.

Clark informed Council about events of the trip to Washington D.C. and thanked Public Works Director Rolly Olney for the opportunity he provided him to attend. He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Naeyaert for scheduling appointments and keeping them in pace with them. Naeyaert informed Council regarding the meetings. Colburn thanked Council for pursuing this course of action and he recognized the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for using personal vacation time to serve their community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mulvany provided photos of an intersection in Downtown Marshal depicting the box span traffic signals and stated that would not be obtrusive and thinks that it would be a better choice than paying for the upgrade of mast arm poles.

Bruno recalled that Drain Commissioner Lindemann addressed Council May 21, 2007, to inform them of the plans for Rayner Creek in the upcoming year and asked about the progress. Colburn recently met with Mr. Lindemann and he told him he is conducting an analysis at this time and intends to begin with the area of Bond Park.

Clark informed Council that the new audio system was used this weekend to fill downtown with music during shopping hours in preparation of Spring Fling. Positive comments have been received from downtown shoppers. Also, he thanked the Tree Commission and commended their honoree selection, the late Mr. Evans.

NEW BUSINESS

Waltz informed Council regarding the invitation for the Mason Promise Scholarship this Wednesday.

Whipple asked about the planting standard for neighborhood street trees. He stated concern that dwarf ornamental trees are being planted as a standard rather than a tree that will provide shade and a canopy. Colburn stated that dwarf trees are being planted to prevent butchering canopy trees that interfere with electrical lines.

Naeyaert stated that two liaison reports were omitted from the April 21, 2008, Minutes.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Bruno,
to amend the April 21, 2008, Minutes under liaison reports by inserting the Capital Area District Library update given by Councilmember Waltz and the Planning Commission report given by Councilmember Naeyaert.

MOTIN APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Clark informed Council that the Sycamore Creek clean-up held last Saturday was very successful. Also, he and Administrator Colburn met with Paul Steinman, Manager of Transportation Service Center, and Ronald DeCook, Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs, for Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), to discuss current projects.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mulvany informed Council regarding current Historic District Commission business. Bruno informed Council regarding current Tree Commission business and the Arbor Day Celebration at Laylin Park.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor