

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2008**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Eric Smith, Asst. Finance Director
Kerry Minshall, Fire Chief
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Deborah Cwiertniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: June 16, 2008

The Minutes of June 16, 2008 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Preadmore
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$342,433.69 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Elaine Ferris, Friends of the Library President, stated support of the Capital Area District Library (CADL) millage request on the August 5, ballot.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2008-28 – Change Authorization for the Standard Streetlighting Contract Between the City and Consumers Energy Company

Resolution No. 2008-28 was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Waltz.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2008-28
RESOLUTION TO CHANGE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE STANDARD STREETLIGHTING
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
JULY 7, 2008**

WHEREAS, it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the street lighting service as provided in the Standard Street Lighting Contract between the Company and the City of Mason, dated October 28, 1977, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Streetlighting for the installation of five (5) streetlights on the entrance drive to the Water Treatment Plant, heretofore submitted to and considered by the Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Clerk be and is authorized to execute such authorization for change on behalf of the City of Mason.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2008-29 – Approval to Purchase a 2008 Chevrolet Impala to Replace the Police Detective Car

Resolution No. 2008-29 was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Waltz.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2008-29
APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 2008 CHEVROLET IMPALA
TO REPLACE THE POLICE DETECTIVE CAR
July 7, 2008**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Mason to schedule the replacement of vehicles within the motor vehicle pool; and

WHEREAS, the scheduled replacement of the police detective car was planned for in the approved Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council does hereby approve the purchase of one (1) Chevrolet 2008 Impala police package car for \$18,434.00 from Shaheen Chevrolet.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION – Waive Bid Process to Purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Ensembles for Fire Department

Minshall informed Council that in January of this year, the Mason Fire Department was notified that FEMA had approved a request under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program to purchase 20 new self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) ensembles. The grant request was originally submitted in 2003 for a total amount of \$100,000 (\$95,000 grant plus \$5,000 [5%] match) and has been renewed annually since 2003.

At the time of the original grant request and subsequent renewals, the Mason Fire Department (MFD) had 24 SCBA ensembles 19 of which were purchased in the early 90's and five of which were purchased with Tower 808 in 2001. After the last grant request renewal in early 2007, NFPA issued a new standard effective in September 2007 that resulted in it being cost prohibitive to retrofit the SCBA ensembles on T808. Therefore, it is necessary to replace all 24 SCBA ensembles owned by MFD.

The new standard also resulted in a significant increase in the cost of SCBA generally. A request by MFD to amend the approved grant to cover additional SCBA units (more than the 20 approved) was denied by FEMA. But a request by MFD to amend the approved grant to cover higher anticipated costs for SCBA was approved by FEMA, increasing the total amount to \$103,640 (\$98,458 grant plus \$5,182 [5%] match).

MFD has used Scott brand SCBA for over 25 years. Department members are comfortable with the performance of the equipment and some members are trained to perform inspections and minor repairs. Therefore, it is the preference of MFD to purchase Scott brand SCBA. The 2008-09 budget includes \$120,000 for the purchase of SCBA, which includes the City match for the FEMA grant.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Naeyaert,
to waive the bid process and approve the purchase of 24 SCBA ensembles from
West Shore Fire Supply for a total cost of \$116,416.00.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Whipple, second by Naeyaert,
to amend the agenda by moving Item No. 7(D) to the end of the meeting.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held regarding the time frame for tree stumps removal following the recent storm cleanup and distribution of the surplus compost.

NEW BUSINESS

Mulvany stated that the manhole covers are problematic following the final paving of E. Columbia. Bruno echoed his concerns and added that W. Oak and Lansing Streets water valves were below grade as well. Naeyaert informed Council regarding the emerging leaders program offered through the City of E. Lansing. Whipple and Mulvany informed staff regarding plugged catch basins.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mulvany informed Council regarding current Historic District Commission business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Preadmore, second by Whipple,
to adjourn to executive session to consider negotiations with the Fraternal Order
of Police (FOP).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes (7) Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple

No (0)

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor