

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

Clark 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, Clark, Mulvany Naeyaert, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple  
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator  
Kathy Revels, Finance Director/Treasurer  
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney  
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: October 20, 2008**

The Minutes of October 20, 2008 were approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Whipple,  
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$216,940.48 as submitted.  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Judy Whipple of 322 Lawton Street stated concern regarding the process, examination and evaluation of citizen complaints she, her husband, and her father-in-law submitted to the City. Ms. Whipple gave a detailed account of her observations on the process and outcome. She asked Council to request an independent review of the complaints, including the City Administrator.

Russ Whipple of 322 Lawton Street expressed disappointment in the way the formal complaints that he, his wife and his father submitted to the City were handled. Mr. Whipple also spoke regarding the process, examination and evaluation of the complaints in detail. He stated that he believes the City Council needs to initiate an investigation of their own, pursuant to Section 6.9 of the Charter.

Dennis Whipple of 295 N. College Road stated that he supported all the comments and observations of Judy and Russ Whipple and encouraged the Council to conduct an investigation.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Naeyaert, Waltz, and Whipple commended the Clerk's office for the successful General Election held November 4, 2008. Naeyaert stated that she is looking forward to serving on Council with Councilmembers Elect, Elaine Ferris and Barbara Tornholm.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A brief discussion was held regarding two letters of appeal from residents of the Village of Franklin Farms regarding the Planning Commission consideration to amend the special use permit and final site plan for the condominium development to allow a permanent driveway access at Northbrook.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

There were no reports at this time.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business. He commended Deputy Clerk Cwiertniewicz for the successful General Election held November 4, 2008, crediting it to the rearrangement of precincts, in addition to several other improvements that were implemented to increase efficiency and voter ease for the significant turnout.

Clark stated that citizens requested Council to take action regarding concerns expressed during people from the floor. It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Attorney, at the next regular meeting, advise what form of action should be taken.

### **PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Barb Tornholm, Council Member Elect, suggested the Council consider implementing a community garden.

### **ADOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Leon Clark, Mayor