

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

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, Ferris, Naeyaert, Tornholm, Waltz
Absent: Councilmember Preadmore
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Kathy Revels, Finance Director
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Kerry Minshall, Fire Chief
John Stressman, Chief of Police
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 19, 2009

The Minutes of January 19, 2009 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$81,169.47 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2009-04 – A Resolution Awarding A Contract Between The City Of Mason And The Christman Company To Provide The Services As Design-Builder For A New City Hall And Police Station

Colburn informed Council regarding the services and phases of the design-build process for the proposed city hall and police department. Visioning meetings will be held with the community and City Council. Norm Austin, Building Authority Board Member and former Finance Director for the City of Mason, was asked to speak regarding the history of the current city hall. He informed Council that the land was donated and the building was built to last 25 to 30 years. Discussion was held regarding whether the project would be accelerated by the fast-track method. Dennis Anderson, Building Committee Advisor, was asked to respond and stated that it was not the intention at this time to fast-track the project. Attorney McGinty added that the contract stipulates that the Owner would be informed of work being done by the formal bid procedure. Further discussion ensued.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Tornholm,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-04 as read.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-04 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Tornholm. Further discussion

was held regarding Council Member Bruno's concern for the state of the economy at this time, and possible postponement of the project until the status of the economic stimulus plan is known.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04
A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
MASON AND THE CHRISTMAN COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES
AS DESIGN-BUILDER FOR A NEW CITY HALL AND POLICE STATION
February 2, 2009**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has planned to build a city hall and police station due to current facilities being obsolete with insufficient space and aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has been reserving funds and intends to build and pay for the new facilities with current funding sources without raising any additional property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason utilized the Qualified Based Selection Process (QBS) to select a Design – Builder for professional services; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2008, Mason City Council authorized staff to negotiate a contract with The Christman Company to provide Design-Build professional services.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mason that it does hereby accept the negotiated amount of professional services inclusive of programming, architectural design and construction services.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator is provided signature authority on behalf of the city for the contract awarded to The Christman Company in the amount of \$955,989.

Yes (5) Clark, Ferris, Naeyaert, Tornholm, Waltz

No (1) Bruno

Absent (1) Preadmore

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Resolution No. 2009-05 – A Request To The Ingham County Commissioners That The Consolidated 911 Dispatch Center Be Located In Mason, Michigan, The Seat Of Ingham County Government

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-05 as read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-05 was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Naeyaert.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-05
A REQUEST TO THE INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT
THE CONSOLIDATED 911 DISPATCH CENTER BE LOCATED IN
THE INGHAM COUNTY SEAT, CITY OF MASON, MICHIGAN
FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissions has conducted studies to evaluate the potential of combining the two 911 Dispatch Centers in Lansing and East Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County has entered into a "Resolution of Intent" to enter into a Conditional Agreement with the Cities of East Lansing and Lansing for the purposes of creating an Ingham County Consolidated 911 Center, and creating a single emergency dispatch center servicing all of Ingham County.

WHEREAS, due to limitation of available 911 funds and difficult economic times, Ingham County and the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing find it necessary to proceed with this course of action to create a cost savings to all participating governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is the County Seat for Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, the site availability for the Consolidated 911 Center, which meets the necessary Homeland Security requirements, is located within the City of Mason.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council respectfully requests that the Ingham County Commissioners site the Consolidated 911 Center in the City of Mason, the County Seat of Ingham County.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-06 – Mayor’s Appointment To The Building Code Board Of Appeals

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Ferris,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-06 as read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-06 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Bruno.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06
MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT TO THE
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS
February 2, 2009**

WHEREAS, a resignation by Gordon Richards created a vacancy on the Building Code Board of Appeals; 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 Patrick Hicks to the Building Code Board of Appeals of the City commencing February 2, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

Yes (5) Bruno, Clark, Ferris, Naeyaert, Waltz

No (1) Tornholm

Absent (1) Preadmore

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

2008 Annual Report – Fire Department – Chief Kerry Minshall

Minshall presented the Mason Fire Department 2008 Annual Report.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to accept the Mason Fire Department 2008 Annual Report and place it on file.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION – Mason Area Chamber Of Commerce (MACC) Annual Events

Doug Klein, MACC Executive Director, briefly spoke regarding the request for equipment, staffing, and various street closings for the annual events sponsored by the MACC.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Ferris,
to approve the MACC request as outlined in the letter from Doug Klein, MACC Executive Director, dated January 27, 2009, for street closures, use of equipment, electrical power, and waiver of permit and fees for the annual July 4 and November 27 parades.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bruno stated that the location of the speed trailer placed at Franklin Farms Drive will be ineffectual. Staff stated that it would be relocated for an accurate analysis. Bruno also asked about delaying the extension of Franklin Farms Drive due to the appeal by Esquire Development filed with the Circuit Court. Bruno asked that the issue be on the next regular meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Waltz informed Council regarding current Historic District Commission business. Clark informed Council regarding current Downtown Development Authority business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Nena Bondarenko of 2645 Hagadorn Road and property owner in Mason thanked Mayor Clark for taking the time to explain the need to construct a new city hall and police station and stated that she thinks that Council has done their due diligence over the years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation.
Yes (6) Bruno, Clark, Ferris, Naeyaert, Tornholm, Waltz
No (0)
Absent (1) Preadmore
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:35 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor