

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:45 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
David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director
John Stressman, Chief of Police
Dennis O'Brien, Cemetery & Parks Superintendent
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Bruno,
to excuse the absence of Councilmember Preadmore for this meeting.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 2, 2009

The Minutes of February 2, 2009 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$200,179.84 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

First Reading – Ordinance No. 174 – An Ordinance to Conditionally Rezone the Property Located at 514 West Ash Street from R2F Two Family Residential to C-2 General Commercial with the Condition that the Uses on the Property be Limited to Employee Parking

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
To consider Ordinance No. 174 read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 174 was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Tornholm.

Report – 2008 Annual Report – Zoning & Development – David Haywood

Haywood presented the Zoning & Development 2008 Annual Report.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Tornholm,
to accept the 2008 Annual Report for the Zoning & Development Department and place it on file.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Report – 2008 Annual Report – Police Department – Chief John Stressman

Stressman presented the Mason Police Department 2008 Annual Report.

MOTION by Waltz, second by Naeyaert,
to accept the 2008 Annual Report for the Police Department and place it on file.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Bid – Replacement of Three Light Poles at Hayes Park

O'Brien informed Council regarding the replacement of light poles and bases for city parks that has been practiced since the early 1980's. For the past four years, American Electrical Services was contracted for this service and have proven to be skilled and reliable. They have been replacing one or two each year. However this year, 3 poles and 4 bases need replacing, which exceeds the formal bid requirement threshold. Staff is requesting Council to waive the formal bid process and accept the proposal from American Electrical Services, Inc.

MOTION by Waltz, second by Naeyaert,
to waive the formal bid process and approve the proposal from American
Electrical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$21,722.00 for the replacement of
damaged light poles, bases, and associated work.
Yes (5) Clark, Ferris, Naeyaert, Tornholm, Waltz
No (1) Bruno
Absent: (1) Preadmore
MOTION APPROVED

Motion – Request for Excused Absence – Councilmember Bruno

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to excused Council Member Bruno from the March 2nd and March 16th regular meeting.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bruno informed staff regarding a language correction to the CIP.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Naeyaert informed Council regarding current Planning 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

None.

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 8:58 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor