

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2009**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Ferris, Tornholm, Waltz
Absent: Councilmember: Naeyaert
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Deborah Cwiertniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 16, 2009

The Minutes of March 16, 2009 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Bruno, second by Waltz,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$454,445.10 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Presentation – Bruce Johnson, Executive Director – Ingham County Housing Commission

Bruce Johnston, Executive Director of the Ingham County Housing Commission spoke regarding the 25 renovated downtown loft apartments accomplished in partnership with the Ingham County Housing Commission (IHC) and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). Mr. Johnston stated that IHC is seeking additional funds to continue the program. He also stated that between the efforts of Administrator Colburn, MDSHDA, and IHC, funds have been secured to rehabilitate the downtown building located at 124 and 140 East Ash Street. He informed Council that IHC is continuing to foster more partnerships for different downtown and community projects. He stated that MSHDA has indicated to him that Mason would be a site to designate targeted home owner improvement, specifying areas that most need homeowner rehabilitation. Mr. Johnston spoke briefly regarding rental registration programs and indicated interest to participate if the City wishes to implement such a program in Mason.

Annual Report – Capital Area District Library – Barbara Faiks, Library Head

Barbara Faiks, Library Head for the Capital Area District Library (CADL) Mason Branch, gave a brief synopsis of the annual report for 2008. Sue Hill, CADL Executive Director, and CADL Board Members, Deb Bloomquist and Sally Trout were in attendance.

Motion – Street Closure – Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day event is being held by VFW Post #4309 to remember the lives sacrificed for our freedoms. This event will be held on Monday, May 25, 2009. In addition to street closures, the organization requested Council to waive all fees associated with the parade.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Tornholm,
to waive the fees associated with the Memorial Day Parade and approve the
requested street closures as submitted.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No 2009-13 - Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy

Mr. Scott Preadmore submitted a letter of resignation dated March 15, 2009. At the March 16, 2009 meeting, Council declared the seat vacant and took action to accept letters of interest for consideration at the April 6, 2009, meeting.

MOTION by Waltz, second by Tornholm,
to defer Resolution No. 2009-13 to the special meeting scheduled April 13, 2009.

Yes (4) Clark, Ferris, Tornholm, Waltz

No (1) Bruno

Absent (1) Naeyaert

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution No 2009-14 - Approval of Application for Reissue of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) with Company Name Change from Gestamp US Hardtech, Inc. to Gestamp Mason, LLC

The City has been informed by Jeffrey Wilson, President of Gestamp U.S. HardTech, regarding the merger of Gestamp US Hardtech, Inc. into Gestamp Mason, LLC. It is their intent to obtain the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) issued in 2001, 2003, 2004, and 2006 reissued in the new name.

MOTION by Waltz, second by Ferris,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-13 as read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-14 was introduced by Ferris and seconded by Waltz.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-14
APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (IFEC) WITH COMPANY NAME CHANGE FROM
GESTAMP US HARDTECH, INC. TO GESTAMP MASON, LLC
April 6, 2009**

WHEREAS, Gestamp US Hardtech, Inc. merged into Gestamp Mason, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Gestamp Mason, LLC, intends to apply for revised Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates with the City of Mason under the new name for the four existing certificates, listed as follows:

- Certificate Number 2001-561
- Certificate Number 2003-557
- Certificate Number 2004-188
- Certificate Number 2006-622; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Treasury requires approval for a name change on an existing IFEC by the local governing body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby approve the name change from Gestamp US Hardtech, Inc. to Gestamp Mason, LLC on the four existing industrial facilities exemption certificates as listed above.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No 2009-15 - Approval of Bid for Equipping Well No. 8

MOTION by Ferris, second by Waltz,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-15 as read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-15 was introduced by Ferris and seconded by Waltz.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 15
APPROVE BID FOR EQUIPPNG WELL NO. 8
April 6, 2009**

WHEREAS, it is hereby deemed advisable to equip Well No. 8 at the newly constructed Mason Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason received sealed bids on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 and said sealed bids were opened and read at that time; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the City Engineer and City staff to approve the low bid for this work submitted by Peerless-Midwest; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Mason to equip this new well at this time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Clerk be and is authorized to award the contract to Peerless-Midwest, in the amount of \$117,198.32, and execute such authorization for the equipping of Well No. 8 on behalf of the City of Mason.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION – Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Application

In accordance with the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program, the City of Mason has been requested to forward comments regarding the application submitted to the Alaiedon Township Clerk by the Oesterle Brothers.

MOTION by Tornholm, second by Waltz,
Move to direct the City Clerk to forward a letter to the Alaiedon Township Clerk stating that the City of Mason is not opposed to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application submitted by the Oesterle Brothers.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Waltz, second by Ferris,
to excuse Councilmember Naeyaert from the April 6, 2009 meeting.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Waltz informed Council that he participated with the Mason Fire Department in the controlled house burning training.

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

Victor Whipple of 863 Eaton Drive asked for clarification of the time set for the special meeting scheduled April 13, 2009. Mayor Clark responded that the meeting would be held at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor