

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2009**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Ferris, Naeyaert, Tornholm, Waltz
Absent: Councilmember: Johnson
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
David Haywood, Planning & Development Director
Ken Baker, Public Works Superintendent
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 5, 2009

The regular meeting Minutes of October 5, 2009 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$217,058.49 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No 2009-42 - A Resolution Approving a Proposal from Traffic Engineering Associates, Inc. for Traffic Engineering Services

Haywood gave a brief overview of the scope of work outlined for the City of Mason's traffic engineering services request for proposals.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-42 as read.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-42 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Bruno.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2009-42
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES
October 19, 2009**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is seeking traffic engineering services for the purpose of gaining a greater understanding of the traffic patterns, counts and safety of vehicles within the City; and

WHEREAS, a traffic study will help staff address the most immediate needs of the City's traffic circulation and prepare plans for future development; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was noticed in the Ingham County Community News on September 20, 2009 and proposals were solicited from six traffic engineering firms; and

WHEREAS, Traffic Engineering Services, Inc. met the standards requested in the RFP and is the lowest qualified bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Administrator is provided signature authority on behalf of the City for the contract between the City of Mason and Traffic Engineering Services, Inc. in the amount of \$49,970

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No 2009-43 – Approval of Purchase of a 2009 Kawasaki Mule

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-43 as read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-43 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Bruno.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-43
APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 2009 KAWASAKI MULE 610 4X4
OCTOBER 19, 2009**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Mason to maintain public rights of way and to purchase equipment to maintain these right of ways; and

WHEREAS, the scheduled purchase of a vehicle to do that was planned for in the approved Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council does hereby approve the purchase of one (1) 2009 Kawasaki Mule 610 4x4 from Groves Motor Sports of Mason for \$11,846.00.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tornholm encouraged Council to look at a rental housing code for the City.

Colburn was asked to give a brief update regarding Bush Street traffic concerns that were submitted to Council by petition dated August 26, 2009, and discussed at the September 8, 2009 meeting. The petition requested a four-way stop for the intersection of Bush and Center streets due to speeding and cut-through traffic. Colburn stated that the Police Department conducted a traffic count, set the speed trailer, and talked with residents. Although information is still being compiled and analyzed, it has been determined that cut-through traffic is an issue. Speeding is analyzed by percentile, and is not a problem.

NEW BUSINESS

Tornholm asked council to think about providing direction in establishing a foundation to fund future projects, specifically a library.

Ferris informed Council that the City's Facebook page has meeting information for those interested in a Mason Community Garden program, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruno inquired where the expenses for the new City Hall were tracked on the revenue report. Colburn stated that it is under capital expenditures.

CORRESPONDENCE

In addition to the distributed correspondence, Clark stated he received a letter from Matt Meyer, Ingham County Controller, informing jurisdictions regarding Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds. The letter listed those jurisdictions that have applied, including Mason.

LIAISON REPORTS

Naeyaert informed Council regarding current Planning Commission business.

Colburn informed Council regarding Downtown Development Authority business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business. Mr. Colburn also reported on Core Legislative Principles and the proposed Conflict of Interest Policy for Michigan Municipal League (MML) employees. Both were seminar topics at the recent MML Conference he attended.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Judge Donald Allen of the 55th District Court introduced himself and gave a brief history of his career. He stated that he has been working with Judge Boyd since January, presiding over the sobriety court. Judge Allen spoke briefly regarding the sobriety program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor