

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 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: Clark, Ferris, *Johnson, Naeyaert, Waltz
Absent: Councilmember: Bruno, Tornholm
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director
Deborah Cwiertniewicz, Deputy City Clerk
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2, 2009

The regular meeting Minutes of November 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 \$75,801.16 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No 2009-45 – Easement Renewal between City of Mason and Mason Elevator

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-45 as read.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Waltz, second by Naeyaert,
to amend the Easement Agreement between the City of Mason and Mason Elevator by
correcting the spelling of *Curtis* Street in the legal descriptions in two places and to
correct the name of the railroads referenced in four places in the document to *Norfolk
Southern Railroad*
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-45 was introduced by Ferris and seconded by Waltz.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-45
EASEMENT AGREEMENT RENEWAL BETWEEN
THE CITY OF MASON AND MASON ELEVATOR COMPANY
November 16, 2009**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason granted a 20-foot non-exclusive easement to the Mason Elevator Company in 1989 on the condition that Mason Elevator construct and maintain a private drive on the easement and pay the City \$50 per year for use of the easement; and

WHEREAS, the 20-year term expires November 28, 2009 and Mason Elevator has requested the opportunity to renew this easement for an additional 20-year term and pay the City \$50 per year for the use of the easement; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the easement renewal for form and the City Assessor has approved the easement description.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute and record the easement with the Ingham County Register of Deeds on behalf of the City of Mason.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Street Closure Request for Mason Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) Holiday Celebration Lighted Parade

The lighted parade is an annual event promoted through the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC).

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Waltz,
to approve the closure of Mason, Columbia, State, Maple, Jefferson, Ash, and Barnes
Streets for the MACC Holiday Celebration Lighted Parade, November 27, 2009
between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Bid – Farm Lease

Haywood informed Council regarding the bid opening held November 4, 2009 for the lease of city owned property, 56.77 acres located at Dexter Trail and Kipp Road; the current three-year lease expires December 31, 2009. Two bids were received. The high bid of \$18,734.10 was submitted by Timothy Strickland of Woodlawn Farms and the second bid of \$17,625.00 was submitted by Steven Lott of Steve Lott Farms.

*Johnson arrived at 7:42 p.m.

MOTION by Waltz, second by Naeyaert,
to accept the bid from Mr. Timothy Strickland in the amount of \$18,734.10 for a three-
year lease of the City's 56.77 acre property.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Johnson stated that he was invited to attend the Middlebury Lane resident meeting this Wednesday, November 18, 2009 along with City staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Ferris stated that the Mason Library will hold a Christmas Open House Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. She thanked Mr. Doug Klein for holding the Mason Area Entrepreneurs Club meetings.

Clark stated that a public meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 for discussing interest in starting a public garden in Mason.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Naeyaert informed Council regarding current Planning Commission business.

Clark informed Council regarding current Downtown Development Authority business.

Johnson informed Council regarding current Ingham County Community Corrections Advisory Board business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Waltz, second by Naeyaert,
to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing attorney/client privileged communication.

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

No (0)

Absent: (2) Bruno, Tornholm

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:57 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor