

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2010**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Ferris, Johnson, Naeyaert, Tornholm, Waltz  
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator  
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer  
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk  
Ken Baker, DPW Superintendent  
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tornholm stated that she and Councilmember Ferris are registered for the Elected Officials Academy Advanced Weekender hosted by the Michigan Municipal League. Also, she informed Council regarding Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Plan meeting.

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Mayor Clark introduced Jakup Jahiri, President of the Municipal Assembly, Viti/Vitina, Kosovo, who is also a physicist and an environmentalist. Mr. Jahiri is visiting his son Peter Jahiri, a Mason resident for eight years and U.S. citizen. Peter Jahiri accompanied his father and served as his interpreter. Clark stated that he and Administrator Colburn met with the Jahiri's last Friday afternoon. They toured the Water Treatment Plant, Waste Water Treatment Plant, and the Fire Station. Mr. Jakup Jahiri spoke about Kosovo. He stated that he has heard that America is a place of democracy, and now he is convinced that it is true. He expressed gratitude for the United States, the State of Michigan, and the City of Mason for their hospitality to Kosovo families that came here in 1999 and 2000 as refugees to escape the Kosovo war. He thanked the people of Mason for extending kindness and hospitality to them as if they were their own family members. He thanked the Mayor, Council, and staff for welcoming them and giving them the opportunity to be here today. Mr. Jakup Jahiri stated that he was impressed with the decorum of the Council. He would like the City of Mason and the City of Viti/Vitina to become sister cities. The future of Kosovo would be to follow the people of the United States as mentors and leaders for democracy and understanding.

Mayor Clark stated that Mason and Viti/Vitina will cooperate as sister cities. He also stated that following the tour on Friday, Mr. Jakup Jahiri told him that the citizens of Mason should sleep very well with the professional leadership and quality infrastructure that they have.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Waltz informed Council regarding the Historic District Commission's (HDC) intent to commemorate Stevens T. Mason, the first Governor of Michigan, and the City of Mason's namesake. A statue of Mr. Mason stands on a marker containing the governor's remains in Detroit's Capitol Park. The construction of the new City Hall has presented a unique and timely opportunity. Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, he and Mayor Clark, Administrator Colburn, HDC member Loren Shattuck, and Ingham County Historical Commission member Scott Shattuck will travel to the City of Detroit to meet with Giorgio Gikas, founder and president of Venus Bronze Works, Inc., who currently is completing restoration of the statue. The meeting will be held to discuss plans for a replica statue or bust of Stevens T. Mason for placement in the new City Hall.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Tornholm,  
to remove Item C, Resolution No. 2010-03 and approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

**A. Approval Of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: January 4, 2010**

**B. Approval of Bills - \$126,969.89**

**C. Resolution No. 2010-04 – City Administrator Employment Contract Amendment No. 8**

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT #8  
January 18, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, City Council Resolution 2005-06 provides that the Council shall conduct a formal review of the job performance of the City Administrator on a yearly basis and further provides that upon completion of the performance evaluation process the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem may submit to the Council proposed revisions to the Employment Contract between the City Administrator and the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Leon R. Clark and Mayor Pro Tem Robin Naeyaert do hereby recommend extending the current Employment Contract between Martin A. Colburn and the City Council of the City of Mason for one year.

**D. Resolution No. 2010-05 – Bid Award to Clery Fence Company for the Department of Public Works (DPW) Fence Project**

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 05  
BID AWARD TO CLERY FENCE COMPANY FOR THE DPW FENCE PROJECT  
JANUARY 18, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, the fence at the front of DPW and POTW facilities is dilapidated and in need of replacing; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is in the approved Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, a competitive sealed bid was held and publicly read January 5, 2010 and Clery Fence Company has proven to be the low bidder.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mason City Council does hereby award the bid to replace the fence in front of the DPW and POTW facilities to Clery Fence Company in the amount of \$31,000.00.

**E. Resolution No. 2010-06 – Mayor’s Appointment to the Historic District Commission**

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2010-06  
MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
JANUARY 18, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists on the Historic District Commission due to the resignation of Jeff Taylor in 2008;

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, does hereby appoint Marlon Brown to the Historic District Commission commencing January 18, 2010 through December 31, 2010, filling an unexpired term.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2010-03 – City Administrator Performance Evaluation for 2009 Calendar Year**

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Bruno,  
to consider Resolution No. 2010-03 as being read.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

A brief discussion was held. Bruno stated that he asked to remove Resolution No. 2010-03 from the Consent Agenda because he is dissatisfied with the current format utilized for the administrator's evaluation. This is the only reason he brought it up and will be voting against it. At the work session this evening, Council formed an ad hoc committee consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Naeyaert, Councilmembers Bruno and Tornholm to review the city administrator's evaluation process. The committee will provide a recommendation to Council by May.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Bruno,  
to approve Resolution No. 2010-03.  
Yes: (6) Clark, Ferris, Johnson, Naeyaert, Tornholm, Waltz  
No: (1) Bruno  
MOTION APPROVED

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Tornholm commented that the City website provides useful information for homeowners to obtain Federal funds for home improvements. She encouraged staff to include information regarding rebates and tax credits available to homeowners. Tornholm informed Council that she provided the City Administrator with a list of suggested landlords. Relating to the proposed rental ordinance that is currently being crafted, she suggested inviting rental landlords to review the draft document for input.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

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

### **COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

None.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Leon Clark, Mayor