

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2010**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Tornholm 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  
David Haywood, Planning and Zoning Director  
John Stressman, Police Chief  
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk  
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

David Barnett of 427 South Jefferson, Apartment #2, asked Council to reinstate the second "People from the Floor." Also, he stated that although a bronze statue of Stevens T. Mason would be awesome for the City of Mason, the City needs to concentrate on "need" items rather than "want" items. Clark informed Mr. Barnett that the re-structuring of the Agenda provides citizens the opportunity to speak on non-agenda and agenda items at the beginning of the meeting, rather than waiting to speak on business items at the end of the meeting.

Bernie Camp, owner of Wheatons Picture Frame Shop in Mason, stated that he feels the prices quoted for the statue of Stevens T. Mason are on the high side. He also stated that he is having problems with the height of the downtown dwarf pear trees blocking his store sign and the fruit that drops from them in front of his business is being tracked in on his new carpet. Also, since the paving of the alley, water pools where the sidewalk meets the alley creating an ice patch the width of the sidewalk in the winter. Clark directed Mr. Camp to appropriate city staff to discuss his concerns.

Angie Smitley of 329 East Cherry Street stated that she is interested in raising hens and questioned if the City would explore allowing hen ownership in the city limits. Clark directed Ms. Smitley to appropriate city staff to discuss her interest and Councilmember Naeyaert stated that she would discuss it with the Planning Commission.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The Mason Promise Scholarship board members were recognized.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Bruce Johnston – Ingham County Housing Commission Director – Housing Issues**

Bruce Johnston, Ingham County Housing Commission Director spoke regarding the tour of Neighborhood Stabilization Programs homes he led for the Council and city staff members prior to the meeting tonight. He stated that homes were purchased by the County in conjunction with the Landbank for the purpose of rehabilitation and resale. He also spoke regarding homeowner rehabilitation, rental registration opportunities, and new EPA lead-base paint laws.

**2009 Annual Report – Zoning & Development – David Haywood**

David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director gave a brief overview of the 2009 Zoning & Development Annual Report to Council.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Ferris,  
to accept the Zoning & Development 2009 Annual Report and place it on file.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**2009 Annual Report – Police Department – Chief John Stressman**

Stressman presented a brief summation of the 2009 Police Department Annual Report to Council. Naeyaert asked staff to provide a copy of the Police Department's 2009 Annual Report to the Planning Commission for reference.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Ferris,  
to accept the Police Department 2009 Annual Report and place it on file.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONSENT AGENDA**

By consensus, consent agenda item, "Motion - Historic District Commission Resolution No. 2010-01 – A Resolution Supporting the City Council's Pursuit of a Bronze Statue, Bust or Mould of Stevens T. Mason," was removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Naeyaert,  
to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approval Of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: February 1, 2010**
- B. Approval of Bills - \$252,804.04**
- C. Second Reading – Ordinance No. 179 – An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-8 – of Chapter 2 – Administration – of the Code of the City of Mason to Add Additional Civil Fines for Violations Related to Property Maintenance, Signs, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation, and Vegetation**
- D. Motion – Excused Absence – Councilmember Bruno**

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Motion – Historic District Commission Resolution No. 2010-01 – A Resolution Supporting the City Council's Pursuit of a Bronze Statue, Bust or Mould of Stevens T. Mason**

Clark stated that the motion deferred from the February 4, 2010 meeting was on the floor. Waltz informed the Council that Mr. Gary Granger and the Granger Group have graciously committed to gifting a bronze bust of Stevens T. Mason to the City of Mason and its residents, including all costs associated with delivery and installation.

MOTION by Tornholm, second by Johnson,  
to approve the amount of \$10,500.00 for the purchase of a full-body mould of Stevens T. Mason, to be fashioned by Venus Bronze Works, Inc. and to pursue private donations to provide for the remaining amount, or full amount if possible, upon permission from the Detroit Parks & Recreation Department to make a mould of the Stevens T. Mason statue.

MOTION FAILED

Staff recommended that a note of appreciation and recognition be presented to Mr. Gary Granger and Granger Corp. at the appropriate time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was distributed. A brief discussion was held regarding the memorandum from Building Inspector/Building Official John Dodson in response to the letter received from Jerico Constitution Inc. Councilmember Johnson suggested that Jerico should be informed of the appeal process, per MBC 112. Mayor Clark explained that the time frame for the appeals process had passed and suggested that he speak with Mr. Haywood or Mr. Dodson regarding the matter. Bruno stated that he would be curious to know how the furnace for this project was assessed.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Naeyaert informed Council regarding current Planning Commission business.

Clark informed Council regarding current Downtown Development Authority business.

**COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Leon Clark, Mayor