

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2004**

Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Preadmore led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Helbig, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Whipple  
Absent: Councilmembers: Johnson  
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator  
Kathy Revels, Finance Director  
Tom Hitch, City Attorney  
Deborah Stein, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: March 15, 2004**

MOTION by Helbig, second by Preadmore,  
To approve the Minutes of March 15, 2004 as amended.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Helbig,  
To approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$194,770.86 as submitted.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Jim O'Leary introduced himself and stated that he is a candidate for Circuit Court Judge.

Al Schulien of 725 E. Ash stated that he is opposed to language in the draft master plan that would allow commercial development east of the fairgrounds on M-36.

Barbara Tornholm, Planning Commission Chair, thanked the Council for the Riverwalk Trail and commented that the Downtown Development Authority is doing a nice job with the downtown planters.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2004-22 Standard Streetlighting Contract Between the City and Consumers Energy Company**

Resolution No. 2004-22 was introduced by Preadmore and seconded by Helbig.

CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2004-22

ADDITIONS TO THE  
STANDARD STREETLIGHTING CONTRACT  
BETWEEN THE CITY AND CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

April 5, 2004

**WHEREAS**, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the streetlighting service as provided in the Standard Streetlighting Contract between the Company and the City of Mason, dated October 28, 1977, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Streetlighting Contract for Work Order Numbers 05842146 and 05885420, dated as of April 5, 2004, heretofore submitted to and considered by the Council;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are authorized to execute such authorization for change on behalf of the City of Mason.  
RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request – Excused Absence**

MOTION by Preadmore, second by Naeyaert,  
To excuse Neal Johnson from tonight's meeting.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**Discussion PA 425 and PA 108 Agreements between the City of Mason and Vevay Township, Ingham County, Michigan**

City Council reviewed the PA 108 and PA 425 documents prior to the April 12, 2004 joint public hearing with the Mason City Council and Vevay Township Board. Coe and Jean Emens have requested the city to annex 23 acres off of Columbia Road that they own which also includes an adjacent ~~two~~ 14.53-acre parcel that is owned by the Mason School District. Discussion ensued and a condition making the 108 Agreement coincident with the 425 Agreement will be added to the document prior to the public hearing.

**Discussion – Report – Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conference**

Whipple attended the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conference on March 24th and commented briefly regarding items discussed including land use, municipal finance, transportation, and environmental issues.

**Discussion – Update City Ordinances – Boards and Commissions**

Whipple presented updates to the city ordinances relating to city boards and commissions. They will be presented for first reading at the April 19 meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Available dates were discussed for participation in the bi-annual Mayor Exchange with the City of Tecumseh.
- Discussion was held regarding the beginning of street sweeping, city entrance signs and a request to extend the one-hour parking on Maple Street.
- The Planning Commission will be considering the Draft Master Plan changes recommended by the Council. By consensus, the Council maintained to uphold their recommendation to change the sentence on page 3-8, under the "County Fairgrounds East Buffer Area," to strike language that discourages commercial developments on Ash Street.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Whipple asked staff to investigate changing the light at the fire department in the lower parking lot. The Fire Department would like to have a light installed on the utility pole to illuminate the bottom of the memorial walkway as well as the flag.
- The Capitol Region Area Airport (CRAA) is meeting tomorrow to consider a request to construct two hangars at the Jewett airport.
- The Ingham County Purchase of Development Rights Work Group is meeting at the Fairgrounds Community Building Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. to study the concept of the purchase of development rights in Ingham County. Whipple recommended that councilmembers attend the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was distributed. Discussion was held regarding Attorney McGinty's memorandum about the election consolidation law. Hitch recommended considering the options for election dates if an amendment to the new law is not passed in time, or at all.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Whipple informed the Council regarding the following DDA items:

- The DDA is meeting April 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Colburn informed the Council regarding the following Tree Commission items:

- An Arbor Day Honoree has been chosen and will be announced at the next City Council meeting. They also discussed purchasing Ash Tree whips to replace those that will be lost to the Emerald Ash Bore Beetle.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council on the following items.

- Reduced weight limits on local bridges will have a direct impact on the city, primarily for the Fire Department.
- Okemos Street reconstruction will begin the week of April 19.
- The MML felt that there will be amendments to the Election Consolidation Act to allow for cities that hold elections in even numbered years. The school elections will become a responsibility of the city and cost factors will need to be considered.
- Ingham County and its clerks have decided not to purchase voting equipment until 2005 in accordance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Hitch advised the Council to post that a quorum would be present when a majority of members anticipate attending other city meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Russell W. Whipple, Mayor