

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF June 7, 2004**

Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Bruno led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Helbig, Johnson, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Whipple

Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator  
Kathy Revels, Finance Director  
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney  
Deborah Stein, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: May 17, 2004**

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2004 were approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Preadmore, seconded by Helbig,  
To approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$347,821.51 as submitted.  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Norm Schinkel, resident of Williamston, informed the Council that he is a candidate for District Judgeship.

Billie Jo O'Berry, candidate for 55<sup>th</sup> District Judge, spoke to her credentials and experience.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Presentation – Angel House**

Jerre Cory, Project Director for Angel House gave a power point presentation and briefly commented on fund raising for the project.

**Resolution No. 2004-34 Additions to the Standard Streetlighting Contract Between the City and Consumers Energy Company**

Resolution No. 2004-34 was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Clark.

CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2004-34  
  
ADDITIONS TO THE  
STANDARD STREETLIGHTING CONTRACT  
BETWEEN THE CITY AND CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY  
  
JUNE 7, 2004



**Resolution No. 2004-37 Establish Conditions to Approve PILOT for Green Park Townhomes**

Robert Kabbe of First Properties stated that he and Orchard Lane owner Randy Hicks are currently discussing the street and its purchase; he is hoping they will come to an agreement.

**Resolution No. 2004-37** was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Clark.

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2004-37**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR  
COUNCIL TO APPROVE A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR  
GREEN PARK TOWNHOMES PROJECT**

**June 7, 2004**

**WHEREAS**, First Properties Company has requested that the City of Mason grant a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) for the Green Park Townhomes project; and

**WHEREAS**, this project will develop thirty-two (32) housing units with funding from Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to address affordable housing needs for the community provided the City Council is willing to grant a PILOT as a condition of financing by MSHDA pursuant to its HOME program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is unwilling to assist in the development of this project at this site unless adequate ingress and egress for the property is secured by Orchard Lane being dedicated as a public street and adequate security provided by First Properties Company to complete the required improvements and infrastructure within the public right-of-way to City standards; and

**WHEREAS**, when Orchard Lane and associated infrastructure is built to city standards and accepted by the city, the City Council will approve a PILOT with annual payments equal to ten percent (10%) of annual shelter rents obtained from the project less paid utilities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mason City Council agrees to enter into an agreement for a PILOT and create an ordinance supporting First Properties Company's request for a PILOT, contingent on First Properties Company securing Orchard Lane for dedication as a public street and providing security for the required improvements of said public street and infrastructure to City standards.

**RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Ordinance No. 144 – First Reading - Utilities**

MOTION by Preadmore, seconded by Johnson,  
To defer the first reading of Ordinance No. 144 to the June 21 meeting.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****Presentation – Arbor Day Honoree – Chronological Record**

Daniel Himebaugh, Administrative Intern, gave a brief presentation in response to Bruno's request for a list of the individuals that have been recognized as an Arbor Day Honoree.

Bruno will have a recognition plaque made listing past, current, and future honorees.

Bruno asked about the outcome of a planning commissioner requesting to serve on the ad hoc recreation committee. It was discussed that a member of the Planning Commission questioned the city attorney's opinion that a planning commissioner can not serve on the committee; the Council maintained the attorney's opinion and by consensus did not choose to appoint a planning commissioner to the ad hoc recreation committee.

Naeyaert asked about the Cedar Street entrance sign. Discussion ensued and it was determined that the sign is located on private property and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

Johnson commented that the bollards on Maple Street behind Inco Graphics are behind the fire hydrant and the front is not protected. Naeyaert asked about the maintenance of the bollards that have been scuffed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Helbig commented that the Memorial Day Service was very well done and the Parade was very nice. Clark asked about landscaping restoration where the new gas line was placed for Okemos Street, and it was determined that Consumers Energy would be doing restoration work.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Police Chief McCormick – Outdoor Service at Mason Jar, 160 W. Maple Street

The Police Chief has recommended approval to the Liquor Commission for the outdoor area at the rear of the building located at 160 W. Maple Street. All correspondence was distributed.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Whipple informed the Council on current DDA business. Helbig informed the Council regarding the Cable Communications Commission meeting date.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council on current city issues.

### **PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Russell W. Whipple, Mayor