

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2004**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Coady-Helbig, Johnson, Preadmore, Whipple

Absent: Councilmembers: Naeyaert

Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator  
Kathy Revels, Finance Director  
John Stressman, Police Chief  
Joe Dean, DPW Director  
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: September 20, 2004**

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2004 were approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Bruno, seconded by Coady-Helbig,  
To approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$110,831.47 as submitted.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

John Streesman, newly hired Mason Police Chief, introduced himself and gave a brief history of his career and credentials.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing – Amendment to Ordinance No. 115-A-2004 – DDA Boundary Change**

Whipple opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Phil Birdsall, DDA Director, read and submitted written comments.

Jeff Taylor of 309 North Street stated that he lives in the DDA District and he is a DDA member. He and his dad, Dave Fientuck, own the Antique's District. They received a façade grant from the DDA last year for the new Cobblestone Events Center. They both support the proposed DDA boundary changes.

Whipple closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

**Ordinance No. 115-A-2004 – DDA Boundary Change - First Reading**

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Coady-Helbig,  
To consider Ordinance No. 115-A-2004 considered read for the first time.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Johnson asked if the opening of Okemos Street could be expedited because the five-point intersection is becoming problematical. Colburn stated that it could be done next week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Preadmore,  
To excuse the absence of Robin Naeyaert.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Bruno asked about the logistics of broadcasting the candidate question and answer scheduled for October 20. A videocassette of the October 20 meeting will be delivered to City Hall for broadcasts on the city's government channel. Bruno informed the Council that the Arbor Day Honoree Plaque will be ready for presentation within the next month.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was distributed.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Bruno asked that the Traffic Commission consider the needed street signs for Franklin Farms at the next meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council on current city issues.

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Tom Shaver of 132 Orchard Lane asked about the status of Orchard Lane and if he is eligible for city services at this time. He also informed Council that there is a vacant building located on the property behind Orchard Lane that has been broken into and is a danger to children. Whipple informed Mr. Shaver that street is still privately owned and will not be accepted by the city until it is reconstructed and meets city standards. The pole barn on the vacant property will be addressed by staff.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Clark, seconded by Bruno,  
To defer executive session to be held after the next regular City Council  
Meeting.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Russell W. Whipple, Mayor