

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2005**

Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:32 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, Naeyaert, Preadmore,  
Whipple

Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator  
Kathy Revels, Finance Director  
John Stressman, Police Chief  
Jim Howard, Zoning/Development Director  
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney  
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

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

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Bruno, second by Preadmore,  
To approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$44,462.27 as submitted.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2005-01 Mayoral Appointment to the Planning Commission**

**Resolution No. 2005-01** was introduced by Preadmore and seconded by Johnson.

CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2005-01  
January 3, 2005

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, does hereby make the following appointment to the Planning Commission of the city and that this appointment to fill an unexpired term shall commence January 3, 2005 and expire on December 31, 2006:

Planning Commission    Chris Burns (fill unexpired term)    2006  
RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Clark, second by Preadmore,  
To request a written opinion from the city attorney on the charge and increased sewer connection and user fees to residents on the east side sewer district who are not participating in the capitol expense for the initial installation.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Preadmore thanked everyone that he has served with on council and stated that it has been a privilege and a pleasure. He also thanked Mason citizens that voted for him twice; he then thanked city staff, past and present.

At this time, Whipple presented Mr. Scott Preadmore with a plaque from the City Council recognizing his honorable public service and commitment to the citizens of Mason as Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem from 1997 – 2004.

### **ADJOURN SINE DIE**

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:38 p.m.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Colburn administered the oath of office to Russell W. Whipple, Leon Clark, Christine Coady-Helbig, and Jim Mulvany.

### **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM**

Colburn opened the floor for nominations.

NOMINATION by Bruno, second by Whipple,  
To nominate Robin Naeyaert as Mayor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Naeyaert (7) Bruno, Clark, Coady-Helbig, Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple  
**NAEYAERT ELECTED MAYOR UNANIMOUSLY**

As Whipple seconded the nomination for mayor, he made a brief statement regarding his ten years as Mason's Mayor as well as the feeling of some of the council members that the opportunity to serve as mayor should be rotated. Although he disagreed, he pledged support to Robin Naeyaert as the Mayor of Mason.

NOMINATION by Whipple,  
To nominate Leon Clark as Mayor Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Clark (7) Bruno, Clark, Coady-Helbig, Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple  
**CLARK ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM UNANIMOUSLY**

### **PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2005-02 City Council & Planning Commission Meeting Dates**

**Resolution No. 2005-02** was introduced by Johnson and seconded by Bruno.

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2005-02**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2005**

**January 3, 2005**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Mason that the following are the dates of the regular **City Council** meetings for the calendar year 2005, and that said meetings are to be held on the first and third Mondays of each month, with two holiday exceptions scheduled as \*Tuesday meetings:

January 3 and 17	July *5 and 18
February 7 and 21	August 1 and 15
March 7 and 21	September *6 and 19
April 4 and 18	October 3 and 17
May 2 and 16	November 7 and 21
June 6 and 20	December 5 and 19 and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following are the dates of the regular **Planning Commission** meetings for the calendar year 2005, and that said meetings are to be held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday of the respective months:

January 11	May 10	September 13
February 15	June 14	October 11
March 15	July 12	November 15
April 12	August 9	December 13 and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these meetings will be held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan, with the City Council's meetings to commence at 7:30 p.m. and the Planning Commission's meetings to commence at 6:30 p.m.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk shall cause these dates to be published in a local newspaper.

**RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Bruno informed the Council that Mason resident and Planning Commissioner Ernie Lutz will be receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for flying more than 40 missions in WWII, January 10, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Capitol Rotunda in Lansing, Michigan which will be presented by Congressman Mike Rogers.
- Clark asked that the Traffic Commission consider making the alley between Jefferson and Park, Ash and Oak Streets one way traffic exit onto Park Street. He asked if a conflict would exist if Mr. Lutz served as the interim building inspector while serving on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. McGinty will provide an opinion prior to the swearing in of commissioners January 11, 2005. It was discussed that it is not a conflict to have Naeyaert serve on the LDFA in the capacity of Mayor in conjunction with her husband and LDFA member, Gary Naeyaert.

- Mulvany informed the Council regarding training that is being offered to Planning Commissioners by MSU Extension. Also, Vevay Township is holding a meeting February 16, 2005 regarding their recreation plan that was completed in 2002. ~~He also informed Council that their personal electronic mail is public record and if three or more at a time correspond, it is considered a quorum.~~

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

No reports were given at this time.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Colburn informed the Council on current city issues.
- Stressman informed the Council regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program.

### **PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Pam Hardy of Northwood Energy Corporation stated that she wanted to inform the Council regarding the two oil wells it owns in Midland County. The City renewed an oil and gas lease with Newstar Energy in 1999, which expires in May 2005. Northwood purchased Newstar's interest in April of 2002. Northwood Energy has submitted a proposal requesting a two year extension on the lease.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Clark, second by Coady-Helbig,

To adjourn to executive session to consider an attorney/client privileged Communication.

VOTE:

Yes (7) Bruno, Clark, Coady-Helbig, Johnson, Mulvany, Whipple, Naeyaert

No (0)

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:15 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Russell W. Whipple, Mayor