

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2005**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Coady, Johnson, Naeyaert, Whipple
Absent: Councilmember: Mulvany
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Kathy Revels, Finance Director
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: August 15, 2005

The Minutes of August 15, 2005 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Bruno, seconded by Whipple,
To approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$166,010.37 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

State Senator Valde Garcia informed Councilmembers regarding current State business.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2005-46 – City Council Liaison Appointment to the Historic District Commission

Resolution No. 2005-46 was introduced by Coady and seconded by Johnson.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2005-46
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT
COMMISSION
September 6, 2005**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, does hereby appoint Jim Mulvany, City Council Member to the Historic District Commission as a liaison for a term commencing September 6, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2008.

YES (6) Bruno, Clark, Coady, Johnson, Naeyaert, Whipple
NO (0)
ABSENT (1) Mulvany

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at its regular meeting held Tuesday, September 6, 2005, the original of which is part of the Council meeting minutes.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk
City of Mason
Ingham County, Michigan

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Request for Excused Absence Council Member Mulvany

Councilmember Mulvany provided a written request asking that his absence from tonight's meeting be excused.

Motion by Coady, second by Johnson,
To approve an excused absence for Councilmember Mulvany for Tuesday,
September 6, 2005.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Report –SSAB Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Agreements

Colburn spoke regarding a recent conversation with Sten Sjoberg, President of SSAB and the subsequent report to Council. Currently, SSAB's auditors have the 2001 IFEC Agreement that stipulates the creation of 150 jobs. They have expressed to Mr. Sjoberg concern that the City could pull back the IFEC and impact them financially. Colburn provided SSAB's investment history and stated that currently, there are 170 employees. SSAB started with three contracts and are now working on twenty-five. Colburn recommended accepting the submitted report and placing on file and forward the report and Minutes to SSAB's auditors.

Motion by Bruno, second by Clark,
To accept the City Administrator's report that SSAB is in substantial compliance of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates Agreements and place it on file.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Recommendation – Future Use of Fifteen Acre Donation by Jewett Trust

In response to Council's question about what should be done with the fifteen-acre donation by the Jewett Trust, Colburn submitted a written report recommending that the City maintain the Agreement. If the City does not utilize it as a sports complex within the two-year duration, the Agreement states that it be returned to the Jewett Trust. It is considered an asset at this time and will not cause any harm to the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Naeyaert informed Council that two Mason firefighters Don Gailey and Larry Martin, were deployed by FEMA to assist with the effected Hurricane Katrina victims. An initiative by Governor Granholm, the Michigan Municipal League, and FEMA has been issued to identify available housing for refugees that are coming to Michigan. On the list submitted from Mason is the city owned home located at 441 N. Jefferson.

The Mason Cares event will take place Sunday, September 11. Volunteers will accept donations, which will be forwarded to the Red Cross. A Memorial Ceremony will be held on the Courthouse lawn at 6:00 p.m.

She added that she has been informed that Elm Street traffic has become a speed zone during the school rush hours, including the alleys.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Naeyaert informed Council regarding current Downtown Development Authority business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council on current city issues. He said that three city vehicles are slated to be retired soon, and he suggested that they be donated to victim communities of Hurricane Katrina.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Robin C. Naeyaert, Mayor