

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2006**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Clark, Johnson, Mulvany, \*Naeyaert, Whipple  
Absent: Councilmembers: Bruno, Coady  
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator  
Kathy Revels, Finance Director/Treasurer  
David Haywood, Planning & Development Director  
Chris Colligan, Building Official  
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney  
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: February 20, 2006**

The Minutes of February 20, 2006 were approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Whipple, second by Johnson,  
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$53,314.40 as submitted.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Ordinance No. 148 – First Reading – Property Maintenance**

\*Naeyaert arrived at 7:52 p.m. Haywood, Colligan, and McGinty spoke regarding the proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Naeyaert,  
To introduce Ordinance No. 148 and consider it read for the first time.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**Resolution No. 2006-08 – Change Authorization for the Standard Streetlighting Contract between the City and Consumers Energy Company**

Resolution No. 2006-08 was introduced by Johnson and seconded by Whipple.

CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2006-08

CHANGE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE  
STANDARD STREETLIGHTING CONTRACT  
BETWEEN THE CITY AND CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

March 6, 2006

**WHEREAS**, 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 Number 06463305 for the installation of six (6) streetlights on Franklin Farms Drive, heretofore submitted to and considered by the Council.

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

Yes (5) Clark, Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple

No (0)

Absent (2) Bruno, Coady

**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 Monday, March 6, 2006 the original of which is part of the City Council minutes.

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City of Mason  
Ingham County, Michigan

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Bid – Backwash Pumps 1 & 2 Repair**

MOTION by Whipple, second by Johnson,  
to approve the bid by Layne-Northern for maintenance of Back Wash Pumps 1 &  
2, not to exceed \$15,625.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Attorney's Opinion - Library**

Sue Hill, Director of the Capital Area District Library, addressed issues that were discussed at the February 20, 2006 Council meeting that she was not in attendance. She stated that the Library Board has discussed funding/supporting library facilities this past year. However, the difficulty is that the library buildings differ a great deal from one community to the next. They have tried to determine how CADL can be equitable to all communities. Ms. Hill provided a handout.

Marge Bossenbery, CADL Vice Chair, commented regarding board member appointments and that the board bases decisions for the district as a whole, not by each community. Discussion ensued.

It was discussed that the entire primary library building in downtown Lansing is supported by CADL, not just the administrative floor. It is the administrative headquarters that provides services to libraries. The school district leases the building to CADL for \$10 a year and CADL is responsible for the maintenance.

Also discussed were the percentage of registered patrons and the representation for the eight municipal governments. The Mason branch, serving approximately 50% of its patrons that are not from the City of Mason, pay a millage to an organization that could help fund it.

McGinty responded to the report he provided regarding the City's rights and options with respect to its membership in CADL; primarily, the available slot for the appointment of an eighth board member as well as withdrawal from the organization. He spoke regarding other library authorities that would be options for the City. Discussion ensued to try to work with CADL as a participating municipality.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Mulvany,  
to request the City Administrator and City Attorney to prepare a resolution  
requesting participating municipality status with CADL, and that the resolution  
include their recommendations for any conditions that they consider necessary.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Whipple provided the following motion in writing to fellow councilmembers due to its length.  
Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Johnson,  
That the city water treatment improvements project plan includes the following  
information in addition to what was presented to the City Council on 2/20/06:

1. Analysis of blending as an alternative.
2. Analysis of Aquifer storage and recovery as an alternative.
3. Analysis of the "Pressure Filter" alternative presented by Tetra Tech.
4. Analysis of the water quality characteristic differences (e.g. taste,  
cleaning, effectiveness, rust deposits, etc.) recognizable by the end user  
between home softened water, and untreated water.
5. Background information supporting the estimated average cost of \$2.50  
per 1000 gallons to operate a home water softener.

And further move that the complete final plan be presented to the city council for  
discussion as soon as possible and prior to the public meeting referenced in the  
plan.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Clark stated that he feels that the audio for rebroadcasts is deficient, not the live broadcasts.  
Colburn stated that a device has been installed to improve the auditory output of the channel  
itself, and it appears to be effective.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed. Clark added that he received a letter from Bob and Dorothy Ingram supporting  
Rebecca Cornish's request to rename Hayes Park to Palmer Park.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

- ♦ Whipple informed the Council regarding the MML Finance and Taxation Committee  
business.
- ♦ Clark informed the Council regarding the Mayor's luncheon that he attended at the State  
Capitol.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business.

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Elaine Ferris of 417 W. Sycamore spoke regarding the upcoming Farmer's Market.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Whipple, second by Naeyaert,  
To adjourn to executive session to discuss union contract negotiations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes (5) Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple, Clark

No (0)

Absent (0) Bruno, Coady

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:28 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Leon Clark, Mayor