

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2006**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Robert Hundley offered the invocation and words of comfort following the sudden loss of city employee, Chris Colligan.

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Coady, *Johnson, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Kathy Revels, Finance Director/Treasurer
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Deborah Cwiertniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: September 18, 2006

The Minutes of September 18, 2006 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Whipple,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$380,177.95 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2006-40 – Designating Palmer Playground in Honor of Leslie and Eleanor Palmer

Colburn spoke regarding the request of Rebecca Palmer Cornish to establish an appropriate designation in memory of her parents, Leslie and Eleanor Palmer. Mrs. Cornish previously addressed Council regarding a historic and recognition inequity regarding property now owned by the city known as Hayes Park. An appropriate designation was discussed among Councilmembers, staff and Palmer family members. Resolution No. 2006-40 was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Mulvany.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2006-40
A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PALMER PLAYGROUND IN HONOR OF
LESLIE AND ELEANOR PALMER**

WHEREAS, Leslie Palmer served as a B-17 pilot in the European Theatre during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he flew ten combat missions prior to being shot down and held as a Prisoner of War; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Palmer returned home to serve his community of Mason as a business owner of Palmer Grocery, Postmaster and civically; and

WHEREAS, he married Eleanor Favorite and lived at 835 West Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor served the Mason community through many years of service at the Mason Hospital, Meals on Wheels, Red Cross and the Historical Museum; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, utilizing eminent domain, took the Palmer home and property to build US127 Highway; and

WHEREAS, the old Palmer farm was located where the "Keith Hayes Memorial Park" currently is located; and

WHEREAS, over several generations the Palmer family has made many contributions to the City of Mason.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mason City Council, in honor of the contributions made to the City of Mason by Leslie and Eleanor Palmer, as well as the Palmer family, do hereby designate the playground within Hayes Park as **Palmer Playground**.

Yes (6) Bruno, Clark, Coady, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Whipple
No (0)
Absent (1) Johnson

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, October 2, 2006 the original of which is part of the City Council minutes.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation – Mason Community Asset Builders (MCAB)

Alex Church of MCAB informed Council regarding the organization's membership and plans for the coming school year. Luis Reynaga spoke regarding specific activities that the group has discussed. Nellie Smydra stated that the group would like to disseminate information to the Mason student body regarding topics and issues that concern the youth for the community. MCAB asked for suggestions and direction from Council. As liaisons to MCAB, Councilmembers Johnson and Whipple will consult with the group.

*Johnson arrived at 8:02 p.m.

Discussion – Laylin Park Improvements

As requested, Colburn addressed estimates for improvements to Laylin Park. He recommended scheduling the improvements for the 2007-2008 Budget. A lengthy discussion ensued whether to pursue improvements or to wait for next year's budget.

MOTION by Whipple, second by Bruno,
to authorize the purchase and installation of three benches and three basic swings at Laylin Park, and to make the corresponding budget amendment from General Fund for \$12,000.00.

Yes (6) Bruno, Clark, Coady, Johnson, Naeyaert, Whipple
No (1) Mulvany

MOTION APPROVED

M-36 Enhancement Grant

Colburn gave a brief report regarding the progress of pursuing an enhancement grant through Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to beautify highway commercial including

decorative street lights and trees to line North Cedar Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Naeyaert inquired about the outcome of the final asphalt wear course application for S. Lansing Street. Colburn stated that the city engineer and Mr. Brown have discussed an accommodating final wear course schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

- Whipple informed Council that he attended the Capitol Area District Library ceremony accepting the Morris collection.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed. Clark read Council a letter he received commending David Haywood, Planning & Development Director. Clark asked that the Traffic Commission consider the angle and parallel parking on Oak Street between Park and Jefferson Streets.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Coady informed Council that the proposed legislative policies were approved at the MML Convention. Planning Commission will meet October 10th and the sign committee will meet October 11th.
- Clark informed Council regarding the September 14th Downtown Development Authority meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business. He spoke about the loss of Chris Colligan, Building Inspector/Building Official; Mr. Colligan touched the community professionally and personally. He is deeply missed by co-workers and friends at the City of Mason. A golf outing and family event is planned in his memory for his wife, Joan, and their four daughters, Alexis, Nikki, Natalie, and Elizabeth.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor