



City Manager's Report: September 9, 2021

OPERATIONS

- The City received notice our application for the American Rescue Plan Act funds has been approved for \$885,257 and we expect our first 50% payment in the next 30 days. The State reported that 60% of the applications submitted were rejected due to errors that need to be corrected. Our Finance Department should be commended for researching the requirements and ensuring the application was complete.
- On August 8, Chief Hanson and Officer Wildfong conducted a K-9 presentation for the Mason Optimist Club.
- Election Commission met on August 23 where they consolidated Precincts 1 & 2 for the November 2, 2021, Election. Due to the size of the number of voters on our Permanent Absentee List and with the ballot containing only one (1) proposal questions the Clerk determined that a consolidation should be considered. This will eliminate the number of ballots to be ordered, election inspectors to be paid, and the cost of programming the tabulators. In addition, since all three precincts are located within City Hall no notice will need to be sent to voters.
- On September 7, 2021, the new county-wide MPSCS digital radio system went online for all police/fire/EMS dispatched through Ingham County 911.

Staffing Updates:

- Open Positions: Seasonal Part-Time Crossing Guards – Open Until Filled. Full-time Laborer- Review of internal applicants being conducted.

Traffic Updates:

- Maple Street between Barnes Street and Steele Street - Speed Complaint. A speeding complaint related to the Mason Middle School drop-off and pick-up times in the AM and PM. Assigned officers for targeted enforcement in area and speed trailer to be placed in the area prior to school year as a deterrent and to gather information.
- Ash Street (M-36) 500 East Block – Speed Complaint. Officers were assigned to the area for targeted enforcement and as a deterrent for high speed drivers, MDOT was requested to trim brush away from speed limit signs, and the speed trailer will be deployed.
- Rogers Street and Elm Street – Stop Sign Complaint. Officers were assigned for additional presence, as a deterrent, and for targeted enforcement.

LARGE CITY PROJECTS

FY 2020-2021 CARRYOVER DUE TO TIMING			
Project	Project Name/Description	Status	Completed
UTILITIES: SANITARY SEWER, STORM WATER, AND WATER DISTRIBUTION (U)			
2017-U8	Replace PLCs on 3 Wells	Completed	August
2017-U23	Well No. 6 Rebuild	In progress, expected to be completed by October	
2018-U32	South Water Tower Repair	In progress, expected to be completed by October	
2017-U33	Well No. 4 Rebuild	Completed	August
PARKS/ CEMETERY/ FORESTRY/ NONMOTORIZED (P)			
2017-P8	Laylin Park - Phase II	Pathway and sidewalk completed; working on bids for pavilion and design for signs.	
2020-P2	Columbia St Bridge Ped. Design	Completed	August
2020-P5	Jefferson St – RR Pedestrian Crossing	Railroad work complete, Concrete/ asphalt -Oct	
2020-P8	Rayner Park- Master Park Plan	In progress, anticipated completion Fall/Winter	

MOTOR VEHICLE POOL (MVP)				
2017-MVP15	Vehicle No. 16	Facilities, Code	In Service	August
2017-MVP20	Vehicle No. 18	Cemetery/ Parks	In Service	August
2018-MVP1	Vehicle No. 22	Cemetery/ Parks	In Service	August
BUILDING, PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT (B)				
2017-B17	Fire SCBA units		Delivered and Training Completed	August
2018-B14	Fire Rehab 815 Replacement		Anticipate delivery 3rd quarter FY 21/22	
2019-B2a	City Hall – Phase I Design and Security		Security complete- work space eval in progress	
2020-B4a	DPW- Design		Staff is working on finalizing design.	

FY 2021-2022				
Project	Project Name/Description		Status	Completed
STREETS, SIDEWALKS, SIGNALS(S)				
2017-S23	Rayner St – Randolph St to Columbia St		Completed	July
2017-S24	Eugenia Dr – Northbrook St to End		Base layer of asphalt down. Final layer to be completed mid-September	
2017-S25	Hall Blvd – Ash St to South St		Pulverizing scheduled for mid-September	
2017-S26	Columbia St – Park St to Jefferson St		Completed	July
2019-S9b	Signal at E. Maple & S. Jefferson		DDA reviewed, acquiring quotes for Council	
UTILITIES: SANITARY SEWER, STORM WATER, AND WATER DISTRIBUTION (U)				
2017-U15	Replace Hydrants and Mason Plaza		DELAYED TO FUTURE YEAR.	None
2017-U34	Well No. 5 Rebuild		Expected to start mid- September	
2019-U3a	Wastewater Treatment Plant – Design		Staff conducting final review of RFP	
2021-U1	WTP- High-Pressure Pump VFD		Staff developing RFP	
2021-U2	WTP- Replacement of Valves		Staff developing RFP	
PARKS/ CEMETERY/ FORESTRY/ NONMOTORIZED (P)				
2020-P3	Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail – Eval. & Repair		Grant submitted	
2020-P6, 2020-P12, 2020-P13, 2020-P14	Lee Austin Park- Plan/Design Bond Park - Plan/Design Griffin Park - Plan/Design Hayes Park - Plan/Design		Wolverine selected; to be completed by 3 rd quarter	
2020-P11	Rayner Park- Phase 1 Construction		Awaiting DNR funding response in 3 rd quarter	
MOTOR VEHICLE POOL (MVP)				
2017-MVP22	Vehicle No. 83	Police	Anticipated third quarter of FY 21-22	
2017-MVP23	Vehicle No. 21	Cemetery/ Parks	Anticipated 2nd quarter of FY 21-22	
2017-MVP27	Vehicle No. 86	Police	Anticipate delivery in December.	
2017-MVP24	Vehicle No. 59	Cemetery/ Parks	Anticipated 2nd quarter of FY 21-22	
BUILDING, PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT (B)				
2017-B5b	Building: Library Phase 1, Part 1		Grant Agreement approved, plan to bid in Sept	
2017-B7	Building: Parking Lot Repairs		Working on addressing punch list.	
2017-B10	Fire: Furnace/AC, Office & Training Area		Anticipated 2nd quarter of FY 21-22	
2017-B11	Fire: Washing Machine		Anticipated 2nd quarter of FY 21-22	
2018-B15	Fire: Sprinkler System in Truck Bay		Anticipated 2nd quarter of FY 21-22	
2018-B16	Fire: Station 1- Rear Approach		Working on addressing punch list.	
2018-B21	Police: Interview Rm Recording System		Anticipated 3rd quarter of FY 21-22	
2018-B23	Planning: Master Plan/Zoning Update		Finalizing contract with consultant	
2018-B24	Building: Rental Furniture Replacement		Anticipated 3rd quarter of FY 21-22	

2019-B2b	Building: City Hall Renovations	Anticipated 3rd quarter of FY 21-22	
2019-B3	Clerk: Laserfiche Avante Upgrade	Anticipated 2nd quarter of FY 21-22	
2020-B4b	Public Works Facility Construction	Need to complete CIP: 2020-B4a	

ACTIVE PROJECTS STATUS UPDATES (PROJECTS NOT COORDINATED BY THE CITY)

Project Name	Status
BUILDING PERMITS – COMMERCIAL PROJECTS (listed only once when active)	
200 E. Kipp Gestamp ACTIVE	Building permits are active for installation of 15 exhaust fans and new 49,200 square foot addition to existing building.



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Mason Police Department's K9 Tamarack has received donation of body armor

Mason Police Department's K9 Tamarack has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Tamarack's vest was embroidered with the sentiment "Born to Love-Trained to Serve-Loyal Always".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 4,349 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,744-\$2,283, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.


