

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2020**

Mayor Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan (via Zoom Teleconference). Schaffer led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple
Absent: None
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Manager, Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Carmichael of 519 S. Rogers Street thanked the City Council for their part in the Capex 3-16 well head project and for writing and passing the resolution. She also provided encouraging words to help boost morale and keep our community going during the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic.

Michael Koot of 951 N. Jefferson Street thanked the City for sending out the postcard to residents to provide them with available resources. He encouraged the City to provide even more guidance through social media and to be more proactive in working with businesses in Mason. He also encouraged Council Member Droscha to either consider temporary closing Dairy Hill or at least limit only serving food or drink.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Schaffer, second by Vogel,
to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- A. Minutes:
 - 1. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting March 2, 2020
- B. Financials:
 - 1. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$133,194.77
- C. Other:
 - 1. Confirmation of the Appointment by the City Manager of Michael Olson as Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Receipt of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

Manager Stuart explained that due to the uncertainty of Revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic that the budget presented is mainly and Operational Budget. Capital projects have been removed with the exception of Streets. Some Capital Projects may be reintroduced in the future when there is a better understanding of revenue and funding.

B. Ordinance 228 – First Reading and Adoption of Emergency to Establish an Omnibus Moratorium in Order to Postpone Certain Nonessential Meetings of Various Boards and Commissions of the City, to Suspend the Running of Certain Time Periods that are Established within the Code of the City of Mason, and to Suspend Applying Late Fees for Water and Sewer Services to the Citizens of the City of Mason.

MOTION by Brown, second by Schaffer,
to read and adopt Ordinance 228 – Emergency ordinance to Establish an Omnibus Moratorium in Order to Postpone Certain Nonessential Meetings of Various Boards and Commissions of the City, to Suspend the Running of Certain Time Periods that are Established within the Code of the City of Mason, and to Suspend Applying Late Fees for Water and Sewer Services to the Citizens of the City of Mason.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

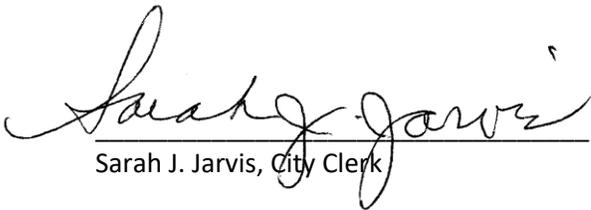
- Vogel welcomed Michael Olson to the City of Mason. Vogel thanked the City Manager and Mayor Whipple for navigating us through the COVID-19 crisis. Vogel thanked the residents of Mason for helping out to provide meals to the children and seniors of the City of Mason
- Ferris thanked everyone for helping us through this time and reminded everyone that it's not too late to nominate someone for this year's Arbor Day since it will now be delayed.
- Mayor Pro Tem wanted to thank all the City of Mason staff for their hard work and dedication during this time.

MANAGERS REPORT (02/28/2020)

Stuart brought attention to the Continuity of Operations that was provided in the Council Packet and that is the City website. This document is continuing to be updated as information continues to change. Stuart said that even though City Hall is closed to the public we are still working. We are limiting face-to-face interactions but our phones are still being answered and we are continuing to provide services as best as we can. Some services that we have suspended are rentals of any City property, water testing, playground equipment, and the use of pavilions. We are still allowing the parks to be open as long as groups of people are not gathering. We are still allowing grave side services with limiting attendees. Building permits are being issued for emergency projects only. Police calls are being restricted to limit face to face interaction. There will be a Street Project pre-construction meeting held through Zoom soon. Stuart wanted to remind all City of Mason citizens to continue to not gather together in groups and to encourage everyone who is going to be out in a public place to wear a mask based on recent CDC guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk