

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2017**

Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Vogel, Waltz, Whipple
Absent: Councilmember: None
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Administrator
Cheryl Lyons, Head Librarian for Mason Public Library
Elizabeth Hude

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Bancroft of 100 N Jefferson discussed the recent sidewalk/driveway work being done on Jefferson. He requested that his drive approach be replaced as part of the project. He also recommended a different notice process and questioned whether it was legal to have a prayer during the meeting.

PRESENTATION

Cheryl Lyons, Head Librarian for the Mason Public Library, presented the Capital Area District Library (CADL) 2016 Annual Report.

MOTION by Droscha, second by Vogel,
to receive and place the Capital Area District Library (CADL) 2016 Annual Report on file.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Droscha, second by Ferris,
to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- A. Motion – Approve Minutes: Regular Council Meeting July 17, 2017
- B. Events:
 - 1. Approve street closures for Down Home Days
 - 2. Approve street closures for Compete for a Cause
- C. Finance/Budget:
 - 1. Motion – Approve Bills in the Amount of \$135,928.01
- D. Correspondence – Receipt of:
 - 1. City Attorney's Report August 3, 2017
 - 2. Troxell Proclamation
 - 3. Arens Proclamation

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion – Approve Awarding Contract for Cleaning and Repairing Well No. 8 to Northern Pump & Well in the Amount of \$33,141.00

Stuart provided information on the cleaning/repairing of Well No. 8 project.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to approve awarding the contract for cleaning and repairing Well No. 8 to Northern Pump & Well in the amount of \$33,141.00.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Confirm the Appointment of Elizabeth Hude as Community Development Director by the City Administrator

Stuart noted her enthusiasm related to this appointment and how fortunate the City is to have Ms. Hude join the team. Many Council members noted their support of the appointment decision based on their experiences with Ms. Hude on the Planning Commission and her involvement with the community.

MOTION by Waltz, second by Droscha,
to confirm the appointment of Elizabeth Hude as Community Development Director by the City
Administrator

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Appoint Mayor Pro Tem Brown as the City Council's Representative to Attend the Annual Michigan Municipal League Meeting from September 13 – 15 in Holland, Michigan

MOTION by Droscha, second by Madden,
to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Brown as the City Council's Representative to attend the Annual Michigan
Municipal League Meeting from September 13 – 15 in Holland, Michigan

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Whipple noted there were to have been three proclamations presented at this meeting but one was not provided with the meeting packet. [Michael McGuire was the recipient of the third proclamation.]

Brown provided updates from the Michigan Municipal League.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Stuart informed Council regarding City business including construction updates, Fair Housing complaint received by the City, recent pedestrian accident, attempted kidnapping arrest, and other legal issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion – Adjourn to Closed Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha
To adjourn to Closed Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Whipple reconvened to the Open Meeting at 7:58 p.m.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to approve the contract with Capitol City Labor program, Inc., and the Mason Police Department Supervisory
Division

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Deborah Stuart, Acting City Clerk

Russell W. Whipple, Mayor