

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Vogel, Waltz, Whipple
Absent: None
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Administrator, Thomas Hitch, City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

The Mason Capital Area Prescription Drug Task Force (MCAPDTF) held a media contest for area high school students to create marketing and design products to support the outreach and prevention goals of the MCAPDTF. The criteria for the final media product included:

1. Increase Awareness about the problem of prescription drug misuse, abuse, and the risk of harm,
2. How to prevent prescription drug abuse, and
3. What communities can do to reduce problems caused by prescription drug misuse including promotion refusal skills.

Representatives of MCAPDTF, Police Chief John Stressman and Vice-Principal of Mason High School, Nick Toodzio presented this year's Public Service Media Awards. Josh Geyer, Ben Davis and Hayden Bond who are all Mason High School students were awarded \$750.00 for a video production of a 30-second Public Service Announcement. Jayna Bennett who is also a Mason High School student was awarded \$500.00 for her poster and logo artwork.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to move Item E – Resolution 2017-36 to New Business and approve the Consent Calendar
as printed:

- A. Approve Minutes: Regular Council Meeting November 13, 2017
- B. Financial Items:
 1. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$5,016.47
- C. Receipt of:
 1. Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report
 2. City Attorney's Report – November 16, 2017

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

Conduct Public Hearing to Solicit Comments Regarding a Request from Gestamp Mason, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement

Mayor Whipple opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. to receive comments.

Michael Klein from Gestamp Mason LLC spoke regarding their current and recently secured contracts which is prompting the need for expansion. Klein also spoke that this should create 40 new jobs and possibly even more. Klein said they are one of the top selling plants in the nation.

Whipple closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. as there were no further comments.

Resolution No. 2017-37 – Approve Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement for Gestamp Mason, LLC

MOTION by Brown, second by Waltz,
to approve Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement for Gestamp Mason LLC

City Administrator Stuart explained the importance of the IFT and the stability it will provide to the City of Mason.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2017- 37**

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR GESTAMP MASON, LLC,
FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION AGREEMENT
FOR AN EXPANSION OF ITS EXISTING FACILITY
WITHIN THE CITY OF MASON**

November 20, 2017

WHEREAS, Gestamp Mason, LLC, has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to an expansion of its existing facility to be installed within the existing Industrial Development District (established by Resolution 92-37 on July 6, 1992); and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City of Mason had a hearing on Monday, November 20, 2017, at the Mason City Hall, in Mason, Michigan at 7:00 p.m., at which time the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded and opportunity to be heard on the said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than twelve months before October 30, 2017, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the facility is calculated to and will, at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of Mason; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Mason, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of the personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Mason City Council finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under PA 198 of 1974, as amended, and PA 225 of 1978, as amended, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Mason, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Mason; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the application from Gestamp Mason, LLC, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to an expansion to its existing facility on the following described parcel of real property situation within the Industrial Development District, to wit:

BEG AT NW COR OF SEC 16 - S 89-45-58 E 1033.64 FT ALNG N SEC LN - S 24-17-28 E 1459.66 FT ALNG WLY LN OF CONRAIL R/W - SELY ALNG CURVE TO RT 408 .57 FT, RAD OF 2861.25 FT, CHD BRG S 20-12-01 E 408.22 FT - CONT SELY ALNG CURVE TO RT 281.39 FT, RAD OF 2861.25 FT, CHD BRG S 13-17-32 E 281.28 FT-ALNG CURVE TO LEFT 468.82 FT, RAD OF 429.28 FT, CHD BRG N 51-54-02 W 445.86 FT - N 89-43-34 W 534.2 FT - S 00-06-19 W 31.32 FT - N 89-43-34 W 197 FT - S 00-06 19 W 385 FT - N 89-53-41 W 754.01 FT ALNG N LN OF TRILLIUM CT- N 00-04-38 W 2128.84 FT ALNG W SEC LN TO POB ON NW 1/4 OF SEC 16 T2N R1W CITY OF MASON, INGHAM CO 63.481 AC M/L(1997). TIN: 33-19-10-16-100-024

be and the same is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Industrial Facilities Certificate, when issued, shall be and remain in force for a period of 12 years; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the City of Mason and Gestamp Mason, LLC, shall enter into the written Agreement containing the requirement for approval and issuance of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and allowing for the revocation of the Certificate if conditions imposed by the City of Mason are not met.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Approve the Contract with Gestamp Mason LLC Regarding Terms Associated with the Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement

MOTION by, Droscha, second by Waltz
to approve the Contract with Gestamp Mason LLC Regarding Terms Associated with the Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Approve Waiving Sealed Bid Process and Authorizing of Filter Pump Rehabilitation Contract in the Amount of \$10,094.90 to Northern Pump & Well.

On October 15, 2017, during a large rain event, debris was drawn into the filter of Pump Number 2 which caused extensive damage. The debris has been removed and the pumping channel has been cleaned but the filter still needs to be rehabilitated. It is urgent for the facility to have the filter pump returned to working order.

MOTION by, Brown, second by Droscha
to approve waiving Sealed Bid Process and Authorizing of Filter Pump Rehabilitation Contract in the Amount of \$10,094.90 to Northern Pump & Well.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion – Joint Recognition Ceremonies and Nomination.

Discussion took place about the history and reasons for holding the Joint Recognition Ceremony as well as the nomination process in regards to who can be nominated and who can nominate. Whipple said he will be scheduling a meeting with Ronald Drzewicki, Superintendent of Mason Public Schools to get his input on the ceremony and process as well. It was the overall consensus of the Council that they would like to continue with the ceremony but they realize that changes need to be made to the process.

Discussion – City of Mason Committee and Board Structure

Staff has been reviewing the current Boards and Commissions of the City and would like to discuss with Council the following amendments:

1. Combining the Tree Commission and the Cemetery Board of Trustees
2. Combining the Building/Sign Board of Appeals and the Zoning Board of Appeals
3. Eliminating the Traffic Commission
4. Eliminating the Utility Rate Commission

If Council has no concerns, staff will work to draft necessary ordinance amendments required and the Mayor will not plan to make recommendations related to those board seats that are remaining until after the ordinances have been amended.

Discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of eliminating certain boards and commissions. One

of the main concerns was making sure that current members of these boards and commissions do not feel like they are no longer needed and not appreciated. Stuart explained that through not filling vacant or expiring terms that this will limit this from occurring, however if it does happen we can hopefully encourage people to fill other vacant seats on other boards and commissions. It was the overall consensus of the Council to direct staff to draft the necessary ordinance amendments.

Resolution 2017-36 – Establishment of the City Council and Planning Commission Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2018.

MOTION by Vogel, second by Droscha,
to approve Resolution 2017-36 – Establishment of the City Council and Planning
Commission Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2018:

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2017- 36**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2018**

November 20, 2017

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mason that the following are the dates of the regular **City Council** meetings for the calendar year 2018, and that said meetings are to be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, except for May and December when meetings are to be held on the first and third Mondays;

January	8 and 22	July	9 and 23
February	12 and 26	August	13 and 27
March	12 and 26	September	10 and 24
April	9 and 23	October	8 and 22
May	7 and 21	November	12 and 26
June	11 and 25	December	3 and 17

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following are the dates of the regular **Planning Commission** meetings for the calendar year 2018;

January	9	July	10
February	13	August	14
March	13	September	11
April	10	October	9
May	8	November	13
June	12	December	4

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these meetings will be held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 201 West Ash Street, Mason, Michigan, with the City Council’s meetings to commence at 7:30 p.m. and the Planning Commission’s meetings to commence at 6:30 p.m.; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause these dates to be published in a local newspaper.

Yes (6) Brown, Droscha, Madden, Vogel, Waltz, Whipple

No (1) Ferris

Absent (0)

RESOLUTION APPROVED

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

- Ferris reported that a community Thanksgiving Dinner will be at Noon on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at the United Methodist Church.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminder that the meeting for Laylin Park will be taking place on Saturday, December 16, 2017. A notice will be on Facebook and individual invitations will be going out to the residents located near the park. Leaf pick-up will continue through this week and possibly into next week. Work is being done on the new City website. This will be an arduous process and hopefully a timeline will be given sometime in January.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha to Adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss an Opinion of the City Attorney.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Mayor Whipple reconvened to the Open Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk

Russell W. Whipple, Mayor