

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 18, 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). Vogel led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Droscha, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple
Absent: Ferris
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Manager, Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk, Michelle Pietsch, Finance Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kamie Burnside of 704 E. Columbia sent the following public comment: In regards to the intersection of Rayner and E. Columbia St. When will the water runoff be fixed so it does not continue to run into my drive and destroy my foundation? This is starting to create cracks in my drywall and ceiling. Will you be paying for the repairs?

Jamie Robinson of 4748 W. Columbia Road, owner of Vault Deli and Bestsellers. Commented about our city businesses with food and spirit services. While many current businesses have some outdoor dining areas, I would like to voice support in adding public ally and parking spaces to increase the amount of allowable areas for public dining. We need to have more area to safely gather with the restrictions we are facing in order to maintain our businesses.

MOTION by Brown, second by Madden,
to approve the agenda as amended with the moving of Resolution 2020-13 to New Business (Item 8A) and the addition of Authorization for the City Manager to Voluntarily Participate in Workshare Program (Item 8B).

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Brown, second by Madden,
to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- A. Minutes:
 - 1. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting May 4, 2020
- B. Financials:
 - 1. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$54,169.17
 - 2. Receipt of Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for Period Ending April 30, 2020
- C. Resolutions:
 - 1. Resolution 2020-10: Approval of Mayoral Appointments to City Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10
MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
May 18, 2020**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, with approval from the City Council, does hereby make the following appointments/reappointments to the specified boards and commissions of the City with the following terms:

Board/Commission	Appointments/Reappointments	Term Ends
Local Officers Compensation Commission	Dan Meredith	2021

2. Resolution 2020-11: Approval of City Council Appointments to City Board and Commissions

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11
CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

May 18, 2020

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby make the following appointments/reappointments to the specified boards and commissions of the City with the following terms:

Board/Commission	Appointments/Reappointments	Term End
Zoning Board of Appeals	Dan Meredith (Alternate)	2022

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

No (0)

Absent (1) Ferris

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget

Mayor Whipple opened public hearing at 7:43

Public Comment: None

Mayor Whipple closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

1. Resolution 2020-12 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to approve Resolution 2020-12 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12
ADOPTION OF THE FY 2020-2021 BUDGET

May 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mason did hold a public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year budget on Monday, May 18, 2020 as prescribed by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed 2020-2021 Operating Budget is filed with the City Clerk, providing for the sums of \$13,503,540 to expend for municipal purposes of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, Trust and Agency Funds, Enterprise Funds, Intergovernmental Funds, and Special Assessment Funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and the said amount

of \$3,535,000 shall be raised by taxes, or a levy of 15.25 mills, upon real and personal property of the City of Mason.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that whereas the captured State Taxable Valuation for the DDA District is \$3,466,998; the sum of \$53,225 shall be placed in the DDA Fund along with other taxing jurisdictions' appropriate tax dollar amounts, and together this money will be used for future public improvements within the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that whereas the captured State Taxable Valuation for the LDFA District is \$35,188,273; the sum of \$222,550, shall be placed in the LDFA Fund along with other taxing jurisdictions' appropriate tax dollar amounts, and together this money will be used for future public improvements within the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2020-2021 Governmental Fund Budgets shall be automatically amended on July 1, 2020 to re-appropriate encumbrances outstanding and reserved on June 30, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that non-union employees will be considered for a merit payment during the year no larger than 2% of their salary with no base salary increase, AFSCME employees will receive base increases per contract and/or agreements, and police supervisory and police non-supervisory contracts are pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mason hereby adopts the 2020-2021 proposed fiscal year budget which is currently on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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

No (0)

Absent (1) Ferris

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2020-13: 11% Increase to the City of Mason Utility Rates

MOTION by Brown, second by Vogel,
to approve Resolution 2020-13: 11% Increase to the City of Mason Utility Rates

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13**

11% INCREASE TO THE CITY OF MASON UTILITY RATES

May 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is anticipating significant utility use loss due to COVID-19 and has calculated an increase based on operating costs, Street Improvement Plan, and City of Mason Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mason City Council is charged with assigning a just and reasonable rate for supplying the users of the water system and the sewer system with utility services as the City may provide; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Fund is a Proprietary Fund which, by definition, is financed primarily by user charges; and

WHEREAS, the 2020/2021 City of Mason Budget includes a 11 % rate increase with no increase to the meter charge, the following is recommended;

- Water Charge for zero units will be \$2.42.
- Water Charge will be \$4.23 per 1,000 gallons.
- Water Capital Improvement Charge will be \$2.99 per 1,000 gallons.
- Sewer Charge for zero units will be \$3.94.
- Sewer Charge will be \$5.97 per 1,000 gallons.
- Sewer Capital Improvement Charge will be \$.81 per 1,000 gallons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council establishes the above listed rates for the Water and Sewer Fund effective for the first billing period commencing on or after June 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council updates the Directory of Charges with the above changes effective June 1, 2020.

Yes (5) Brown, Droscha, Madden, Vogel, Whipple

No (1) Schaffer

Absent (1) Ferris

MOTION APPROVED

B. Authorization for the City Manager to Voluntarily Participate in Workshare Program

MOTION by Madden, second by Droscha,
to Authorize for the City Manager to Voluntarily Participate in Workshare Program

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

No (0)

Absent (1) Ferris

MOTION APPROVED

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

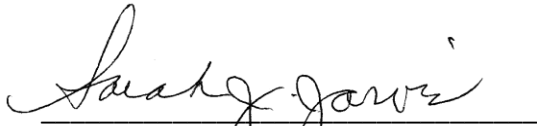
- Madden acknowledged that it was EMS week and expressed her gratitude to all EMS workers especially during this crisis
- Vogel reported that the Historical District Commission will be meeting by Zoom on Tuesday, May 26.
- Vogel thanked Michelle Pietsch and staff for their hard work on the budget.
- Vogel thanked everyone in the community who participated and purchased gift cards for the DDA district and that it showed great community pride.
- Vogel reminded that the Fireworks are a donated service and that it may have been unlikely that we would have even been able to receive the fireworks as shipments from China are not being allowed right now.
- Vogel congratulated the Mason High School Class of 2020.
- Brown acknowledged that Commercial Bank has changed their 5K run to a Virtual Event to take place on June 5th.
- Vogel reported on behalf of Ferris that trees can still be purchased in memory or honor of someone.
- Whipple wanted to acknowledge the DDA Gift Card Program as well. Through this program the DDA was able to provide much needed cash flow to DDA Businesses. This program allowed individuals to purchase a \$35.00 dollar gift certificate for \$25.00 with the DDA providing a \$10.00 match. DDA offered 1000 cards and they sold out in seven (7) hours. It's anticipated another round will take place in a couple of weeks.

MANAGERS REPORT (05/15/2020)

Stuart reported that with the significant amount of rain we have received that we will most likely need to bypass to the Rayner Creek.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk