

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

Mayor Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan (Via Zoom Teleconference). Ferris 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, Michelle Pietsch, Finance Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darren E. Mason and Danielle Welke of 421 East Ash Street, Mason, MI 48854

(Provided following comment in advance and attended meeting)

Myself and Danielle Welke own the property at 421 East Ash Street Mason. 1) We have a question that we would like to be read aloud by the Mayor at the meeting tonight. The question is "We became aware via verbal visit by a city employee during the week of 08/31 - 09/04 that substantial and serious problems exist with old sewer infrastructure under our property and the adjacent property at 410 E. Maple Street. The city employee told us that our fence would be taken down and substantial digging would occur starting the week of 09/07 - 09/11 - work that is still underway. Since our property is directly impacted by this sewer infrastructure problem, including sinkholes on our property, we want to know why we have not been informed in writing about the history of, and future plans to address, this serious problem? How is our property impacted by this ongoing problem?" 2) Myself - Darren Mason, and co-owner Danielle Welke, would like to reserve spots to speak during the non-written public comment period of the meeting as well. Thank you very much.

Manager Stuart explained that they are still in the investigation stage of this situation and the first priority was stabilizing the home. As the situation continues to move forward Manager Stuart said we will make sure to keep Mr. Mason and Ms. Welke informed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Minutes:

1. Approve Minutes of Council Workshop on August 5, 2020
2. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting August 17, 2020
3. Approve Minutes of Council Workshop on August 17, 2020
4. Approve Minutes of Special Council Meeting and Public Hearing on August 31, 2020

B. Financials:

1. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$99,610.23

C. Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2020-24: Approval of Mayoral Appointments City Boards and Commissions

CITY OF MASON

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

September 14, 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 End
Building Code & Sign Board of Appeals	Leon Langridge	2022
Dangerous Building Hearing Office	Nick Johnson	2022

Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple

No (0)

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 230: An Ordinance to Amend the City of Mason Ordinances, Part II, Chapter 1, Sec. 1-2; Chapter 2, Sec 2-104; Chapter 94, Article IV, Section 94-124; Article VII, Section 94-222; Article IX, Section 94-292; and Chapter 100, Article I, Table 100-2 and Table 100-5 to add a Definition for Efficiency Unit, Allow Three-Unit Multiple Family Use in the R2F: Two Family Residential District, Revise Dwelling Unit Square Footage Requirements, Revise Parking Requirements, Revise Language for Consistency within the Code, and Correct Typographical Errors.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to Introduce and Read for the first time Ordinance 230: An Ordinance to Amend the City of Mason Ordinances, Part II, Chapter 1, Sec. 1-2; Chapter 2, Sec 2-104; Chapter 94, Article IV, Section 94-124; Article VII, Section 94-222; Article IX, Section 94-292; and Chapter 100, Article I, Table 100-2 and Table 100-5 to add a Definition for Efficiency Unit, Allow Three-Unit Multiple Family Use in the R2F: Two Family Residential District, Revise Dwelling Unit Square Footage Requirements, Revise Parking Requirements, Revise Language for Consistency within the Code, and Correct Typographical Errors.

Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple

No (0)

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

B. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 231: An Ordinance to Amend the City of Mason Zoning Map to Rezone the Property at 117 Mark Street (Parcel 33-19-10-09-204-004) from O-2: Specialized Office District to RS-2: Single Family Residential

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to Introduce and Read for the first time Ordinance 231: An Ordinance to Amend the City of Mason

Zoning Map to Rezone the Property at 117 Mark Street (Parcel 33-19-10-09-204-004) from O-2: Specialized Office District to RS-2: Single Family Residential

Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple
No (0)

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

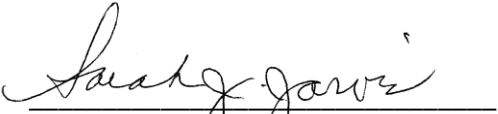
None

MANAGERS REPORT (08/13/2020)

Stuart reported that the Capital Area District Library Story walk should be installed at Laylin Park in the next couple of weeks. Stuart reported that we are keeping a close on the rising cases of COVID-19 in Ingham County to determine whether we need to consider closing City Hall to the public again. Stuart indicated that our main concern is making sure essential service continue to occur as well as maintain health and safety for our residents and employees.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk