

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Chaplain Tom Moll opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Diana K. Nelson, Barbara Berry-Spaeth, Ashley Chance, Kathy Grossmann, Michael Gilb, T. J. Honerlaw, and Victor Kidd.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the September 10, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to approve the September 24, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Kidd).

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Community Center will host a Trunk-N-Treat on Friday, October 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center parking lot. Residents are invited to wear their favorite costumes for games and treats.

Cincinnati Family Magazine is hosting the Kids & Family Expo at the Community Center on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This free event will feature local businesses and children's programs.

Fire Station 51 will host an Open House from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, and Station 52 will host one on Sunday, October 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in honor of National Fire Prevention Week.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Mason Corporate Challenge will be held on Saturday, October 20 at 9:00 a.m. at Mason Golf Center. This is a 5k walk/run designed to engage the Mason corporate community in a city-wide competition, support employee involvement in a culture of wellness, and "give-back" by donating proceeds to select charities. Each company forms a team comprised of employees and their families to compete. This event is open to the community and registration is available on [imaginemason.org](http://imaginemason.org) or [masoncorporatchallenge.com](http://masoncorporatchallenge.com).

Mason Deerfield Chamber is hosting the annual Gems of Excellence Awards Night on Thursday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Manor House celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and honoring members of the business community.

Halloween will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 31 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Rain or shine.

The City conducts the Leaf Removal Program October 15 through December 14. If snowfall interrupts the leaf removal season, trucks need to be re-outfitted for snow. Residents are encouraged to clean-up leaves and debris to allow for quick removal before snowfall approaches.

Among other amenities provided, Mason is succeeding in these Top 10 ways: AAA bond rating, declining residential tax burden – 70% in 20 years, consistently ranked among best places to live/work, low income tax rate compared to similar cities, low property taxes compared to many townships, high paying job growth, providing a culture of wellness, declining debt, proven track record of positive public-private partnerships, and top 4% of Police Departments in the USA.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Chance described a great turn out for the POW/MIA Memorial. A veteran's event will be held on November 11 to honor veterans and encourages Mason residents to attend.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** – None.

### **RESOLUTION 2018-21 MASON MANUFACTURING AND MAKERS MONTH**

A motion to read was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance.  
VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Michele Blair stated October is Manufacturing Month and National Manufacturing Day, on the first Friday in October, is a nationwide initiative to recognize America's creators and re-appreciate modern manufacturing and how it impacts the economy. Council's focus on public/private partnerships encourages local manufacturers to connect the corporate community, the City, and education systems. Mason's Manufacturing and Makers Month highlights the importance of the industry and educates our community on opportunities that exist in the field. Companies will lead the Manufacturing Month initiative and host local schools, including Mason and Kings, along with others from across the region at their Mason facilities. She introduced a few businesses the City has collaborated with in this effort to maximize students' experiences and showcase items manufactured for everyday use. Roger Kramer, Chief Financial Officer of Pioneer Cladding and Glazing Systems said the company relocated back to Mason 5 years ago with a 215,00 square foot manufacturing facility and Mason, Ohio is their central production facility for everything manufactured throughout the United States. Pioneer was the winner of the Fast 55 in 2016 and Pioneer President Tom Arnold was name Entrepreneur of the Year in 2015 for the Ohio Valley Region. Jacob McMinn, Senior Project Manager with Pioneer reviewed some of their notable projects including working closely with University of Cincinnati and recently being awarded the Children's Hospital expansion. Emily Larsh, Manager of Makino Learning Center stated Makino combines engineering and automation into their machining centers and are excited for growth with the City's partnership. Joe Hills, Inside Sales and Workforce Development with Ashley Ward stated it is an honor to stand beside prominent forces in Mason. Ashley Ward is a private family-owned company that started in 1908, built itself as a

leader in the screw machine industry, and currently has 100 employees in Mason. John Thompson, Vice President and General Manager with Rhinestahl said they are a global company with multiple innovative divisions including advanced manufacturing incorporating high precision parts and assembly. Manufacturing Month allows time for them to showcase and help families understand what manufacturing is today. Dr. Nikolas Gebhard, Head of Product Supply and COO of Festo stated this opportunity is excellent for students to learn the history and see the beauty of manufacturing. This opportunity inspires young people to explore manufacturing ingenuity. He thanked the City for being a successful partner. Michele Blair said events will continue throughout the month of October. She stated there are over 10,000 manufacturing positions in the City and an estimated 800 students will be visiting Mason companies to tour and learn about these innovative environments.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Councilmember Grossmann and John Thompson discussed pursuing math and sciences in education and to pursue hand-on training. Many manufacturers have great stepping stone opportunities.

Mayor Kidd expressed his appreciation for manufacturers and reflected on the tool maker apprenticeship program he chose in high school and his machinery trade experience.

Councilmember Chance commended the Mechatronics Program through Festo which encourages teens to pursue an apprenticeship program after high school.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2018-21 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-101 AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 4.77 ACRES FROM DEERFIELD R-SF (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) TO MASON R-4 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) LOCATED AT 5958 BETHANY ROAD (CROOKED TREE PRESERVES BETHANY ROAD)**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

The public hearing was opened at 7:55 p.m.

Kurt Seiler stated the property is located on the north side of Bethany Road between the Fairways of Crooked Tree Subdivision and the Crooked Tree Preserves Subdivision. This property has recently been annexed into the City of Mason from Deerfield Township. The property is currently zoned Deerfield Township R-SF, Residential - Single Family, and the request is to rezone it to R-4, Single Family Residential, in the City of Mason. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the Crooked Tree Preserves Preliminary Plat that was approved by Planning Commission. The plat identified the subject property and the adjacent land currently

zoned R-6, Condominium and Landminium Residential, to conform to the Mason's R-4 development standards.

The public hearing was closed at 7:56 p.m.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-101 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-119 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN DONATED EASEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF OTHER CERTAIN EASEMENTS AS PART OF THE SNIDER ROAD ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Kurt Seiler stated in 2014, City Council authorized a grant submittal for the Snider Road Roundabouts project to the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ grant program. The grant was approved for \$1,558,554 in funding toward the estimated \$2.2 million overall project cost. The Snider Road Roundabouts Project includes construction of two new roundabouts at the Mason Road intersection and the Thornberry Drive intersection. Construction of the Snider Road Roundabouts Project requires permanent and temporary easements on eight parcels. The 2018 budget included \$150,000 for the right-of-way acquisition related to the Snider Road Roundabouts Project. The Snider Road Roundabouts project is anticipated to begin in late 2019.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-119 as amended was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-120 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR CROOKED TREE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 3A**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Kurt Seiler stated Phase 3A is located on Birchview Drive, south of Sentinel Oak Drive. The property is zoned R-3, Single Family Residential. The 4.3 acre section will dedicate the right of way, utilities, storm, and sewer easements necessary for this development. Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plat contingent upon the submittal of the performance bond and subdivider's contract.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-120 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-121 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC., TO THE 2018 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Eric Hansen said earlier this year Council authorized a contract with Barrett Paving Material, Inc. for the annual street maintenance program in the amount of \$1,776,493 towards street repair and maintenance. The City began using Onyx material to help extend the life of some roadways. Staff has evaluated the effectiveness of the material and has determined that the product is not performing as successfully as anticipated and will not be included in the program this year, saving \$75,000. Unexpected repairs are needed throughout the City that was not originally intended to be included in this year's street resurfacing program. Terrace Drive has continued to experience increased issues with surface conditions due to Bethany Road being closed and Terrace Drive becoming the detour route. He said the proposed funds would be redirected toward necessary repairs to the detour and other areas in the City. The remaining \$25,000 from non-performance of the Onyx work will be added to the set aside balance for future resurfacing maintenance.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-121 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-122 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL GUNITE FOR THE WESTERN ROW CMP REHABILITATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,894**

A motion to read by title only was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Jennifer Heft said an existing culvert on Western Row Road is made of corrugated pipe and is in need of immediate maintenance due to rusting and areas being compromised. The use of corrugated metal pipe is no longer a viable solution permitted in the City of Mason. For new projects, the City only allows concrete or plastic pipe for a much higher life expectancy. National Gunite is proposing to structurally rehabilitate the culvert pipe with shotcrete reinforced with welded wire fabric. Shotcrete is a liquid concrete that is shot with a pressurized gun so that it can fill all voids and spaces in the existing corrugated metal pipe. She stated this culvert rehabilitation project will provide a significantly longer life-span to the existing culvert and postpones complete replacement of the culvert by approximately 20 years. National Gunite is

one of the few companies locally and in the nation that does this type of structural repair. Many surrounding communities have used this method with positive results. An emergency clause has been added to allow the execution of the contract as soon as possible to complete the project prior to the end of the current construction season.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-122 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

### **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Spaeth thanked those who helped plan the POW/MIA Memorial and appreciated everyone's participation.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

John Looker of 111 East Main Street stated Post 194 is hosting a Halloween Celebration on Sunday, October 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with various children's activities. The community is welcome to join. He said the Veteran Services of Warren County transported 711 veterans to and from their appointments and assisted 70 veterans with a combined \$41,166 this past month. He will be featured in a veteran's services commercial during the Army vs. Navy football game.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:09 p.m.