

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 10, 2000**

Mason City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the above date. Mayor McCurley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present were: James Fox, Dick Staten, Thomas Muennich, Peter Beck, Betty Davis, Charlene Pelfrey and John McCurley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilmember Muennich to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2000 City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**SWEARING IN OF MASON POLICE OFFICER JEFF BERSON**

Mayor McCurley introduced Police Chief Ron Ferrell who introduced Jeff Berson, a new police officer for the City of Mason. Mayor McCurley administered the oath of office for Officer Berson.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Vice Mayor Fox introduced three Boy Scouts from Troop 43 and Troop 750. They lead members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheryl Short, 4296 Flagstone Drive, Mason, Ohio stated she wanted to bring attention to a movement by the citizens of Mason. She said many citizens would like to see proactive measures taken to preserve greenspace within the city. She said citizens from various communities are supportive of a levy for park space acquisition. She said they want to keep Mason a desirable place to live.

Mayor McCurley asked that suggestions be sent to members of City Council. He stated he has received approximately fifty phone calls on this subject. Mr. Beck stated he feels City Council needs to prioritize this issue. He asked that something be placed in Mason Matters to get input on the topic. He said he would like to see the City take a proactive approach on this. Ms. Davis said she feels the City has been proactive and cited several land acquisitions made by the city to accumulate park land. She said she wants to see Mason be proactive but not to the point of paying too much to acquire land. Mr. Fox said he would like to see all undeveloped space go to parks but that will not happen. He said the City should look closely at undeveloped properties.

Helen Fox, 6095 Little Lake Drive, said there is support for a land acquisition or levy that is not linked to any one piece of land in the city. She said August 24<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for this to be placed on the ballot. She said she would help organize a forum or would support a phone call survey to see if residents

are supportive of this issue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-13 2<sup>nd</sup> READING: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MASON FOR JANUARY 1, 2001 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001**

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

Mr. Hansen said this budget is used to justify receipt of public money.

The public hearing opened at 7:31 p.m.

No audience members spoke in favor of or in opposition to the resolution.

The public hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2000-13 was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2000-92 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BARBOUR COMPANY FOR THE STRIPING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY**

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

Mr. Beck asked Mr. Fair if the current striping will be painted over. Mr. Fair stated the striping will be changed at Tylersville Road and US 42.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-92 was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice-Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2000-93 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J. R. HERDMAN EXCAVATING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER MAIN ALONG BUTLER-WARREN AND MASON ROADS FOR \$350,069.65 OR LESS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Mr. Richard Fair said the City has an opportunity to extend 5,900 feet of twelve inch water main on Butler-Warren Road and 2,500 feet of sixteen inch water main on Mason Road without bidding. He said

Warren County requested bids to extend a twelve inch water main from the northeast corner of Butler-Warren Road and Bethany Road to the southeast corner of Butler-Warren Road and Mason Road. He said they included a twelve inch main on the north side of Mason Road to serve the Black Ravens Subdivision. He said J. R. Herdman was the low bidder and they entered into a contract with the county and are ready to start construction. Mr. Fair said the City became involved when the County asked for permission to lay pipe in the right of way.

Mr. Fair said the benefits from piggybacking to the county project are numerous. He said the entire length of pipe will be placed in road right of way eliminating the need to pay for or negotiate for easements. He said the City and County will benefit by not having two contractors working in the same space. He said Herdman will provide property restoration only once. He said traffic maintenance, project inspection, and contract administration will be shared by the County Water Department and Mason Utility Department.

Mr. Fair said Tim Garry reviewed the legality of the arrangement by researching the Ohio Revised Code and City Charter. He said Mr. Garry and Ken Schneider are comfortable that the contract will work. Mr. Fair recommended that the contract in the amount of \$350,069.65 be awarded to J. R. Herdman Excavating with the adoption of Ordinance 2000-93.

Vice-Mayor Fox said as Chairperson of the Utilities Committee he recommended the plan. He commended city staff and the Law Director for moving forward with this effort.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-93 was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2000-94 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALEXANDER-PATTERSON GROUP, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR USE BY THE CITY OF MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

Mr. Hansen said the Engineering and Fire Departments prepared bids to furnish Fire Station #52 on Cedar Village Drive. He said the sleeping facilities are currently under construction and it is necessary to order furniture such as bunk beds, dressers, and night stands for ten bedrooms as well as a table and chairs for a conference room.

Mr. Hansen said Alexander-Patterson Group, Inc. was the only bidder and will order and install the furniture with a ten week order time. He said the total cost of furnishing the addition is \$38,383.47.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-49 was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- ◆ Mr. Hansen said the July issue of Mason Matters should be delivered the week of July 17.
- ◆ Mr. Hansen said the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is hosting two public meetings to be held on July 19 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. each evening at the Tory Family Life Center at the Grace Baptist Church. He encouraged residents and Council Members to attend one of the sessions. He said the purpose of the meetings is to collect ideas, concerns, goals and planning ideas from residents. He said Mayor McCurley and Council Member Pelfrey are Council's representatives on the Steering Committee.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Davis said the Finance Committee will begin hearing the budget process shortly.

Councilmember Beck said the Economic Development meeting is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>. He said OKI just approved grants for thirteen communities for various items. He said the I-75 corridor study is now at the public comments stage.

Vice-Mayor Fox said the Utility Meeting is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>. He said the Parks Board produced a wonderful fireworks presentation/concert on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. He said it was well organized and encouraged residents to attend next year.

Councilmember Pelfrey said the Safety Committee received comments from residents on Lakeview who had fireworks drift down toward their properties. She suggested moving them slightly so this does not happen next year.

Councilmember Pelfrey said the Downtown Revitalization Committee is trying to market downtown's unique contributions. She said they want to enhance the history and tie it in with the theme of Imagine Mason. She said she is excited about making Mason family and business friendly.

Councilmember Staten said the Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2000. He reviewed the meeting agenda. He announced that at the June meeting the Arloi Dee Thai Food restaurant was approved with contingencies. He said he feels it will be a nice addition to Mason.

Mayor McCurley said the building committee met tonight concerning the architectural plan. He said it will be presented to Council soon.

### **COUNCIL OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Muennich said on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Mason Community Band will have

a concert at Pine Hill Park. He said the band sounds great and encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Muennich said it is imperative that everyone support the band.

Councilmember Beck said he appreciated the city employee efforts in presenting the fireworks. He also commended the fire department for the display they brought. He asked if the city could possibly consider a different, rock and roll type band next year.

Mayor McCurley said he saw a Mason vehicle being driven by Larry Cox today. He said he was pleased to see Mr. Cox back at work.

Councilmember Muennich asked about sidewalks on Mason Montgomery Road. Mr. Fair said any sidewalks put in will be taken out. He said they are waiting for the road and the goal is to have it in by the fall of 2002. He said right of way, trees at the cemetery and the bridge must all be considered. Mr. Fair said sidewalks will be on the west and the bike path will be on the east side. Councilmember Muennich said he feels the safety of the children should be considered.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to reconvene into regular session was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS

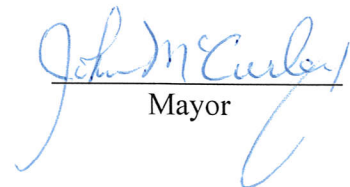
A general discussion followed among Councilmembers on site plan issues involved with the property on Mason Montgomery Road being utilized for the school, recreation center and new municipal building.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

TIME: 9:55 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor