CITY OF MASON COUNCIL WORK SESSION JUNE 13, 2011

Mayor Prince called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Michael Gilb, Rich Cox, Charlene Pelfrey, David Nichols, and Don Prince. Christine Shimrock joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Tony Bradburn was absent.

FIRE SERVICE LEVELS AND THE FIRE FUND

Eric Hansen stated that the Safety Committee has been meeting to discuss fire expenses exceeding revenue. Chief John Moore distributed a spreadsheet outlining potential staffing options which listed the savings and effect on service with each option. Council discussed the importance of maintaining the City's safety services. Joe Reigelsperger presented information on the state of the Fire Fund and future fire funding options. Council discussed the option of a property tax levy or an income tax levy and the timing for putting either levy on the ballot. Jeff Forbes explained the time requirements for any ballot issue. Council decided that placing a levy on the fall 2011 ballot would not give them enough time to educate the voters. They also discussed the importance of keeping any potential levy simple and straight forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.