

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Chaplain DeArco opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Victor Kidd, Barbara Spaeth, Tom Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, and Don Prince. David Nichols and Rich Cox were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 13, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to approve the October 27, 2014 Council Worksession Minutes was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: 3 YEAS, 2 ABSTAIN (Kidd and Spaeth).

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

VFW Post 9622 will hold a Veterans Day ceremony at the Municipal Center on November 11 at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will include Colonel Joe Savage as the guest speaker and a POW/MIA tribute. Music will be provided by the Mason High School Choir and Mason Community Band. City Council and residents are encouraged to attend.

Volunteers who support City operations throughout the year and served over 100 hours will be recognized at the Council meeting tonight. On Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m., the City of Mason will host a Volunteer Recognition at the Community Center and Councilmembers are encouraged to attend.

For the 18th year, the City will conduct its Hope for the Holidays program. There are many ways to help someone in need this holiday season. Donate non-perishable food items to the Mason Food Pantry at 406 Fourth Avenue. Families, neighborhoods, and businesses can adopt a family to provide for. Donate new and unwrapped toys or gift cards/certificates. Items may be left in the collection barrels located at the Municipal Center or Community Center.

A Shop Local Event will be held at the Community Center on Wednesday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event, located along Main Street at the Center, will feature 30 area merchants and home sales representatives. This is a great opportunity to start your holiday shopping.

Wednesday, December 3, the Community Center will host the 6th annual Mocktails event. In preparation for the upcoming holiday party, the Center invites the public to attend the event and

sample some free, delicious, and safer alternatives to traditional cocktails. Participants will be competing for the Best Drink Name, Best Taste, and Best Display. Come cast your vote!

At this time of year, City Council typically authorizes the purchase of a gift certificate for a ham, turkey or gift certificate to the Community Center. If Council would like to offer this to all City employees, a motion to this effect would be appropriate.

A motion to purchase gift certificates for City employees at the holidays was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Pelfrey announced that the time for the weekly Bicentennial Committee meetings on Thursdays has been moved to 8:30 a.m. She said that letters will soon be sent to residents with Bicentennial calendar and special event information. Information is also on the website, facebook, and twitter. The City is funding Bicentennial events and asks that businesses consider a donation to Common Ground Park.

Councilmember Grossmann stated that the Finance Committee will meet on November 18 and 19 to work on the 2015 budget. An additional date of November 22nd may be needed with plans for approval at the November 24th Council Meeting. Councilmember Grossmann said that Finance Committee has prepared legislation for tonight's meeting regarding funding of Festivals of Mason, Inc.

RECOGNITION OF PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Kevin Collins of 5592 Glen Brook said that his wife, Sheri Collins passed away on May 25, 2014 after an inspirational two and half year battle with pancreatic cancer. Sheri did not lose the battle, but was a winner in both her work and personal life. He quoted Stuart Scott, "Those that die of cancer do not lose the battle. Instead they win the battle by the way they live their life." Kevin listed pancreatic cancer statistics and asked that everyone please wear purple on Thursday, November 11th "Purple for a Purpose Day." He thanked *Team Sher* and City of Mason staff for all the support. He stated that *Team Sher* has raised over \$15,000 in the last three years to fight pancreatic cancer. In Sheri's memory, over \$4000 was given towards a UK scholarship fund and \$3000 towards the Common Ground Playground.

RECOGNITION OF BRAD AND COLLEEN JOHANSEN'S DONATION TO THE MASON PARK FOUNDATION

Rachel Kopfler, President of the Mason Park Foundation announced that their annual fundraiser has been renamed *The Sheri Collins Memorial Run, Roll, and Sun 5K*, in honor of Sheri's numerous contributions to the Foundation. Rachel also recognized Brad and Colleen Johansen's \$15,000 donation to the Mason Park Foundation.

RECOGNITION OF MASON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Gary Miller, a coordinator of the Community Garden in Mason, explained the program. He stated that in 2014, 53 gardeners planted produce and flowers in 10'x15' plots from mid-May through the end of October. Several gardeners chose to donate part of their harvest to the Mason Food Pantry. He thanked the City of Mason and Public Works employees David Riggs and Shawn Ford for helping with the Community Garden.

RECOGNITION OF PARKS VOLUNTEERS

Chrissy Avery stated that volunteers assist in the parks, at events, and in other areas of the City. She introduced Dana Maidenberg, who explained the different ways that volunteers choose to participate. Dana introduced CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) volunteers that have volunteered over 100 hours in the past year: Patrick Palmer, Timothy Mullis, Mary Tobias, and Michael Clements. CERT members with over 100 volunteer hours but not present include: Matt McConville, Michael Kramer, and Chris Bernard. Dana introduced Senior Center volunteers Miriam Jacobs and John Jacobs. Volunteers Charlie Yu, Bill Mundun, Jennifer McWilliams, and Mary Yu were not present. Vice Mayor Kidd and Councilmember Spaeth assisted Dana in thanking the volunteers for their service to the community.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS - none

ORDINANCE 2014-83 SECOND READING: AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.1 ACRES LOCATED 80 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH STREET AND MASON ROAD FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (MASON ROAD PROPERTY)

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

Kurt Seiler stated that Richard and Robert Fox request property rezoning from R-1 to R-4. The property is on the east side of Mason Road, just north of Church Street. Surrounding properties are mostly zoned R-4, Concord Crossing to the north is zoned Residential PUD, and the Gould property to the west is zoned R-1. Kurt explained that the proposed land use is single family which does fit with the Future Land Use Plan, the community core subarea refines this as medium intensity residential, and is consistent with this area of Downtown Mason. Planning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:38 p.m.

Dennis Bogan of 3017 Ash Court, broker for the property owners, stated that there is a purchase contract on this property with plans to build a single family residence.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Jeff Forbes confirmed with Councilmember Pelfrey that as an adjacent property owner with no financial interest regarding the rezoning of this property she has no conflict of interest and is eligible to vote on this matter.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-83 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-84 SECOND READING: AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 0.74 ACRES LOCATED AT 613 READING ROAD FROM B-1 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3 ROAD SERVICE DISTRICT (613 READING ROAD)

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

Kurt Seiler stated that the property, with a 1400 square foot building, is located at the southwest corner of 5th Avenue and Reading Road and is the site of the old Swifty Oil gas station. B-3 zoning is requested to allow for a convenience store at this location. Property across the street from the site is zoned B-3 and the use is consistent with the area even though it is not what the Future Land Use Plan shows for the area. Kurt explained that the existing building could continue to operate, however the new owner has expressed a desire to demolish the structure, build a convenience store, and keep the existing gas tanks. Expanding or rebuilding on this site would require a request for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals because B-3 zoning district requires a 40,000 square foot minimum lot size. Planning Commission reviewed and recommends approval of this ordinance.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:44 p.m.

Dennis Beatty of 1900 1st Avenue in Middletown, architect representing the owner, stated that the owner plans to demolish the existing building and build a new building to match the neighborhood. He presented renderings of the proposed building. Mr. Beatty answered questions by Council and stated that the Marathon station will have an all brick exterior, existing tanks will be inspected and are expected to remain, and the canopy will be upgraded. Kurt Seiler explained that the Comprehensive Plan shows this area as Community Core Mixed-Use which is retail for less intense uses such as office, commercial, and service.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Vice Mayor Kidd stated that this area is in need of repair, including the sidewalks.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-84 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-85 SECOND READING: AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.27 ACRES LOCATED AT 7539 EASY STREET FROM HT-1 HIGH-TECH LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (7539 EASY STREET)

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

Kurt Seiler stated Kim and Jill Dabe have requested the rezoning of approximately 1.27 acres of land on Easy Street in the Castle Industrial Park where all adjacent properties are zoned I-1. The lot currently contains a 20,000 square foot multi-tenant building. Kurt explained that HT-1 zoning limits warehousing to 50% and is more geared to office development. I-1 zoning is a more general land use designation and allows more intense uses. The Future Land Use Plan for the City of Mason shows this area as Business Park, which is consistent with proposed zoning. Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning based on consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and with surrounding land uses.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:53 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:53 p.m.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-85 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-100 APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF CARMELLE SUBDIVISION SECTION 5

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

Kurt Seiler stated that this property is located along SR-741 just south of the current entrance to Carmelle subdivision at Carmelle Woods Drive. This 3.4 acre section will extend Stone Ridge Drive to SR-741 and is the result of the City and Rhein Interests working together to address access and safety issues. Kurt explained that this preliminary plat allows for three single-family homes to be built and that with the extension of Stone Ridge Drive, a median will be installed on SR-741 to convert Carmelle Woods Drive into right-in/right-out only. He said that Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the preliminary plat.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-100 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-101 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE RESERVES OF CARMELLE PHASE 3A

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

Kurt Seiler stated that the Reserves of Carmelle subdivision is located between the existing Carmelle subdivision and the Willow Brooke subdivision on the south side of Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road. The final plat for Phase 3A of the Reserves consists of 12 buildable lots and will dedicate utilities, storm, and sewer easements as well as right-of-way necessary for this section of the development. The plat also vacates a portion of existing sanitary sewer line which was relocated by the developer as part of the project. Kurt explained that a contingency has been added regarding the use of a gravel access road at Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road. Signage has been posted and changed to direct construction traffic from the SR-741 entrance to this gravel drive to reduce construction traffic through the subdivision. Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval contingent upon submittal of a Subdivider's Contract and performance bond.

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

To Councilmember Prince's request, Mike Anthony of 3778 Riverside Drive in Carmelle stated that homeowners have not observed construction vehicles on Stone Ridge Drive since the signs redirecting traffic to the gravel drive off of Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road have been in place.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-101 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-102 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE BETHANY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THE MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD AND BETHANY ROAD BIKE PATH EXTENSION PROJECT DESIGN FROM CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$279,205 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

Kurt Seiler explained that this ordinance is for the design of two projects. The first project is for improvement to a section of Bethany Road between the roundabout and the west corporation limit. Design of this project includes adding a center turn lane, curb and gutter, storm sewer, bike path (south side), sidewalk (north side) and any right-of-way plans required along the nearly half-mile project. He explained that earlier this year, a pre-application was made for an Ohio Public Works Commission grant for this section of Bethany Road. The grant application is pending but appears likely to receive funding for approximately 50% of the project. Kurt explained that the second project is for the extension of the bike path eastward and northward

from the roundabout. Staff was successful in obtaining an OKI Transportation Alternatives grant that reimburses 80% of the project construction and right-of-way costs. Kurt explained that the 2014 Budget included \$275,000 for the design work for the Bethany Road Improvement Project. The competitive environment for engineering services has allowed the City to realize a cost savings of combining both projects into one \$279,205 design contract slightly above original budget amount of the single project. He stated that the section of bike path north of the roundabout has two parcels in Deerfield Township and that the Township will reimburse the City about \$10,000 in engineering services. This design will provide safer access to Fleckenstein Park for Crooked Tree residents.

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

Councilmember Pelfrey commented that she is pleased to see bike path connections completed in this area.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-102 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-103 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUPERIOR ENERGY SYSTEMS, LTD. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,100 FOR THE NON-POTABLE SYSTEM UPGRADES AT THE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

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

Jennifer Heft stated that the non-potable system supplies reclaimed water from the plant for use in facility hydrants, cleaning, water for pump operations, and cooling water for the centrifuges and dryer. The amount of reclaimed water used per day averages 200,000 gallons. She explained that this is water that the City does not have to purchase from Greater Cincinnati Water Works saving over \$72,000 per year. In addition some of the water is used to irrigate the Mason Sports Park and Heritage Club Golf Course. Water used at Heritage Club generates about \$8,000-\$12,000 in annual revenue for the City. Jennifer stated that the bladders have pin holes leaks causing them to not hold the correct pressure, which is needed to allow the system to function correctly. This lack of pressure is causing the 4 non-potable pumps to continuously turn on and off and this continuous usage will likely cause premature failure. System failure will have a significant impact on plant operations. Jennifer explained that staff evaluated a variable frequency drive system similar to the system used at the outdoor pool. Three quotes were received for this project, with the lowest bid of \$95,500 from Superior Energy Systems, Ltd. The 2014 Budget includes \$203,000 for a Plant Maintenance and Replacement program for the aging WRP including non-potable system design, VFD replacement program, and diverter valves for centrifuges. Staff is recommending delaying the diverter valves and centrifuges project, an estimated cost of \$160,000, until next year and moving ahead with the non-potable system upgrades.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-103 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-104 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE MEADOW/DOWNTOWN PHASE 1 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT FROM MILLER PIPELINE, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$307,669.90 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

Kurt Seiler stated that over the last ten years the City has replaced some trunk sewers and completed two slip-lining projects. Projects in the Olympia Fields and Manhasset areas have resulted in significant reduction in excess water from inflow and infiltration. Meadows/Downtown Phase 1 is another phase of the project and a \$151,000 OPWC grant awarded to the City for this project is the first time in over two decades that the City has received a sanitary sewer grant. He stated that Miller Pipeline was the lowest of three bids received, at \$307,000 including alternate, to slip-line 8000 feet of existing sewer pipe. Miller Pipeline is the contractor that completed previous slip-line projects and did an excellent job working with both City staff and local residents during the project. He explained that typically in these areas, the sewer pipe itself is in good condition, but joints are deteriorated and slip-line rehabilitation greatly reduces disruption to residents because no trenches need to be dug. Kurt stated that staff recommends taking the Alternate 1 bid which includes repairs to deteriorating manholes.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-104 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-105 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH HENRY P. THOMPSON COMPANY FOR TWO (2) REPLACEMENT PUMPS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft stated that annually the Public Utilities maintenance staff completes citywide inspections of equipment and pumps at six lift stations. During inspections in late October, it was discovered that the two pumps at the Arbor Creek lift station are in immediate need of repair. Both pumps have experienced severe wear and are operating for longer periods of time at

reduced capacity. These used pumps were taken from a decommissioned lift station at the end of Neville Court as development continued in Heritage Club. Jennifer explained that over the last few years, Public Utilities staff has standardized the type of pump for replacement within lift stations. Standardizing pumps allows parts to be interchangeable between lift stations and results in reduced inventory costs. Staff received an estimate from the Henry P. Thompson Company to purchase replacement pumps consistent with pumps purchased recently. Jennifer stated that an emergency clause has been added to Ordinance 2014-105 because these pumps are critical to the continuous operation of the lift station. If these pumps fail sewer backups in the area would result.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-105 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-106 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CDW GOVERNMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF NINETEEN (19) PANASONIC TOUGHBOOK CF-31 MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS AND EIGHT (8) GAMBER-JOHNSON DOCKING STATIONS

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

Jennifer Heft stated that the Police Department currently maintains 20 mobile data computers (MDC), fourteen purchased in 2007 and six purchased in 2008. At the time of purchase, the estimated replacement cycle was 5 to 6 years. While they have held up extremely well, Jennifer explained reasons that replacement is being recommended at this time. All computers have been upgraded to Windows 7, however further upgrades are not possible with the current hardware and Windows 7 is not supported by Panasonic. New camera systems used in the cruisers are high definition and causes MDC hardware to occasionally crash because minimum requirements to operate the camera system are not met. Some units have had the touchscreens replaced and it is anticipated that additional screens will need to be replaced. She stated that Warren County is preparing to issue a RFP for an entirely new CAD/Mobile/Records Management System and is not likely to be fully implemented until late 2015 or early 2016. At that time the current MDC's would be eight to nine years old and would not be capable of supporting the requirements of this new system. Jennifer stated that as part of the State Purchasing Program, CDW-G has provided a quote of \$3,800 per unit, including additional memory and extended warranty. Total anticipated cost for 19 units is \$72,200. The MDC used with the motorcycles is not being recommended for replacement as it does not have a camera system and staff is evaluating alternate options for the replacement of this unit. She explained that eight docking stations are also recommended for replacement. While current docking stations will work with the new MDC's, they will not provide full functionality. In addition, new docking stations have an internal power supply, eliminating the need for external power. CDW-G has provided a quote of \$805 for each docking station. Total cost for the docking stations is \$6,440. Jennifer stated that

the total amount for the MDCs and docking stations is \$78,440. Delivery and installation is expected within the first quarter of 2015.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-106 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-107 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CDW-G TO PURCHASE A STORAGE AREA NETWORK SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft stated that a Storage Area Network (SAN) is critical to the continuation of City operations. A SAN system provides required storage for software systems used in City operations such as the Pamet system for Police operations, access to Police MDC units, Citywide email system, GIS system, security and facility access, all financial operations, permit system for Engineering and Building, antivirus protection system and access data drives. She explained that without a SAN system, these software systems would not function. The current SAN is 10 years old and no longer effective in protecting City data due to constant maintenance and unacceptable downtime. Last October, the City began to experience hardware issues which caused corruption on virtual servers for Email and RecTrac. If the current SAN were to fail, the City would lose access to all virtual servers and data. Jennifer explained that IT projects such as virtualization and expansion of the shared drive, departmental drives, H-drives, citywide storage, upgrade of the Public Works and security server, and required server upgrades from Microsoft have all been delayed waiting on reliable storage. Purchasing a new EMC SAN will resolve the current issues and provide capacity for projects such as SCADA, facility security and access, as well as future projects. Replacement of the SANS system in conjunction with the new security and access system and MDC replacements is timely. CDW-G has quoted a price for EMC storage of \$60,000. This price is below State purchase program pricing.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-107 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-108 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO COMMISSION THE PERFORMANCE OF A PLAY AS PART OF THE CITY OF MASON BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Councilmember Pelfrey requested that the entire ordinance be read. After the ordinance was read, Councilmember Pelfrey stated that for many months the Bicentennial Committee of

Council has been making plans for a yearlong celebration of Mason's Bicentennial in 2015. The intent has been an all-inclusive year of celebration to "honor the legacy of the past, the thriving prosperity of the present, and the bright future" of Mason, Ohio. Additionally the Committee and City Council have committed that proceeds from City endorsed activities are used to benefit the Mason Parks Foundation's signature project of an all access playground to be known as "Common Ground." She explained that this year and as part of the Committee's planning process, City Council supported expenses of \$200,000 for a variety of Bicentennial activities outside of the main signature event. Among the events currently planned are: an Opening Ceremony, Community Service Day, Salute to Veterans, Community Unity Days, Baseball Tournament, Cemetery Walk, and Closing Ceremony and Time Capsule. The Signature celebration would be a two-day community wide concert, parade, and festival held in conjunction with the annual Heritage Festival celebration. The event is currently planned for September 18-19, 2015. Councilmember Pelfrey stated that an additional event the Committee has pursued was the commissioning of a musical production celebrating Mason's history and founder. Titled "Imagine, Mason" the production was scripted by John Miller. Mason Community Players, a local theatre group with a long history of performance in the area, worked with the Committee as well as Mr. Miller to ensure the production was appropriate and feasible for local performance. The Committee has promoted the performance as part of the Bicentennial Schedule of Events for April 9-12, 2015 and Mason Community Players has agreed to work it into their annual schedule and handle the logistics and production of the play. She stated that in order to secure the legal rights for performing this original work, Ordinance 2014-108 authorizes an agreement for the City to commission the work for this performance and to pay Mr. Miller \$16,000 for the right to perform his work for the Bicentennial. As part of the supported funds for the Bicentennial Celebration the Committee is recommending moving forward with this step. Councilmember Pelfrey stated that the City has worked with Mason Community Players to ensure that the production is widely promoted and affordable for area residents. The Committee anticipates \$6000 to ensure ticket prices are reduced for all attendees and committing to the purchase of up to 1000 tickets to MCP performances which can be used as part of marketing efforts and promotions with the Community Center, Golf Center, Economic Development, or other Bicentennial events. Councilmember Pelfrey commented that \$200,000 has been allotted for these types of logoed events and that this is the first of many events to be supported with these funds.

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

In reply to Councilmember Grossmann's questions, Councilmember Pelfrey explained that about a year ago the Bicentennial Committee began working with Mason Historical Society and Mason Community Players to commission a play written along with musical composition. The rights to perform this play, including video production of the performance for future use are part of the agreement. She stated that although she has not previewed the play, the Community Players have and are interested in supporting its success.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-108 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-109 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

Kurt Seiler stated that this agreement with the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) is the result of an accident at the crossing in August 2010 that moved this location up on a priority list that ranks crossings in order of risk. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in cooperation with ORDC recommends that the SR-741 and the Bethany Road crossings be improved with a pre-emption system that includes lights and gates coordinated with the traffic signal at the SR-741 and Bethany Road intersection. Kurt explained that the current controller at this traffic signal is not capable of signal coordination and will require the replacement of the City's existing traffic signal controller and cabinet. The traffic signals that are tied in at SR-741/Bethany, SR-741/US-42, and US-42/Hanover intersections will also need to be replaced. PUCO funds will reimburse the City for 100% of the costs. The City will bid, award, and complete the project, then submit for reimbursement.

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

To Vice Mayor Kidd's question, Kurt Seiler responded that the accident at this crossing in 2010 was not fatal.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-109 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-110 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT SCADA REPLACEMENT FROM AUTOMATED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$124,644 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

Jennifer Heft stated that SCADA is the computer system at the Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) that monitors and controls plant operations, processes, and alerts staff of any problems. Equipment and process controls at the plant operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in a harsh environment. The current system has been in place since May 2006. Jennifer said that the first phase and upgrade to the SCADA system was installed in early 2013 by the Public Utilities Maintenance staff in the seven lift stations throughout the City. Since completion of Phase I, the City has not experienced any sanitary sewer overflows or loss of service at any of the lift station locations. In July 2013, Burgess & Niples (B&N) began the design of the second phase of the upgrade which focused on the external system at the WRP. Early in the design, B&N identified several serious issues with the existing system's long term security, stability and supportability.

She explained that the design process was terminated and staff requested B&N instead complete an evaluation of the current equipment and system and to make recommendations for equipment upgrades and replacements. B&N produced a CIP Report that summarizes a specific list of control system components requiring upgrades or replacements that would significantly enhance the system. Jennifer stated that the Utility Committee reviewed the report earlier this year and supported a full replacement of the equipment process controls in coordination with a thorough integration of the SCADA control system into the WRP. A new Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design of the Water Reclamation Plant SCADA Replacement Project was prepared and sent to seven firms. Jennifer explained that because of the complex nature of this project, a mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on October 8 with three firms attending. The City received three proposals and staff interviewed two consulting firms based upon their proposals. The proposal from Automated System Engineering presented the best understanding of the City's needs and demonstrated the experience needed for this project. Jennifer said that by committing the resources to complete this project all in one phase, the City will experience several advantages including: reducing the cost that multiple steps of engineering, bidding, contracts, mobilization/demobilization, project setup and administration would require; reducing future maintenance and upgrades by purchasing the same model, make, and year of equipment; reducing additional costs, conflicts and issues which often occur when new equipment is then integrated into an existing SCADA system; and shortening the delivery time for the project by at least a year or more which allows the City to take full advantage of the improved efficiencies and security of the new system saving operational time and money. Jennifer stated that with this upgrade the City may be eligible to apply to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for a staffing reduction during weekend days, thus reducing personnel costs. The new system will be more reliable in monitoring and analyzing problems and reduce the costs for calling in staff to check out potential problems. She explained that savings from the non-performance of the B&N design contract of approximately \$40,000 along with the \$160,000 originally intended for the software upgrade is better used for design of system-wide replacement of the SCADA system. With a completed design the City will be in position to pursue the replacement of the SCADA system, an estimated \$1 million dollar investment in utility services.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-110 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Pelfrey congratulated Councilmember Grossmann as he moves on as Warren County's newest Commissioner and stated that his expertise will be missed on Mason City Council. Council discussed the desire to begin the process of considering Councilmember Grossmann's replacement.

Councilmember Grossmann said that at the Finance Committee meeting, funding Festivals of Mason in 2015 was discussed. A motion to add Ordinance 2014-111 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2014-111 AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 TO FESTIVALS OF MASON, INC., IN SUPPORT OF THE 2015 HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND CHRISTMAS IN MASON

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

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

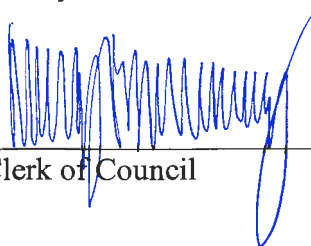
Councilmember Grossmann stated that at the Finance Committee meeting tonight, they discussed the amount of funding for Festivals of Mason, Inc. and decided to recommend funding at the same level as last year. A Festivals of Mason (FOM) budget for the 2015 year was provided to Council. Councilmember Pelfrey discussed the important role that FOM will play during the Bicentennial and explained that FOM has the experience, volunteers, and that it would be difficult to organize the September event without their involvement. Councilmember Spaeth asked why information regarding this ordinance was not in the Council Packet and would like to have more specifics regarding how FOM plan to use the money. She is concerned that when funds are provided to a non-profit organization, the non-profit decides as to how the money is spent. She voiced her concerns regarding FOM spending money authorized in the past on activities not related to the Bicentennial. Councilmember Spaeth requested that a decision on this ordinance be delayed to a meeting with all Councilmembers present. Council discussed FOM's need to begin planning for the Festival by securing vendors and entertainment as soon as possible and their willingness to work together with the Bicentennial Committee. Information regarding this ordinance was not in the packet because it was brought up in Finance Committee just before tonight's meeting. Regarding Councilmember Spaeth's request to postpone a vote on this item, Councilmember Prince responded that it is difficult to forecast a meeting where all Councilmembers would be in attendance.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-111 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: 4 YEAS, 1 NAY (Spaeth).


RECOGNITION OF VISITORS - none

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:19 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor