

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Chaplain Marc Champagne 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, Rich Cox, Jim Fox, Charlene Pelfrey, Don Prince, and David Nichols.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the May 11, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2015 Sunshine Concert Series kicks off on Sunday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. with The Stickers performing on the downtown plaza. The concert series features ten different events at a variety of venues. Visit the City website for a complete schedule.

The Mason Historical Society will host the 22nd Annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, June 30 with an auction to benefit the society in preserving Mason history.

The Bicentennial Committee invites the public to attend Community Unity Days on June 28 – July 4. Each day begins with a flag raising ceremony and breakfast to honor businessmen, first responders, clergy, farmers and educators at 7:30 a.m. on the downtown plaza. Evening activities on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday include music, peddlers fair, farmers market, and firemen's festival. On Wednesday, July 1 there will be a pool party at Lou Eves Municipal Pool from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. and an outdoor movie in the park immediately following the pool party. Saturday, July 4, a parade in downtown Mason will begin at noon with a variety of activities throughout the day. That day will conclude with a concert on the plaza from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. followed by Rozzi's fireworks show. As part of the event, the American Legion is requesting a temporary liquor permit from the State of Ohio and approval from Council to allow for alcohol on the plaza. A motion by Council, per Section 963.08 of the Codified Ordinances, would be needed to allow the American Legion to move forward with their plans for the event.

A motion to allow alcohol on the downtown plaza during Community Unity Days as sponsored by the American Legion with a temporary state liquor permit was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (Prince).

The Mason TRI-Umphant Triathlon returns to Mason on July 26, 2015. Details and registration are available via the City website. The triathlon features swimming, biking and running events for women, men and kids. Proceeds from the Mason TRI-Umphant Triathlon benefit The

Mason Parks and Recreation Foundation Common Ground and the Mason Community Center Scholarship Fund.

A motion to not request a hearing for a C2, C2X, D6 liquor permit for Thorntons, Inc. at 1030 Reading Road was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Spaeth spoke about the Sheri Collins Memorial 5K Run, Roll and Sun event that raises funds for Common Ground Playground and read an article about Sheri and the event. She said that according to Rachel Kopfler, about half the funds needed have been raised to build this specialized playground and encouraged others to visit the Mason Parks Foundation website and to get involved.

Councilmember Pelfrey stated that Community Unity Days is the next upcoming Bicentennial event. The ICRC video of "Imagine Mason, the Musical" was presented. She said that if anyone is interested in a copy of the play, to please contact Community Unity Players or the City of Mason.

Councilmember Prince reported that, despite the poor weather, the Salute to Veterans Bicentennial event honored veterans and those killed in action. He thanked City staff, volunteers and the committee that worked nearly a year planning the event.

SWEARING-IN POLICE OFFICER JONATHAN LAMB

Captain Lindenschmidt introduced Officer Jonathan Lamb who grew up in Florida, graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University and University of Toledo College of Law. Officer Lamb began his law enforcement career with the Waynesville Police Department in 2013 and joined the Mason Police Department in April 2015. Mayor Nichols presided over the swearing-in ceremony of Officer Lamb. Officer Lamb introduced his family and stated that he looks forward to working for the City of Mason, a great community, one that he can invest in and be proud to serve.

PRESENTATION OF MASON INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS' CLEAN WATER IN SOUTH SUDAN FUNDRAISER

Mayor Nichols invited Mikala Polca to explain the project. Ms. Polca stated that after reading a book about the need for water in South Sudan, the students were so inspired that they raised \$1700 in just two weeks to help purchase a new drilling rig. Fundraising project activities were all student-driven. Mayor Nichols asked the students to please come forward to be recognized by City Council.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Alyssa Heim, Deputy District Director for Congressman Steve Chabot, stated that on June 15 Congressman Steve Chabot will be hosting “Neighborhood Office Hours” and will be available to meet with citizens in Mason’s Atrium Conference Room from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Perry Schwartz of 6309 Tarton Fields Lane expressed concerns regarding the growing number of signs being placed in the right-of-way. He encouraged the City to remove and collect fines from businesses placing illegal signs as a way to recoup the cost of staff working overtime hours to remove signs over the weekend.

RESOLUTION 2015-9 SECOND READING: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MASON FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016

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

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:49 p.m.

Eric Hansen stated that as required by the State of Ohio, the tax budget is submitted to justify receipt of local government funds. He explained that in 2012 Council proposed two adjustable revenue sources to fund safety services, a traditional fire levy that cannot exceed 5-mills and an earnings tax that is adjustable up to 0.15%. The Tax Budget is the mechanism through which Council can annually adjust the property tax rate. Eric explained that a couple of years ago the City was successful in obtaining a SAFR grant of approximately \$1.2 million that allowed the traditional 5-mills property tax levy to be adjusted to 4.4-mills. While the grant is no longer generating funds and operating expenses are growing, staff feels that 4.4-mills can be maintained one additional year. In subsequent years the millage may need to be adjusted to previous levels until recent economic development announcements begin generating more earnings tax for Safety Services. Eric stated that 4.4 millage is below 5-mills allowed by Charter, below the historic 5-mill levy amount, and less than amounts levied by neighboring jurisdictions for similar services.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2015-9 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION 2015-10 PROCLAIMING JULY AS NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

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

Jennifer Heft stated that in 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) established July as Park and Recreation Month to recognize the importance of our nation’s parks and recreation facilities. Mason City Council has committed significant financial resources to improve and increase recreational facilities and amenities for Mason residents and business

partners. As a result, the City maintains over 300 acres of parkland in seven parks, facilities for many active sports, playgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas, fishing, Lou Eves Municipal Pool, Golf Center at Kings Island, and Mason Community Center. Jennifer said that this resolution provides an opportunity to thank city staff and volunteers who maintain these facilities. 2015 represents 30 years of celebrating Parks and Recreation Month and on July 1 the City will celebrate with a beach party at Lou Eves Municipal Pool. The party, in conjunction with Bicentennial Community Unity Days, includes inflatables provided by The Beach Water Park and an outdoor movie at dusk featuring the 80's hit "Honey I Shrunk the Kids" sponsored by Journey's Church. The public is invited to attend.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2015-10 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-34 APPROVING A MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF BETHANY ROAD AND MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD (BETHANY GREEN CIRCLE)

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

Eric Hansen explained that staff has been made aware that another interest has a contract on this property. A request to table this item would allow time for this new opportunity to work with neighbors and finalize a possible request for modification to conditional uses.

A motion to table Ordinance 2015-34 to the September 28, 2015 Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-54 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AERO-MARK, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,817.96, FOR THE STRIPING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY

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

Kurt Seiler stated that Aero-Mark was the lowest bidder of two bids submitted. Aero-Mark was the contractor on last year's street striping program and staff recommends that the contract be awarded to Aero-Mark again this year.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-54 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-55 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinance 2015-55 and Ordinance 2015-56 together. He explained that the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant program assists in financing public infrastructure capital improvements such as roads, bridges, and waste water projects in the City. Staff identifies projects that are timely, high priority for the City, and most likely to succeed in the competitive scoring portion of the program. Staff recommends submitting pre-applications for two 2017 projects. The Snider Road Widening Project from Tylersville Road to 750 feet south of US-42 would improve Snider Road to five lanes adding improvements such as curb and gutter, medians, lighting, and storm sewer through the project limits. Kurt explained that this project may be extended to Western Row. The request is for \$750,000 (33%) toward an approximate estimated project cost of \$2,100,000. Kurt stated that the second pre-application is for the widening of SR-741 to five lanes from Welden Drive to Cox-Smith Road. He explained that the section of SR-741 from Cox-Smith to the curve realignment has 80% funding through CMAQ. The grant request is for \$750,000 (10%) toward an approximate estimated project cost of \$7,500,000. This is a costly project because bridges over Muddy Creek and the railroad crossing north of Bethany Road will need to be widened. Staff will also apply for a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant in September to potentially contribute significantly more grant funds to the project. Kurt stated that staff recommends submitting final applications for two 2016 projects. The first project is for Bethany Road improvements from Mason-Montgomery Road to west corporation limits. The design for this improvement is almost complete and would match the section of Bethany Road completed by Warren County with three lanes and bike path. Kurt stated that the second project is replacement of the Bethany Road Bridge between Windemere Way and Mason-Montgomery Road. He explained that the City is partnering with Warren County to replace this county bridge in need of replacement with a new structure that will accommodate future widening of Bethany Road and bike path extension. If awarded OPWC grant funds, the City would share the local match for this project with Warren County. Kurt stated that Ordinance 2015-56 authorizes a cooperative agreement with Warren County as required by OPWC for projects involving multiple jurisdictions. He explained that additional points are awarded to projects that partner with other agencies, therefore it is highly likely that this project will get funded. Kurt stated that this year the District 10 Integrating Committee is implementing a new scoring system for final applications by changing the "Readiness to Proceed" category with emphasis on complete plans at the time of application. Also, revised scoring will make utility projects even less competitive unless the project involves a large area and is weighted toward significantly older infrastructure.

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

During Council discussion, Kurt explained that crash data from 2012–2014 reported 60 accidents on SR-741 between Bethany and US-42. Councilmember Cox stated that residents on Snider are excited about Snider Road improvements and request that widening to Western Row be no more than three lanes. He also talked about traffic delays on Bethany Road from the roundabout to SR-741. Kurt explained that the unleveled grade at the railroad tracks in this area creates a slow-down for traffic approaching the signal at SR-741, reducing the number of vehicles moving through green. Improvements to the railroad crossing are included in the project.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-55 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-56 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, DISTRICT 10 GRANT FOR BETHANY ROAD #59-2.47 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-56 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-57 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RICHARDS ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) STREET LIGHTS AND ASSOCIATED MATERIALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,500 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen discussed Ordinances 2015-57 through Ordinance 2015-67 together, all related to the new Mason Service Center. He stated that close to two years ago the decision was made to purchase an existing vacant facility, make minimal investments to this facility, and get the City's fleet of vehicles under roof. The contract with CinTech, the City's first design-build contract, has been a great experience with work performed cost effectively by both CinTech and City crews. It is estimated that work performed by internal staff has saved the City over \$400,000. Work is expected to be significantly lower than the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in the CinTech contract and this savings will be shared between the City and contractor. Eric stated that due to the diligence of staff working with the contractor, the final contract is significantly under budget allowing the City the opportunity for several items removed from the contract to be

advanced now with Council approval. Eric stated that several of the ordinances are related to the work and installation of an on-site fueling station. Other work includes landscaping, brine maker, insulation, concrete sealing, and other miscellaneous items. Eric explained that completing the items now before move-in will be more efficient and save dollars versus plans to do the work in the future and also allows for earlier vacancy and re-use of the current municipal garage site. He said the existing municipal garage, the size of the leisure pool, has been in use since 1969. It services the City's entire fleet, including Police, Fire, Parks maintenance, and road maintenance vehicles. This new Mason Service Center project, done very cost effectively and under budget, will be a first-class service center for the residents of Mason.

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.

Council discussed the advantages of getting equipment and vehicles under roof and that the new Mason Service Center is a smart investment that will continue to give back.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-57 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-58 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WC STOREY FOR ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FUELING STATION PUMPS, TANKS, AND DISPENSING EQUIPMENT TO A NEW FUEL DEPOT AT THE MASON SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,400 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-58 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-59 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLACKBOX FOR NETWORK FIBER INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION TO CONNECT THE NEW FUEL DEPOT AT THE MASON SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-59 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-60 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROSSMANN ELECTRIC FOR ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SERVICE TO A NEW FUEL DEPOT AT THE MASON SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,400 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-60 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-61 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHMER CONTRACTING, INC. FOR ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE CONCRETE WORK FOR THE NEW FUEL DEPOT AT THE MASON SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-61 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-62 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GLOCKNER OIL COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK LUBRICANT TANKS AND DISPENSING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MASON SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,418 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to read by title only was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, 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 Prince, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-62 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-63 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT – OHIO, FOR THE PURCHASE OF HENDERSON BRINE PRO BRINE MAKER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,451 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-63 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-64 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JKRETE LLC., TO GRIND, DENSIFY AND SEAL NEW CONCRETE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,894 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-64 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-65 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH METAL SYSTEM F&E, LLC FOR INSTALLATION OF CEILING INSULATION AT THE MASON SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,740 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-65 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-66 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SHIVER SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND CAMERA SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE MASON SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-66 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-67 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZONES INC FOR ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE PHONE AND DATA CONNECTIVITY AT THE MASON SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-67 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Eric Hansen stated that while the approval of these ordinances does not increase the cost of the project or the overall budget, it will require year-end supplemental appropriations. There is an expectation for future capital projects in future budget years to improve efficiency at the Service Center such as traffic circulation and air handlers. He stated that September 30 is the target date for relocating all Public Works operations to the new Service Center.

ORDINANCE 2015-68 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-117 ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS AND RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE MASON MUNICIPAL COURT

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

Jennifer Heft stated that individual pay rates for Court employees are set by Mason Municipal Court and the City shares the cost of certain Court employees with Warren County. The City is responsible for providing payroll for Municipal Court and Council authorization of pay rates is necessary for City staff to make the necessary payroll payments. She explained that recent questions from Warren County determined that the County should pay for 40% of the civil magistrate rather than 40% of the criminal magistrate as required by State law. In order to precipitate the change, adoption of Ordinance 2015 – 68 is necessary to comply with State law.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-68 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Pelfrey thanked Councilmember Prince and his committee for the immense amount of hard work and organization required for the Salute to Veterans event. It was truly an inspirational event.

Councilmember Cox thanked Councilmember Prince. He reminded everyone of the Community Unity Days event coming up.

Vice Mayor Kidd alerted the business community of a “felony lane game” that is now targeting Mason businesses. Criminals try to cash duplicated business checks through the outside lane of banking centers. Mayor Nichols stated that residents should not mail payments by placing in a mailbox with the flag up.

Mayor Nichols congratulated Ginny Sundin on her 67th wedding anniversary. He also discussed the topic of last week’s Mason City Schools’ press conference. Mayor Nichols stated that the quality of a school system is an important recruiting tool of economic development expansion. Council discussed proposed changes in the State of Ohio that would continue to negatively impact funding of Mason City Schools and encouraged citizens to contact their representatives.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Scouts Alex and Joe of Troop 43 introduced themselves and stated that they are working on Citizenship in the Community and Communication badges.

Perry Schwartz of 6309 Tarton Fields Lane urged the City to post notice on the City website regarding school tax issues in the Ohio Senate.

A motion to add Executive Session to the agenda was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:05 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:16 p.m.

A motion to add Ordinance 2015-69 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-69 APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND TRUCK DRIVERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL 100, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

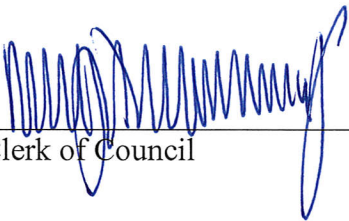
A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-69 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:20 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor