

Mason Town Council
Regular Meeting Agenda

Mason Town Hall – Feb. 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Call to order

Pledge and Moment of Silence

Minutes of previous meeting

Bills

Personal Appearances

Mayor's Report

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business:

Update on senior center damage

Radio read system update

Community room tables and chairs purchase

Pump house roofs and remodel

New Business:

Gravel on alleyways

Police ride-along program

Contract cleaning services

Mason Library Summer Reading donation

Police car repair/replace

Storage building for town hall

Laptop and television for council room

Purchase items for partial remodel/update at town hall

Allow for limited hens in town limits

Signs for town hall/basketball court

Change meeting date for April

Adjourn

Town of Mason Council

Regular Meeting

Feb. 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

The regular meeting of the Mason Town Council was opened by Mayor Kristopher Clark with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Present were Clark, Recorder Mindy Kearns, and council members Sarah Stover, Bob Reed, and Jill Nelson. Absent were Steve Ohlinger and Barry Taylor.

Minutes from the regular meeting on Jan. 12, 2023 were approved upon motion by Stover and second by Reed. Bills were approved to be paid following a motion by Nelson and second by Reed. All motions passed.

Personal appearances:

Stella O'Bryan appeared before council expressing her concern over large trucks on the back streets.

Mayor's Report:

Clark reported on a meeting he had with the Department of Highways; that AEP will be changing lights at the park to LED during the week of March 6; prisoners will be in town beginning March 20 to sweep streets; and AEP waived the fee to run lines to the veterans memorial.

Committee Reports:

Reed mentioned the light on Midway Street.

Kearns named those who had signed up to run in the upcoming municipal election, and reported on the budget preparation meeting in South Charleston that she attended with Darlene Roach and Stover. She also presented a request from the New Haven Elementary PTI for a donation for the benefit bingo. Reed made a motion to donate \$100, Nelson seconded, and the motion passed.

Police Chief Colton McKinney said \$1,103 and \$1,681 had been awarded to the department from drug cases. The money must go into a separate bank account.

Unfinished Business:

The town received over \$44,000 from insurance on the claim for water damage at the senior center. An estimate was received from John Harrison to do two projects including

the water line repair at a cost of \$24,800, and the drywall, ceiling and flooring at \$20,281. Not covered by insurance will be an additional \$17,800 to remove wallpaper and finish the walls, plus replace the unaffected flooring. Reed made a motion to complete the uncovered amount, with a second by Stover. The motion passed. Funds will be taken from city hall.

The purchase of a radio read system for the water department was tabled. Instead, the council discussed the possibility of using the American Rescue Plan funds for paving if allowed. Also tabled was the purchase of tables and chairs for the community room.

New Business:

Upon motion by Reed and second by Nelson, the council agreed to have Tennant's Lawn Service put gravel on all town alleyways. The cost will be approximately \$8,200. A total of \$6,000 will be paid with coal severance funds, with the remainder to come from streets.

Reed made a motion, with a second by Nelson, to approve the police ride-along program as described by Chief McKinney. The motion passed, with Stover abstaining.

Kearns made a motion, with Nelson seconding, to lease a 2023 Dodge Durango for the police department from Mark Porter Auto, at a cost of \$42,650. This will replace the present Charger, which needs a new cam shaft and engine.

The council agreed to put a cleaning service contract out to bid for the park, senior center, and town hall.

Upon motion by Nelson and second by Reed, the council agreed to purchase eight books for the Mason Library for the summer reading program. The cost will be \$84.59. In addition, John Jacobs announced he will donate \$100 to the program.

Reed made a motion, with a second by Nelson, to purchase a 12x24 ft. storage building from Hogg and Zuspan at a cost of \$5,200. Funds will come from city hall. The motion passed, with Stover abstaining.

The purchase of new office chairs was tabled, as was a new sign for town hall.

Reed made a motion, with a second by Kearns, to purchase a sign for the basketball court at a cost of \$120.

The April meeting was changed to Tuesday, April 18, due to the laying of the levy, which is required on that day.

The council discussed the possibility of allowing hens within the municipality. Public opinion among those attending was to leave the ordinance as is, with all farm animals being prohibited. No action was taken.

Clark and Nelson announced the bands that will be playing for Music in the Park, as well as dates for the bike rodeo on June 3, and Christmas in the Park on Dec. 16.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.