

Mason Town Council
Regular Meeting Agenda

Mason Town Hall – March 14, 2023, 6 p.m.

Call to order

Pledge and Moment of Silence

Minutes of previous meeting

Bills

Personal Appearances

Mayor's Report

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business:

 Tables and chairs for council/community room

 Chairs for mayor/council

 Update on senior citizen center

 Sign for town hall

 Clifton water repair project

New Business:

 Cleaning service bids

 Additional expenditures for senior center

 Budget revision(s)

 Pump replacement for Well 3

 Storm drain near Wyatt Street

 Change June meeting to June 21 due to election canvass

 Spring clean-up

 Budget for 2023-2024

 Wahama after-prom and spring sports donations

Adjourn

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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 Feb. 9, 2023 were approved upon motion by Stover and second by Reed. Minutes from the special meeting on Feb. 22, 2023 were approved upon motion by Reed and second by Stover.

Bills were approved to be paid following a motion by Stover and second by Reed. Stover also made a motion to pay any incoming utility bills until the April meeting. Reed seconded and the motion passed.

Personal appearances:

Mason County Library Director Pam Thompson attended, asking the council to increase the town's budget line item for the Mason City Library. It was later decided to keep the budget at \$6,000.

Bill Hussell and Ernie Compson spoke regarding the water leak in Clifton that is causing low pressure for residents. Supervisor Aaron Woolard and the Clifton delegation left the meeting with a map of the area, and later returned to announce there was an idea for a temporary fix until a contractor can be found.

Mayor's Report:

Clark reported that AEP has not started on the lighting upgrade at the park. He said bids were going to be taken to raze the former Lew King building that the town purchased, as well as bids for paving Third Street from Hickory Lane to Center Street. He announced applications will be taken for a town laborer; the police were escorting the basketball team through town on its way to the state tournament; and Ohio Valley Bank had pledged \$1,000 per year for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Kearns presented a settlement agreement from Fitzsimmons Law Firm regarding the WV MLP Opioid Settlement that had earlier been voted on for the mayor to sign.

Unfinished Business:

Tables and chairs for the community and council rooms were tabled, as were the new chairs for the mayor and council.

An update was given by Clark for the senior citizen center. It was noted the flooring had to be postponed a week because the senior citizens have not moved their possessions from the building. Town workers are continuing to paint.

The new sign for town hall was tabled.

New Business:

Cleaning service bids were announced, and it was decided to keep the present cleaner, and hire a park attendant at \$150 per week.

Kearns said the council approved spending \$17,800 above and beyond what insurance paid to upgrade the senior center following the water leak. When the final contract was presented, it was actually \$19,800. Reed made a motion to pay the additional \$2,000, Nelson seconded, and the motion passed.

Budget revisions were tabled until the next meeting.

The pump replacement for Well 3 was discussed. Stover made a motion to get Layne Contracting to replace the pump at a cost of \$17,740, with money to come from R&R. Reed seconded and the motion passed.

Also discussed was the storm drain near Wyatt Street that is caving in. Ideas are being sought from engineers and contractors on how to fix the problem.

The June meeting was set for June 21 due to the election canvass. It will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Spring clean-up was set for the week of May 8 through 12. The town will get four dumpsters and charge residents \$25 per truck load.

The following donations were approved: \$100 to Wahama softball and \$100 to Wahama baseball, following a motion by Nelson and second by Reed; \$100 to Wahama After Prom, following a motion by Reed and second by Nelson; and \$100 to the Wahama Hall of Fame golf tourney, following a motion by Kearns and second by Stover. Reed abstained from the Hall of Fame vote due to being a committee member.

The town budget for 2023-2024 was presented by Treasurer Darlene Roach. It was noted that the carryover funds were lower than ever before, and spending must be held to the budget figures for the upcoming year. Stover made a motion to accept the budget, with a second by Nelson. The motion passed.

Reed made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be held April 18 at 6:30 p.m.