

Town of Mason Council
Regular Meeting
May 11, 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 April 18, 2023 were approved upon motion by Nelson and second by Reed. Bills were approved to be paid following a motion by Stover and second by Nelson.

Personal appearances:

No speakers.

Mayor's Report:

Clark reported the workers from Lakin Correctional are due back on Tuesday. Myers Paving will begin paving on Third Street from Hickory Lane to Center Street next week. He said the DOH told him they were two to three weeks away from patching potholes in town and looking at the sinking storm drains. The mayor will be attending a DOH meeting in Charleston. He said the basketball court was reopened with 10-15 children attending the clinic. Clark thanked those who helped with the basketball court revamping, as well as those who helped with the clinic.

Committee Reports:

Stover presented a building permit for Kristopher Clark for an 18x24 building/garage. Nelson made the motion, Reed seconded, motion passed. Clark read building permits from Lisa Gangwer, roof, Stover motioned, Reed seconded, motion passed; Rhonda Bonecutter, fence, Nelson motioned, Stover seconded, motion passed; Daniel Hall, 14x40 building, no vote due to failure to sign floodplain paperwork.

Nelson spoke of the July 1 Independence Day celebration. A recreation meeting (open to the public) will be held to schedule events. Discussion included an afternoon parade, followed by children's activities, music in the park, and fireworks.

Kearns presented a letter from the Bend Area Pool asking for a donation. Nelson made a motion to donate \$250, Reed seconded and the motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

An update was given on the Clifton water project. Clark said a meeting was held with representatives from various office holders in person and on the phone. There is funding for \$1.5 million of the \$2.7 million project. There are possible loans and grants available.

The following were approved for the Clifton project: Legal services, Ron Flora, following a motion by Stover, second by Nelson; Region II as project administrators, following a motion by Reed, second by Nelson; and Steptoe and Johnson as bond counsel, following a motion by Reed and second by Stover.

It was noted the senior citizen center should be completed by the end of the week, with a grand reopening scheduled for June 1.

There was no update on the town sign.

Town workers will be opening the storm drain near Wyatt Street as soon as they have time.

The children's Bike Rodeo will be held June 3 from 10 a.m. to noon at the park. Lisa Crump is heading the event. Upon motion by Reed and second by Nelson, the council agreed to allow the town to purchase two bikes for the event.

New Business:

The sewer budget for the upcoming year was approved, following a motion by Stover and a second by Nelson. The water budget was approved following a motion from Reed and second by Nelson.

Reed made a motion to purchase rubber mulch for the park playground at a cost of \$535. Stover seconded and the motion passed.

Reed also made a motion to purchase five metal trash cans at \$584 each for the park parking lot and shelters. Nelson seconded and the motion passed.

Nelson made a motion to purchase 22 new flag poles and kits for along Second Street to add to the existing flags at a cost of \$60 each. Reed seconded and the motion passed. Mike Zirkle will purchase an additional two kits, and it was agreed that Reed would ask the VFW to help pay the remainder of the cost.

Bob Wing gave an update on the Veterans Memorial. He said approximately \$300,000 has been raised so far, and that the statue and plaques have begun arriving.

Aaron Woolard discussed the need to get sewer service to a business on Second Street. A neighboring business is refusing to grant an easement for the line to be installed. Clark said he would talk to the business owner.

Reed made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Nelson.