

Town of Mason Council
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2024, 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 Mike Zirkle, Sarah Stover, Jill Nelson, Steve Ohlinger and Becky Pearson.

Minutes from the regular meeting on March 14, 2024 were approved upon motion by Pearson and second by Zirkle. The motion passed. Bills were approved for payment following a motion by Stover and second by Nelson.

Public forum:

Melissa Simpkins attended on behalf of the Mason Senior Center to discuss two problems there. The first is an electric box that was making noise, causing everything to be unplugged. The second is the utility sink that is leaking.

Pastor Joshua Waybright of Faith Baptist Church attended to publicly thank the town and especially Aaron Woolard and the work crew for going above and beyond when the church was damaged recently from a sewer line backup.

Mayor's Report:

Clark said a meeting will be held with the grant writers on Tuesday, April 9 at 1 p.m.

A building permit was issued to Walmart for a remodeling project in the amount of \$1.3 million. Ohlinger made the motion and Nelson seconded. The motion passed. Ohlinger also made the motion to issue a building permit to John Jacobs to repair and replace the sidewalk in front of two businesses on Second Street. Zirkle seconded and the motion passed.

Clark presented the annual contract agreement with the Mason County Health Department. Stover made the motion to approve the signing of the contract, with Nelson seconding Motion passed.

Committee reports:

Zirkle reported he has been working with Hope Gas to possibly work on landscaping at the county veterans memorial.

Stover said there are ditches that need addressed on Ruttencutter and Kebler lanes, as well as the culvert at Fifth and Brown. Limbs on Fruth Lane also need trimmed.

Unfinished Business:

All information for the Mason and Whitney Hicks' boundary adjustment has been turned over to the county commission for review.

New Business:

The first of three readings to raise the municipal court fee from \$10 to \$25 was approved upon motion by Zirkle and second by Pearson. The motion passed with Stover abstaining.

A contract establishing the metro police between Mason and Hartford was read a second time and passed. Pearson made the motion, with a second by Zirkle. The ordinance establishing the metro police between Mason and Hartford was read a second time and passed. Nelson made the motion, with a second by Ohlinger. A ceremony to sign both will be held April 15 at 1 p.m.

Clark said representatives from the Town of New Haven called and wanted to discuss the metro police. A meeting will be held April 19 at 1 p.m.

There was one lone sealed bid submitted for the razing of the building on Dogwood Lane. Tennant's Lawn Care submitted the bid of \$26,350. Stover made the motion to accept the bid, Ohlinger seconded, and the motion passed. A total of \$20,000 for the project will come from a grant, with the remaining funds to come from American Rescue Plan money.

Police Chief Colton McKinney reported there are two candidates for police officer who passed the physical agility test and remain in the running for further testing.

Ohlinger made the motion to adjourn.