

**Town of Mason Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall**

The regular meeting of the Mason Town Council was opened by Recorder Mindy Kearns, in absence of Mayor Kristopher Clark, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Present were Kearns, and council members Mike Zirkle, Sarah Stover, Jill Nelson, Steve Ohlinger and Becky Pearson.

Minutes from the regular meeting on April 16, 2024 were approved upon motion by Zirkle and second by Ohlinger. The motion passed. Bills were approved for payment following a motion by Ohlinger and second by Pearson.

**Public forum:**

Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers was in attendance to inform council that the Clifton water upgrade project was submitted to the Bureau of Public Health and is now in funding stage. He said because Clifton (which is in Waggener District) has a higher income according to census reports than Mason, the funding interest rate might be higher.

Bev and Andy Fetty attended wanting water on Post Road. The new project stops right before their property.

Kyra Zuspan attended asking for permission to place a trailer older than 10 years on Zuspan property on Maple Street. The request was denied.

**Mayor's Report:**

Kearns read from notes left by the mayor outlining the recreation calendar for the remainder of the year. He said bids for the sidewalk and ditch line projects will be due the day prior to the meeting in June.

Council agreed to allow the mayor to purchase a pallet of rubber mulch to replace the mulch on the park playground that was washed away by the flood waters. The council did not vote because the cost was within the mayor's ability to purchase.

A report was given on Mason and Whitney Hicks' request for their house to come into the municipal limits. It will be finalized by the county commission on May 14 and they are now receiving police protection.

**Committee Reports:**

Stover said the town needs a town attorney. She remains working on the annexation of Rt. 62 for police purposes.

Zirkle presented the package he compiled in efforts to lower the speed limit through town to 25 mph. Nelson made a motion with a second by Zirkle to send a request to the WV Division of Highways. The motion passed.

Kearns presented a building permit from James Pauley for replacement of a back porch. Ohlinger made a motion to approve the permit, with a second by Stover. The motion passed.

She also presented a lease agreement with the town and Department of Natural Resources that will allow possible upgrade of the dock at the park. Ohlinger made a motion to accept the agreement with a second by Nelson. The motion passed.

### **Unfinished Business:**

The third and final reading of an ordinance amendment to increase the municipal court fee from \$10 to \$25 was presented. Ohlinger made the motion to accept the amendment with a second by Pearson. The motion passed. It will go into effect July 1, 2024.

The second reading of an amendment to the building permit ordinance was read and accepted following a motion by Stover and second by Zirkle.

A work order request from Tim Davis was read regarding potholes on Fruth Lane. The council will see what can be done.

### **New Business:**

The water budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 was presented and passed following a motion by Stover and second by Ohlinger. The sewer budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 was presented and passed following a motion by Ohlinger and second by Nelson.

The council hired Calvin G. Holley as a laborer upon the recommendation of Supervisor Aaron Woolard. Ohlinger made the motion with a second by Pearson.

The council approved the purchase of a trailer to house camera equipment with a cost of up to \$4,400. Pearson made the motion with a second by Ohlinger. It was suggested by Zirkle that location tags be placed on both the camera and trailer in case of theft.

Ohlinger made the motion to adjourn.