

Town of Mason Council

Regular Meeting

June 13, 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 May 9, 2024 were approved upon motion by Stover and second by Nelson. The motion passed. Bills were approved for payment following a motion by Ohlinger and second by Pearson.

Public forum:

Tara Shilt attended and asked that trees be trimmed on Short Fifth Street.

Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers was in attendance to update council on the Clifton water project.

Mayor's Report:

Clark announced upcoming recreation activities including the bike rodeo on June 15, and said participants are being sought for the July 4 parade. Music in the Park will feature Free Country Band on June 22 at 7 p.m., and Next Level in July.

The mayor also reported that the date for the demolition of the Dogwood Lane building is nearing.

Building permits were issued to Jolisha Ervin for a shed and Jason Davis for a garage. The motion was made by Pearson with a second by Ohlinger. A sign permit was issued to OVP Health (with the mayor abstaining), with a motion by Ohlinger and second by Stover.

Committee Reports:

Stover asked who cleans the park pavilions and was told the town employees. She also expressed concern over the New Haven Fire Department using the town park without anyone's knowledge, and not gauging the water used.

Unfinished Business:

The third and final reading of the building permit ordinance amendment was tabled. John Jacobs expressed concerns over several of the sections.

New Business:

The sidewalk/ditch line projects were tabled until a legal ad can be placed in the newspaper with the project scope and specifications.

(Councilwoman Nelson had to leave the meeting at this time.)

A budget revision was approved following a motion by Stover and second by Ohlinger.

A sewer/storm drain project, sending a new officer to the police academy, a pump for the park lift station, and a memorandum of understanding for the PRO officer at Wahama were all tabled.

Upon motion by Ohlinger and second by Zirkle, it was agreed to close the office on July 9 to allow office workers to attend training.

Kearns will have an amendment ready for the first reading at the next meeting concerning the weeds and junk ordinance.

Zirkle made a motion with a second by Ohlinger to spend up to \$5,000 ARPA funds for new security cameras at the park, senior center/basketball court, and pumphouse. The motion passed.

Upon looking over the three quotes for tires for the utility truck, Ohlinger made a motion to buy them at Sassafras Tires for a total of \$814.08, which was the lowest price. Pearson seconded and the motion passed.

Council members agreed without a vote to remove the fire pit at the park.

Ohlinger made the motion to adjourn.