

Town of Mason Council
Regular Meeting
August 15, 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 special meeting on July 23, 2024 were approved upon motion by Pearson and second by Zirkle. The motion passed. Bills were approved for payment following a motion by Ohlinger and second by Nelson.

Public forum:

John Jacobs was in attendance and asked the status of lowering the speed limit through the business district, as well as other concerns.

Mayor's Report:

Clark discussed bids for ongoing projects.

Unfinished Business:

Police Chief Colton McKinney stated he needs five portable radios with a cost of \$9,231. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

Council verbally agreed, with no official vote taken, that donations will not be given during the present fiscal year due to the recreation park project.

The first reading of the 19.5 percent water rate increase was read and approved following a motion by Zirkle and second by Nelson.

The first reading of the 21.25 percent sewer rate increase was read and approved following a motion by Ohlinger and second by Stover.

Upon motion by Zirkle and second by Stover, the council approved the RFP (seek an engineer) for the sewer/storm drain project.

The third and final readings of three ordinance amendments were read and passed, including:

Junk/refuse/weeds upon motion by Zirkle, second by Nelson;

Dilapidated properties upon motion by Ohlinger and second by Pearson; and,

Zoning upon motion by Pearson and second by Stover.

New Business:

Replacing the flooring in town hall, purchasing benches and trash cans, and purchasing dog waste stations were all tabled.

Upon motion by Ohlinger and second by Zirkle, the mayor was given permission to enter into contract with Laura Cox to make a 50/50 grant request for the recreation park, with an \$8,000 administration fee.

Darian Zuspan was also present at the meeting and volunteered to help raise funds for the splash pad.

Ohlinger made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Zirkle.