

Town of Mason Council

Regular Meeting

Aug. 14, 2025, 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, James Pauley, Becky Pearson, and Mason Hicks.

Minutes from the meeting on July 24, 2025 were approved upon motion by Pauley and second by Zirkle. Bills were submitted and approved following a motion by Pauley and second by Pearson.

Public Forum:

Tara Shilt asked when Short Fifth Street would be mowed and was told it is on the list.

Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers updated council members on the Clifton water project. He said after speaking with Steptoe and Johnson, condemnation is recommended for the Rose Thomas property. It will be placed on the next agenda.

Mayor's Report:

Clark presented work orders that had been completed since the prior meeting, including 22 water related and 13 other orders. He said the energy efficiency grant has been submitted. The mayor spoke about Accelerate WV and said members will be at the Harvest Festival. He also updated members on the splash pad.

Bids were opened for the removal of the house on Horton Street with Tennant Lawn Care winning the bid with the lower bid of \$12,500. A second bid came in from Little's Landscaping at \$14,800.

Clark told council that David "Doodle" Darst had put in his two week notice and he will be advertising for a new employee.

The mayor also had Treasurer Darlene Roach give a budget update.

Council Member Reports:

Pauley said the town-owned properties are looking better, including the sewer plant.

Stover said she checked with the PSC regarding trash companies in town and the agency cannot help if the garbage is dumped out of state. It was agreed to allow the trash companies to continue as normal.

Pearson asked about the status of the camper on First Street.

Hicks said he had toured the senior center and sewer plant after the last meeting and the plant looks better. He also asked about the former Ray McCoy property and its condition.

Zirkle also said the town properties are looking better.

Unfinished Business:

The second and final reading of a revised weeds, trash and debris ordinance was held. Upon motion by Stover and second by Zirkle, the reading passed.

Pauley made the motion to accept the revised employee handbook with a second by Hicks. The motion passed.

Possible uses for the Brown Street property, as well as Fourth Street paving, were tabled.

Clark said he will get Tennant Lawn Care to fix the culvert at the corner of Anderson and Front streets.

New Business:

Stover made a motion, with a second by Zirkle, to hire The Gutter Guys to fix the gutters at the senior citizen center at a cost of \$2,175.

The meeting was adjourned.