

Town of Mason Council

Regular Meeting

Sept. 11, 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, James Pauley, Becky Pearson, and Mason Hicks. Absent was councilwoman Sarah Stover.

Minutes from the meeting on Aug. 14, 2025 were approved upon motion by Pauley and second by Pearson. Bills were submitted and approved following a motion by Zirkle and second by Hicks.

Public Forum:

Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers gave an update on the Clifton water project. He said he had received an email from the attorney on the condemnation of the Rose Thomas property, which should be completed by the end of October. Chambers said the project is moving quickly at this point.

The council agreed upon the condemnation of the Thomas property following a motion by Hicks and second by Pauley.

Chambers also said the engineers would be conducting smoke testing soon for the storm drain project.

Clayton Gibbs appeared before council to seek part-time work as a police officer. No action was taken.

Mayor's Report:

Clark said he had spoken to Zack Brown of the DNR regarding the riverfront project. Chapman Technical Group is doing a concept drawing.

The mayor said quotes are being obtained for the health insurance and would like to add vision and dental.

He updated council members on the energy efficiency block grant, as well as Rt. 62, and said the DOH has said resurfacing is on the schedule for the spring.

Building permits were signed for Walmart for a trash enclosure and Kim Thach for a porch.

Council Member Reports:

Pauley said the workers did a good job on the leaks on Third Street.

Hicks reported the town buggy is officially legal.

Old Business:

Clark gave an update on the Harvest Festival.

Upon motion by Hicks and second by Pauley, council members approved the remainder of the dilapidated structure grant to raze a structure on the Dylan Perkins property at 465 Center Street.

New Business:

Pauley made a motion with a second by Pearson to hire Travis Childress at a rate of \$13 per hour as a full-time laborer. Upon motion by Pearson and second by Hicks, Steven Stump was hired part time at \$10 per hour.

Clark then recommended that the employee pay scale be raised for town laborers to \$15 per hour starting rate for full time, and \$13 for part time. Pauley made the motion, with a second by Hicks, and the motion passed.

Water/Sewer Operator Aaron Woolard reported on the status of the sewer lift station that is overflowing at the park and also the need for a plan to bring the water plant into compliance with the PFAS/C8 maximum contaminant levels. Clark will speak with Chambers and Kathy Elliot of Region II about a project prior to the 2029 deadline.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mason Town Council
Public Meeting
Water System Improvements Project Clifton Area Extension
Sept. 11, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers opened the meeting, and recognized Town of Mason officials.

He explained the proposed project description that will include the replacement of water line, valves, hydrants and radio-read meters in the Clifton area. He said construction should start in Spring 2026.

Chambers said the water rate has already been increased for the project and will be \$46.75 for average usage of 3,400 gallons.

The floor was opened for public comment, with only one person responding. Sue Hussell asked how long the project will take to complete once started. Chambers replied approximately nine months.

The public meeting was adjourned.