

## **Town of Mason Council**

### **Regular Meeting**

**Nov. 13, 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, Sarah Stover, and Mason Hicks.

Regular meeting minutes from Oct. 9, 2025 were approved upon motion by Pauley and second by Hicks. Bills were submitted and approved following a motion by Hicks and second by Pearson.

#### **Public Comment:**

Jolisha Ervin attended to request a zoning variance for her property on Dogwood Lane from residential to commercial. She is requesting placing a 12x32 building for the purpose of a beauty salon. The variance was granted following a motion by Pauley and second by Hicks. It was noted the variance will become null and void upon change of owner or nature of business.

Steve Carpenter was present and asked the council to reconsider a Christmas parade. He and other volunteers are organizing one for New Haven on Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. No action was taken.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

The mayor updated council members on town Christmas decorations, splash pad, the gas company hitting a water line, and other items.

#### **Council Reports:**

None

#### **Old Business:**

Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers updated council members on ongoing projects. He said the Clifton water project is getting closer and should be put out for bid the first of the year.

On wastewater, Chambers said the town received an emergency critical needs grant for the UV system at the plant. Upon motion by Zirkle and second by Hicks, council members approved accepting the grant and authorized Mayor Clark to sign the resolution for it.

Chambers also presented results of the recent smoke testing. A map was shown with over 200 red dots signifying where smoke was observed. The engineer concluded with the statement that a new wastewater treatment plant is recommended.

Clark presented a new yard sale ordinance and the first reading was approved upon motion by Pauley and second by Zirkle.

The mayor said paperwork has been submitted for the grant to demolish the building on the Dylan Perkins property. The town is now waiting on approval to proceed.

Upon motion by Stover and second by Hicks, the council agreed to approve the legal services agreement with Nic Dalton to serve as town attorney. The yearly retainer will be paid in January and hourly rate will be \$100.

New Business:

Upon motion by Pauley and second by Pearson, the council approved the 3-year police contract for Sgt. Tyler Doss, as well as the \$10,000 bonus.

Pearson made the motion, with a second by Pauley, to enter in a contract with Region II Planning and Development for services of project administration for the emergency wastewater grant project. Council members approved.

Council members also authorized the mayor to sign any necessary paperwork for the emergency grant, except for financial decisions. The motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Pearson.

Upon motion by Zirkle and second by Pauley, the council approved the Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering services for an upcoming water upgrade project that would replace antiquated water lines along with other system improvements. Interested firms must submit proposals by Dec. 19 at 4 p.m. Interviews will be held in January.

Hicks made a motion to give a boot allowance of \$250 to all full-time laborers. Pauley seconded and the motion passed.

Upon motion by Pauley and second by Zirkle, the council agreed to give end-of-year incentives to employees in the same amounts as in 2024.

Employee Steven Stump was moved from part-time to full-time status, with pay rate increased to \$15 per hour. Hicks made the motion with a second by Pearson.

Upon recommendation by the mayor, Pauley made a motion with a second by Zirkle, to increase park pavilion rental from \$35 to \$50 if the renter wants use of water.

Christmas events were announced as Dec. 6 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., a Breakfast with Santa, and Dec. 22, the annual lighting contest.

The meeting was adjourned.