

Town of Mason Council

Regular Meeting

Dec. 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, Sarah Stover, and Mason Hicks.

Regular meeting minutes from Nov. 13, 2025 were approved upon motion by Pearson and second by Hicks. Bills were submitted and approved following a motion by Pauley and second by Stover.

Public Comment:

Ryan Jeffers attended to discuss his living situation following a house fire in July 2024. He is living in a camper, which was told he could use temporarily. Council agreed to give him until the end of April 2026 to move or make permanent housing. He will still have to appear in court in January due to being issued a summons for being in violation of an ordinance.

Mayor's Report:

Clark said the Christmas lights in the park are complete. He added Stover has judges for the Christmas lighting contest on Dec. 22.

The mayor also reported Patrolman Todd Hannah has resigned. Clayton Gibbs will be hired for 30 hours a week at \$19 per hour, starting Dec. 19.

Council Reports:

Stover voiced concern over the upcoming loss of revenue when the Mason County Public Service District no longer purchases water from the town for its customers. Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers suggested the town confer with Todd Swanson, attorney with the WV Public Service Commission.

Unfinished Business:

Chambers said by the January council meeting, there should be a bid date for the Clifton water project.

He also presented facts and figures for the wastewater department and possible funding scenarios for a sewer project.

The second and final reading of a new yard sale ordinance was passed following a motion by Zirkle and second by Pauley.

New Business:

Following a motion by Hicks and second by Pearson, the council approved the purchase of a snowplow for the side-by-side at a cost of \$764.85.

Upon a motion by Pauley and second by Pearson, former county magistrate Steve Tarbett was hired as the municipal judge. Zirkle made a motion with a second by Pearson to pay Tarbett \$200 per session. The motion passed.

The senior citizen program was discussed and following a motion by Hicks and second by Pauley, it was agreed to offer the community room to the Mason County Community Action Group at a rental rate of \$500 per month. Renae Riffle, executive director for the county senior citizens, had sent the mayor an e-mail stating the program would be eliminated at the senior center due to low attendance.

The meeting was adjourned.