

Town of Mason Council

Regular Meeting

March 12, 2026, 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 Feb. 12, 2026 were approved upon motion by Zirkle and second by Pearson. Bills were submitted and approved following a motion by Pauley and second by Hicks.

Public Comment:

Agnes Roush attended to update council members on her efforts to find funding to continue the nutrition program at the Mason Senior Center. She said the seniors had hosted two potlucks with good response. Roush said Delegate Jonathan Pinson is due to come to the center to talk on Tuesday, March 17, and a representative from the WV Bureau on Aging will be at the center on Wednesday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Mayor's Report:

None

Council Member Reports:

Pauley addressed the place on Anderson Street that had not been repaired since a leak there was fixed last year. He said he had seen near accidents at the site.

Stover asked about adding election day back as a day off for employees.

Zirkle mentioned having Chuck Blake's band for a music in the park, but Blake is not available on the dates set. Clark said the town could possibly hold a music event in the senior center during the winter and have the band perform.

Kearns said the next meeting must be held on the third Tuesday of the month to lay the levy. It was agreed to set it for April 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers attended to update council members on the Clifton water project. He said the project should be ready for bid in April, with a construction start at the first of fall.

A vote on a sewer system at Faith Baptist Church was tabled, as the church might install a septic system for its new addition.

Upon motion by Hicks and second by Zirkle, the council agreed to have Roush Renovations renovate the back doors at the senior center at a cost of \$3,175.

Upon motion by Hicks and second by Pauley, the council voted to change the official name of the Mason Senior Center to the Mason Connection Center. Zirkle then made a motion, with a second from Stover, to order new signs for the center.

Pearson made a motion, with a second by Hicks, to purchase a new tractor for the town.

New Business:

Following a motion by Pauley and a second by Zirkle, the council agreed to hire Ghosh Engineers as the design engineer for the upcoming water project. The project will replace water lines that have not been replaced in prior projects, as well as repair the filtration system.

Upon motion by Hicks and second by Pearson, the council agreed to enter into a lease agreement with Bryce Meadows, owner of 8th Wonder Custom Works, for room one of the Mason Connection Center.

John Stump attended the meeting to discuss the Home Rule Act and one percent sales tax with the council. Upon motion by Stover and second by Zirkle, the members agreed to hire Stump to prepare an application to implement the tax.

The purchase of computers and printers for the water office was tabled.

Upon motion by Pauley and second by Stover, the council voted to accept the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 town budget in the amount of \$776,196. There were no major changes.

Clark was given permission to get bids for paving the remainder of Fourth Street, which will then be placed on the April agenda.

It was announced a representative from the WV Treasurer's Office will be at town hall on March 24 to meet with Mason residents who have unclaimed property.

The meeting was adjourned.