

Town of Mason Council

Regular Meeting

July 9, 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 James Pauley, Becky Pearson, Sarah Stover, and Mike Zirkle. Mason Hicks was absent.

Regular meeting minutes from June 11, 2026 were approved upon motion by Zirkle and second by Pearson. Bills were submitted and approved following a motion by Pauley and second by Pearson.

Public Forum:

None

Mayor's Report:

Clark said he had called the Department of Highways regarding the bridge closure for inspection to clarify the dates. It will be closed from midnight to 4 a.m. on both July 25 and 26. He reported he attended the meeting at Hartford regarding their administration.

Council Reports:

Stover asked the status of the new door at the pumphouse. The grant has been received, and the town is waiting on a contractor to install it. She also said the park pavilions have been a mess and asked who is responsible for cleaning them. Clark said the town workers are responsible for that duty, not the park attendant.

Unfinished Business:

Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers was present and said the second pre-bid meeting for the Clifton project will be July 23. This is following the rejection of all prior bids. He said since the Clifton project is almost underway, he will turn his attention to the wastewater/storm drainage project. He also reported bids will be opened for the splash pad on July 21 at 10 a.m.

New Business:

Attorney John Stump was present and the second reading of the Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 A, and Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 B, was approved upon motion by Zirkle and second by Stover. The third reading and public hearing will take place at the August 13 meeting.

The first reading of the Home Rule ordinance was held and will require a second reading. Pauley made the motion with a second by Zirkle. Stump said the ordinance will be in the newspaper, and a second reading and public hearing will be held at the Aug. 13 meeting. It will then be submitted to the state Home Rule Board, where a meeting is scheduled for Oct. 7.

The B&O Tax Structure Modification was tabled until following the Oct. 7 state Home Rule Board meeting.

A budget revision estimating the rollover amount for the general fund in the amount of \$44,186 was approved upon motion by Pearson and second by Pauley. A budget revision estimating the rollover amount for the coal severance fund in the amount of \$2,514 was approved upon motion by Stover and second by Zirkle.

The council approved the purchase of four desktop computers and two printers from Dell at a cost of \$7425.14. The motion was made by Pauley with a second by Pearson.

Due to the timing, the council verbally agreed to purchase the \$500 "Red Package" advertising by the Wahama Athletic Boosters. Council members also agreed to donate \$100 to the Wahama Band, Wahama After Prom, and Wahama Dinner Theater. These items will be placed on the next agenda to be approved retroactively.

The first reading of the updated ordinance regulating noise disturbance and quiet time was approved (with changes) following a motion by Stover and second by Zirkle.

Police Chief Colton McKinney said six residents were summoned to municipal court for the trash, weeds and debris ordinance. He said the officers are also patrolling the back streets more often, as well as citing or warning those who are not stopping at the town's 94 stop signs.

The meeting was adjourned.