Town of Mason Council

Regular Meeting

Oct. 8, 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, followed by a moment of silence.

Present were Clark, Recorder Mindy Kearns, and council members James Pauley, Mike Zirkle, Sarah Stover, Mason Hicks, and Becky Pearson.

Regular meeting minutes of Sept. 10, 2026 were approved following a motion by Pauley and second by Pearson. Bills were submitted and approved following a motion by Stover and second by Hicks.

Public Forum:

Tom Roush, caretaker of the Odd Fellows Cemetery, off Kebler Lane, attended for the opening of the Kebler Lane paving bid. He asked if council would consider a paved apron at the cemetery entrance.

Stella O'Bryan asked that the council consider seasonal speed bumps on Front Street.

Wahama High School student Chase Northup attended as part of his Social Studies Fair research on how citizens and local governments work together to determine the needs of the town. He had his photo taken with the administration.

Brian Allen, Dayna Aspery, Brenda Blankenship, and Harley Stewart spoke on the recent damage they incurred during the heavy rainstorm.

Doug Swann attended to voice his disapproval regarding town work and workers, as well as storm damage to his property.

Mayor's Report:

Clark asked council about the speed bumps needed in town. Upon motion by Pauley and second by Hicks, it was approved to order sets of 6-foot portable speed bumps at $97 for two. The mayor said he will speak to Myers Paving about adding permanent speed bumps on Adams Street to try and guide the water towards the drain and keep gravel from entering the roadway.

He told council members that 8th Wonder Custom Works has moved from the connection center following owner Bryce Meadows' move to Lesage.

Clark announced a $61,000 parks and recreation grant from Starwood Ventures Data Center. It will be used to add pickleball courts and possibly restrooms to the park area next to the proposed splash pad.

Council Reports:

Pauley asked about the leaking fire hydrant on Anderson Street.

Stover asked when doors will be installed at the pumphouse and connection center. She also asked the status of the George Street water line replacement.

Unfinished Business:

Attorney John Stump spoke on the Clifton water project. He presented the supplemental resolution that provided information on the bonds (information attached to minutes). The resolution was approved following a motion by Hicks and second by Zirkle.

Also presented was the first draw resolution (attached), which was approved following a motion by Pauley and second by Pearson.

Lastly, Stump presented the sweep resolution (attached), which was approved after a motion by Zirkle and a second by Pauley.

Kennon Chambers of Ghosh Engineers spoke on the wastewater/storm drain project. He said an engineering report will be completed following flow meters and lift station monitoring.

New Business:

One bid was received for the Kebler Lane paving from Myers Paving for a total of $14,574. It was accepted following a motion by Zirkle and second by Hicks.

Upon motion by Hicks and second by Pauley, it was agreed to replace the bridge on Zuspan Street with a concrete bridge for a total of $18,500. Little's Excavating will complete the work. A new bridge on George Street was tabled.

Upon motion by Stover and second by Zirkle, the council entered executive session for personnel at 7:27 p.m. Upon motion by Hicks and second by Stover, the council reentered regular session at 7:55 p.m.

Council members accepted the termination of Police Patrolman Todd Hannah upon motion by Pauley and second by Hicks.

Mayor Clark reported the sidewalk in front of Auto Options was replaced by the business with no approval from the town. Since it was replaced without knowledge or approval, the town will claim no responsibility for it.

The meeting was adjourned.