

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCurley at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council were present: Jim Fox, Tom Muennich, Peter Beck, Charlene Pelfrey and John McCurley. Absent were Dick Staten and Betty Davis. Mayor McCurely stated Betty Davis would be joining the meeting later and Dick Staten is out of town on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2000 Council meeting was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Paula and Ron Herman addressed Council and expressed their gratitude for the assistance the Fire Department and Greg Nicholls gave them when their day care center, the Goddard School, flooded. They stated due to the help they received from the fire department and a Sunday inspection done by Greg Nicholls, they were able to remain open for their children and families.

Mr. Bill Liedhegner of 626 Lindemann Lane addressed Council and asked why Council handled each piece of legislation separately instead of making a motion to read by title only once for the entire meeting. Law Director, Ken Schneider stated the charter dictates each piece of legislation be handled individually.

Mrs. Volpe of Larkspur Lane in Crooked Tree subdivision addressed Council and expressed frustration and dissatisfaction with the I&O bridge project. She stated the project has taken entirely too long and has essentially cut them off from the City of Mason. She also stated the intersection of SR 741 and Bethany is very dangerous at the time they must go to the schools to pick up their children. Scot Lahrmer gave a brief history of the project and explained it has been one of the most complex jobs the City has ever done. At a cost of approximately 2.7 million dollars, the project has encountered some unforeseen problems that have added to the delays. Currently he explained, the crews need 15 days of good weather above 35 degrees and moisture free to complete the job. Mayor McCurley stated the City is aware of the inconvenience this is causing residents and they are doing everything possible to complete the job. He stated the City will look into the traffic situation at the intersection of SR 741 and Bethany Road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A Press Conference is scheduled for 12:00 on Thursday March 9, 2000 at the pump station on Socialville-Fosters Road and Innovation Way to announce the completion of this project and open the valves finalizing this important project. The changeover is to occur this week.

The Utility Committee is requesting a meeting with Council and the Storm Water Advisory Committee. This Committee would like to make a presentation to Council that will last approximately one hour. The workshop session was set for March 20, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

The Chamber Dinner is being held on March 15, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott Northeast. A motion to send city staff to this function was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Thursday, April 27, 2000 is the date for the annual Chamber Auction. In the past, the city has donated a family fishing pass and a swimming pool pass. A motion to donate the same items this year was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Betty Davis joined the meeting at this time.

COUNCIL OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The City's joint venture with the Mason City Schools will save the residents approximately 12 million dollars. There is an issue before the voters Tuesday, March 7, 2000 to decide the future of this project.

Betty Davis is running for State Representative in the primary that will be decided this Tuesday. She is very qualified for this position and would do an excellent job.

At the polls on Tuesday, someone may approach you to sign a petition to eliminate income tax collection in the municipalities where people work and do not live. This is a very serious subject matter and should not be taken lightly. If enough signatures are collected, it will appear on the November ballot. This has repercussions that affect the services cities provide to their residents and businesses. People are urged not to sign it until you understand the full implication of this matter.

The Utility Committee has reviewed the intersection of SR 741, Kings Mill Road and Parkside. More information is forthcoming before a decision can be made.

Peter Beck stated a "Chat with a Councilmember" will be held at the Mason Library on March 20, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

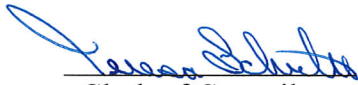
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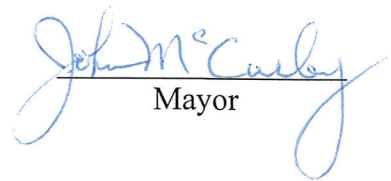
A motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to reconvene into regular session was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS
TIME: 8:54 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor