

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2001**

Mayor McCurley called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members of Council were present: Jim Fox, Dick Staten, Tom Muennich, Peter Beck, Betty Davis and John McCurley. Absent was Charlene Pelfrey.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2001 Council meeting was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 26 Council meeting was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MRDD**

Mayor McCurley read the Proclamation recognizing March 2001 as mental retardation and developmental disabilities month. Accepting the Proclamation were John Lazarus, Superintendent of Warren County MRDD and Councilmember Betty Davis who operates an agency serving the MRDD. After accepting the Proclamation, it was noted an open house would be held at Production Services in Lebanon on Thursday, March 15, 2001.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mr. Bill Liedhegner of 626 Lindemann Lane addressed Council to recognize the Lady Comets Basketball Team for winning the FAVC Conference. He stated this was the fifth year they have won the conference.

Mr. Les Spaeth addressed Council representing the Warren County Board of Elections. He clarified the procedures for the election this May stating it was possible to vote only for the issues by requesting an Independent ballot. He said a Republican ballot will include the people running for municipal judge. He also stated if a person is 18 years of age prior to November he or she is able to vote on the judge race. They are not able to vote on the issues.

Mr. Lou Eves of 4708 Appaloosa Trail addressed Council and requested the rates for water should be reviewed as it seems unfair to charge the same rate for watering your lawn when the sewer system is not involved. He said perhaps there could be a special rate for that situation. The matter was referred to the Utility Committee for review.

Ms. Cay Steinhauer of 4552 Appaloosa Trail addressed Council and stated she is working on the Veterans Memorial project. She said the next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at the American Legion. She elaborated the committee is researching across the country for examples and ideas of what has been done in other places. She also commented the police and fire memorials are good ideas but should be kept separate from this project.

Ms. Rachael Davis of 6426 Amber Court addresses Council and reminded everyone of the performance of "Biloxi Blues". She stated the Board has decided to continue to raise money for the Veteran's Memorial after the performance has ended. She said tickets are still available at Barr's Furniture and by calling 336-0372.

**ORDINANCE 2001-40 APPROVAL OF THE DEDICATION PLAT OF SNIDER ROAD, NORTH OF U.S. 42**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Richard Fair addressed Council and stated Henkle Schuler is requesting approval of a dedication plat for Snider Road, north of U.S. 42. He said this plat dedicates the first 600 feet of Snider Road as well as the right-of-way needed along U.S. 42 to meet the requirements of the Thoroughfare Plan. Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval contingent upon the submission of a subdivider's contract and a performance bond.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-40 was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2001-41 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CONTRACT OF PITT-DES MOINES, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Scot Lahrmer stated on August 28, 2000 City Council awarded a contract to Pitt-Des Moines, Inc.(PDM) for construction of an elevated water tank. CB&I Constructors Inc. has purchased the assets of PDM and an assumption agreement has been executed between the City and CB&I to allow them to complete the original contract. This legislation is necessary to change the name on the contract to CB&I Constructors, Inc.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-41 was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2001-42 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00 TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT OF LOCKWOOD, JONES & BEALS, INC. FOR THE CEDAR VILLAGE DRIVE WATER MAIN PROJECT**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Scot Lahmer stated to Council this legislation is needed to provide for additional design services for the water main on Cedar Village Drive eliminating the dead end main by connecting to the water main on Snider Road and increasing the size of the existing water main. He said the original contract was for \$12,500 for 1,577 linear feet of water main and the amended cost will be a not to exceed cost of \$24,500 for the 3,120 linear feet of water main. He stated this cost included the design work for the water main to complete the looping of the existing water main on Cedar Village Drive to the existing water main on Snider Road and increasing the size of the existing main.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-42 was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A Council Worksession has been scheduled for March 19, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Gary Heil, a Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department, passed away. He had been an employee for approximately 4 years.

The second meeting in May falls on the Memorial Day holiday weekend. At this time, there is no need for that meeting to take place. If needed it can be added or rescheduled in the future.

Due to Scot Lahmer's vacation, it is necessary to appoint Eric Hansen as acting City Manager for the weeks of June 4 through June 16, 2001. A motion to approve this appointment was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Staten reported the Planning Commission met last week and addressed the street trees planned for Snider Road, a new street proposed by Duke and a proposal to build an indoor soccer facility behind the Family Fun Center on U.S. 42.

Vice Mayor Fox reported the Park Board has met and received an offer from the Mason Youth Organization to help install lights at Heritage Oak Park by making a monetary contribution. He stated there is a constant need for use of the ball fields. The City currently has 12–14 fields. He noted the Knothole Association last month discussed donating funds to install batting cages.

Councilmember Davis reported the Warren County Solid Waste District will meet next week and a generation fee will be discussed.

Councilmember Beck announced the Veteran's Memorial Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. on March 13 at the American Legion. This group has also been active in assisting with the collection of WW II items. He stated the Executive Meeting of OKI discussed a regional bike plan. It was stated the light rail project is in the process of gathering information and holding public forums.

#### **COUNCIL OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Muennich reported there has been no reply regarding the cemetery study at this time. He asked the City Manager to look into the number of water main breaks the City has experienced.

It was noted on March 21, 2001 the Senior Pep Club will hold a dinner in recognition of the Lady Comets at the Manor House.

The Annual Chamber Dinner will be held on March 15, 2001.

Councilmember Staten inquired if their had ever been a farmer's market in the City. He also asked if we were to begin one, would the City be liable in any way. Ken Schneider reported there would be no exceptional liabilities associated with this project. Councilmember Staten and Mayor McCurley agreed to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to look into this matter.

The Tennis Masters Series will be held from August 2 through 12.

A motion to add Resolution 2001-02 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Beck.

**RESOLUTION 2001-02 COMMENDING KEN SCHNEIDER FOR HIS 25 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO**

The Resolution was read by Mayor McCurley and presented to Ken Schneider. At this time Mr. Schneider's wife, family and business associates joined him while he received this honor.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2001-02 was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

A motion to add Resolutions 2001-03,04 and 05 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

**RESOLUTION 2001-03 DECLARING THE NECESSITY AND INTENTION TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY FOR THE MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (REBER AUTO BODY & REPAIR, INC.)**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

A motion to adopt Resolution 2001-03 was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

**RESOLUTION 2001-04 DECLARING THE NECESSITY AND INTENTION TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY FOR THE MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (FAVARON)**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

A motion to adopt Resolution 2001-04 was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

**RESOLUTION 2001-05 DECLARING THE NECESSITY AND INTENTION TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY FOR THE MASON-MONTGOMRY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (DAPP)**

A motion to read by title only was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

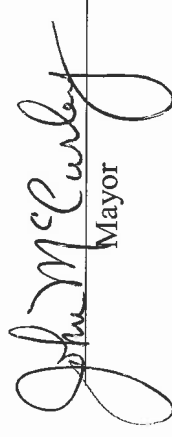
A motion to adopt Resolution 2001-05 was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Beck)

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

TIME: 9:13 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor