

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 9, 2001**

Mayor McCurley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Boy Scouts present were introduced and asked to lead the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2001 Council Worksession was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2001 Council meeting was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**RECOGNITION OF AFTER CLASS ENRICHMENT COORDINATORS**

Lorri Fox introduced two members of the City's contractual staff that have been instrumental in providing the after school enrichment classes for both the youth and adults in our community. Jerry Schrock primarily works on the after school enrichment program and Kim Dumnigan coordinates the programs for adults.

**PRESENTATION BY CHIEF FERRELL REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM**

Chief Ferrell addressed Council and stated the Neighborhood Watch program has just been updated in the City of Mason within the last three months. He stated currently there are 41 neighborhood captains. He stated the police department attempts to stay in contact with the communities through the captains. He added periodically meetings will be held for their benefit to keep them informed and the channels of communication open. He stated anyone interested in joining the program should contact 398-5050.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

None

**RESOLUTION 2001-21 ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MASON FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2002 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2002**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS  
Eric Hansen explained the necessity of the City to adopt this tax budget as required by the State of Ohio to justify the receipt of local government monies.

The public hearing was opened at 7:18 p.m. there were no comments either for or against this legislation. The public hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2001-21 was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2001-104 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE UP TO \$37,333 FOR THE TERM OF DECEMBER 6, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 2001 TO THE SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (SORTA) FOR THE JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM THROUGH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

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

Scot Lahmer requested this legislation be tabled until the next meeting.

A motion to table this legislation until the July 23, 2001 meeting was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2001-106 ADOPTING THE REVISION, CODIFICATION, RECODIFICATION, REARRANGEMENT AND PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF MASON, IN BOOK FORM, FOR THE CURRENT SUPPLEMENT**

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council it is required in the City's charter to periodically have the City's ordinances codified. This legislation has been advertised to the local papers and it is now appearing before Council for a second reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-106 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**RESOLUTION 2001-22 PROCLAIMING JULY AS NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH**

Eric Hansen read the Resolution.

Michael Hecker, Parks Director, thanked his staff stating they worked 16-hour days to complete the July Fourth celebration. Eric Hansen stated the City currently has 242 acres in parkland.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2001-22 was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2001-126 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$5,000 TO THE HUMANE ASSOCIATION OF WARREN COUNTY, INC., A NON-PROFIT AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION**

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

Scot Lahrmer stated the purpose of this legislation is to have available the services the Humane Association provides to Mason residents, businesses and industries. He stated the City has previously paid \$3,000 for these services and this year they have requested \$5,000. He said the increase reflects the increase in services provided.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-126 was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2001-127 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SERVICE SUPPLY LTD., INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN HERITAGE OAK PARK**

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

Scot Lahrmer stated as part of the master plan for Heritage Oak Park, six different designs for playground equipment were reviewed. The age groups targeted were 2-5 and 5-12 years of age. One bid was received from Supply Ltd. for \$96,870 that met all specifications in the contract. Staff recommends approval.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-127 was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2001-128 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,210.99 TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT OF BARRETT PAVING CO. FOR THE 2001 STREET MAINTENANCE AND RESURFACING PROGRAM**

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

Scot Lahrmer stated one of the items included in the 2001 budget was a bike path completely surrounding Pine Hill Lake. The purpose of the bike path was to provide a paved surface for

additional pedestrian and bike access around the park. He further stated due to the complexity of constructing a path around the lake, an alternative of building a 10 feet wide path connecting Lakeview Drive with Corwin M. Nixon Park and the Lou Eves Municipal Pool was proposed. He said this could be accomplished with the use of Barrett Paving, who currently holds the City's street resurfacing contract. Parks and Recreation Board have reviewed this proposal and recommend approval. The cost to the City for this change order to the original contract is \$82,210.99.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-128 was made by Councilmember Muenich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There will be a Council Worksession held on July 12, 2001 at the Mason Christian Village. The meeting will take place at 5:00 p.m.

A Council walkabout will take place on July 23, 2001 at the ATP facility. It will begin at 5:45 p.m.

Mason Matters will be distributed to residents the week of July 23, 2001.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Beck reported the Veterans Committee/Design Subcommittee will meet on July 10, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. They hope to finalize the design of the memorial and present it to Council at the August 13, 2001 meeting.

Councilmember Pelfrey stated in her research on local residents that have served as veterans, she has discovered 161 residents who fought in the civil war. She stated the wealth of information she has found has been through the Historical Society. She added the original name of Mason was Palmyra but the name was changed due to a community already having that name.

Councilmember Staten reported the Planning Commission met on July 2, 2001 to review plans from Al's Heating located on Reading Road. He stated there were problems originally with the right of way but the applicant agreed to comply with the Planning Commission's request. As a result Planning Commission approved the plan.

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

Dick Staten stated he is new grandfather as of July 4, 2001.

Tom Muenich asked about the status of the bike path along Tylersville Road from US 42. He stated the state should be working on it.

Betty Davis asked why Sprint, with their extended service to some communities, could not give Mason service to Dayton or Middletown. She requested the City look into the matter.

Charlene Pelfrey scheduled a Safety Committee for July 16, 2001 at 5 or 6: 00 p.m.

Jim Fox stated the next concert will feature the Mason Community Band and will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Pine Hill Park on July 15, 2001.

Mayor McCurley stated prior to the meeting tonight Council walked around the Castle property.

He also stated the Farmers Market will take place on July 21, 2001 at the old Thriftway site on US 42. Any farmers wanting to participate should contact the City.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

None

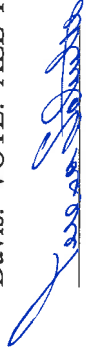
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

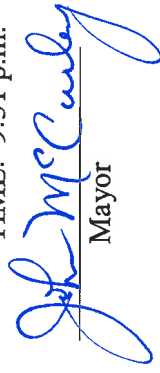
A motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and land acquisition was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey.  
VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to reconvene into regular session was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (Muenmich)

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Davis. VOTE: ALL YEAS

  
Clerk of Council

TIME: 9:31 p.m.  
  
Mayor