

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2001**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCurley at 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2001 Council meeting was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE QUI VIVE SOCIETY**

A Proclamation was read by Mayor McCurley recognizing the Qui Vive Society as the oldest organization in the City of Mason. Receiving the Proclamation were Helen Voorhis, Lily Frey and Lorraine Pall who was recognized as the longest serving official club member of 48 years. Lily Frey explained "Quo Vive" means "on the alert".

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Lou Eves of Appaloosa Trail addressed Council and thanked Judge Batsche, Betty Davis and Tom Muennich for their years of service to the City of Mason. He also inquired as to how much revenue the City would receive annually from the Stormwater Utility. Scot Lahrmer stated the City will infuse almost one million dollars a year until this utility is up and running. Mr. Eves stated this may hit business too hard. He mentioned \$1700 per month fee for Kings Island and \$500 per month fee for A Mold. He suggested the City review lowering property taxes. He said the Federal Government has lowered taxes, the County has reduced property taxes and the City should look into doing the same. He then stated the City should be proud of Tylersville Road. He said it is much safer for the students now.

A general discussion followed among Council and Councilmember Davis suggested the City look into reducing the property taxes slowly as other revenues are received. Mayor McCurley stated the Finance Committee should review the matter and determine the economic impact.

**RESOLUTION 2001-26 PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 27, 2001 AS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY IN MASON**

Eric Hansen read the Proclamation.

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

A motion to adopt was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Mayor McCurley presented the Proclamation to Becky Osborne.

Becky Osborne addressed Council and thanked them for their support for last year's project. She stated they received area and statewide recognition for their efforts. She gave brief details on the projects from last year and those planned for this year and encouraged everyone to visit the website for more details. It was noted the City is participating in two projects with this year's event.

**RESOLUTION 2001-27 PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 7-13, 2001 AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

The Resolution was read by Eric Hansen.

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2001-129 AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 22.7 ACRES FROM R-1 TO RESIDENTIAL PUD AND APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PUD PLAN FOR THE ROSEMONT SUBDIVISION**

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

Scot Lahmer requested the legislation be tabled until the November 11, 2001 meeting as the Planning Commission was reviewing this project.

A motion to table Ordinance 2001-129 until the November 11, 2001 meeting was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Vice Mayor Fox stated before the City approves any development, new standards should be applied that exceed the current FEMA requirements. Mayor McCurley stated Planning Commission is currently reviewing projects and taking a very strong look at this matter with each project. Richard Fair stated the City is currently reviewing the Davis Run and Pine Hill Lake areas and may

implement increased standards in these areas. Vice Mayor Fox stated there is no harm in increasing the standards now as the developer is the responsible party. He pointed out if no changes are made and problems exist in the future, the problem belongs to the residents and the City. Vice Mayor Fox stated he will contact David Riggs to discuss the matter further.

**ORDINANCE 2001-176 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$5,000 TO THE MASON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, A PRIVATE NON-PRIVATE ORGANIZATION**

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

Scot Lahrmer stated the City has contributed to the Mason Historical Society for the past six years. These funds have been used to maintain and improve the museum. The donation from 1997 has been \$5,000. A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-176 was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Mayor McCurley presented the check to Al Voorhis and Freddie Grisham.

**ORDINANCE 2001-177 APPROVING THE REPLAT OF OAKWOOD LAKES SUBDIVISION, SECTION 2, LOTS 38-42**

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

Richard Fair explained to Council the developer is requesting a replat of this section, which results in reducing the density. He stated the owner is changing to 4-unit buildings with larger garages. Planning Commission has reviewed the request and along with staff recommends approval.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-177 was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The October issue of *Mason Matters* is scheduled to be delivered to residents and businesses the week of October 8, 2001.

The City Employee United Way campaign raised \$8,750. This is a 1700% increase in 5 years and a

34% increase from last year.

The Public Works Department participated in the Snow Plow Roadeo with Jeff Kohus placing 9th out of 71 entries.

A joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce will take place on October 29, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chamber offices.

A Council Worksession has been scheduled for October 22, 2001. It will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber offices and will conclude by 6:45 p.m.

The City is conducting an informal survey of residents to determine if they are interested in asking Sprint to extend the local calling area for phone customers in the City. The information is in the October issue of *Mason Matters*.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Pelfrey stated the Ice Cream Social took place on Sunday and even though the national events of the day affected the atmosphere somewhat, she recognized it took a great deal of work by the volunteers. She also stated a meeting will take place with Kevin Bright to discuss future media plans for the Veteran's Memorial.

Councilmember Beck stated a meeting will take place on October 9, 2001 for the Veteran's Memorial Executive Committee. Items to be discussed will be fundraising and brochures for presentation to businesses. He also said Thursday an OKI meeting will take place where they will prioritize road projects. He stated Warren County officials must work together to get projects for Warren County.

Councilmember Beck asked about the status of the budget. He requested a five-year comparison. Councilmember Davis added the meetings are running about one month behind schedule. Scot Lahrmr stated Administration is presently working on it.

### COUNCIL OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Davis stated the WCML October meeting is being held on Trick of Treat night. She suggested the City coordinate this on a regional effort in the future. She also suggested a letter be sent to the White Blossom Homeowners Association clarifying Council's intention of determining the road development in the area.

Councilmember Muennich asked if the City has contacted the County over the development affecting the Crooked Tree subdivision. Scot Lahrmr stated the Engineer has contacted the County and the developer has contacted the City. Councilmember Muennich asked if anyone has applied for the Fire Chief position. Scot Lahrmr stated the City has received less than ten applications but expects to

receive many more, as the application does not close until next month.

Councilmember Beck reminded everyone of the Haunted Hayride and Halloween Festival to be held on October 20, 2001.

Mayor McCurley stated the Farmer's Market will run until October 27, 2001. He also stated the Police Academy will begin in January and invited interested residents to contact the City. Mayor McCurley also stated the City's water supply is monitored heavily. Scot Lahmer stated it is safe and the City has two sources. Mayor McCurley stated sophisticated alarm systems are in place.

Mayor McCurley stated he would like to implement a new policy for City employees that required them to respond to phone messages within 24 hours.

Mayor McCurley said County Commissioner Mike Kilburn's wife has undergone surgery on Sunday and will be in the hospital for five days. Cards should be sent to their home.

Mayor McCurley announced the budget for the Fire Department personnel services last year was \$1.543 million and has been increased to \$1.6 million for this year.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Muennich.  
VOTE: ALL YEAS  
TIME: 8:37p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor