

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
FEBRUARY 11, 2003**

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Jim Fox, Dick Staten, Victor Kidd, Tom Grossmann, Peter Beck, Charlene Pelfrey and John McCurley.

**COMMUNITY CENTER AGREEMENT**

Scot Lahrmer gave a brief update on the status of the negotiations with the School Board on the joint agreement for the Community Center. Michael Hecker illustrated how the Gym, Field House and Swimming Pool will be shared. He explained the current conversations are including flexibility in scheduling as we experience who has a need for the open facilities. Scot stated the School Board has suggested a formula based financial arrangement instead of the use of the inside millage. He said this is still under discussion and no final decision has been reached.

**SUMMER SEWER RATES**

Scot Lahrmer explained the subject of summer sewer rates has been discussed with the Utility Committee and several options are being reviewed. They include a summer sewer credit, a deduct meter, separate tap and a different tiered rate structure. He suggested a complete rate study will need to be done to determine the impact on the City financially wise. He stated any changes must be decided by April in order to have them in place by June. The next meeting of the Utility Committee is in two weeks.

Councilmember Grossmann excused himself from the meeting at this time.

**DOWNTOWN**

A general discussion took place among members of Council on the next step to take regarding the downtown revitalization effort. Items discussed included the value of the traffic portion of the study. Council collectively decided to journalize the following options:

1. An alternate route from the County line involving Bethany Road
2. An alternate route on Church Street
3. An alternate road south of downtown from RT 42 to Kings Mills Road and possibly up to RT 42 north of downtown
4. Establish an eighty foot right-of-way in the downtown area
5. Must have agreement from the Downtown Mason Association on this plan of action

It was noted the current plan completed by Poggemeyer does not include a timeline or an implementation chapter. It also calls for a five-year completion date. Council discussed hiring a Downtown Coordinator/Small Business Liaison. It was decided this person must report to the City Manager and could be hired on a contract basis.

It was decided the next step was to meet with the Downtown Mason Association and seek their support on this plan of action.

### **SNIDER ROAD IMPROVEMENT**

Scot Lahrmer explained to Council a savings of approximately \$500,000 could be realized if this was delayed until next year and the City receives the Public Works Grant. Richard Fair stated the City is working with the Warren County Engineer to request they replace the bridge on Western Row Road this year. Council supported the annexation of the school property, which could include Snider Road up to the City limits.

### **WARREN COUNTY IMPACT FEE**

It was noted a meeting is being held by the County Commissioners requesting the City's viewpoint on impact fees for new development.

### **CITY OWNED PROPERTY**

Scot Lahrmer stated the City would like to demolish two properties we own. The addresses are 129 S .Mason-Montgomery Road and 102 W. North Street. Council agreed to this proposal.

### **WARREN COUNTY FIRE/EMS MEMORIAL-2003 LEVY**

Council agreed to the request for a \$500 donation to support the Warren County Fire/EMS Memorial. Scot Lahrmer reminded Council of the upcoming fire levy.

### **NEXT WORKSESSION**

A possible date for another worksession was set for March 3, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS  
TIME: 8:10 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor