

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SEPTEMBER 3, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCurley at 6:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

AGGREGATION

Terry Schulte provided information to Council on the current status of electric deregulation Aggregation as an option, was discussed. She reported she and Larry Rudd have reviewed the issue and she presented the positives and negatives to be considered. Council elected not to move forward at this time but to stay current on the matter.

DOWNTOWN MASON

Scot Lahrmer gave a brief overview of the Downtown Revitalization Project. Mayor McCurley stated the items that need to be considered are adoption of the plan, traffic improvement and the hiring of a Downtown Co-ordinator. Following a general discussion among Councilmembers, it was agreed the Poggemeyer Plan could be adopted as a guide to be prioritized as Council determines. It was also decided every section should be prefaced with the phrase "subject to change". It was agreed the extension of Third Avenue should be journalized. The decision was made to implement signs to improve traffic and the position of Downtown Co-ordinator should be a city employee and include small business development as part of the job description. The amount of right of way required throughout the downtown area on US RT 42 was discussed with the result being to allow it to remain as it does today with the exception of the area between Third Avenue and Mason Montgomery Road being reduced from 100 feet to 66 feet.

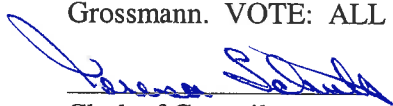
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Scot Lahrmer stated a request has been received for a donation to be given to the Mason Historical Society in the amount of \$7,500. Council noted it was an increase from last year but agreed to that amount.

ADJOURN

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

TIME: 8:05 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor