

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2006**

Mayor Pelfrey called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Pastor Childers opened the meeting with a prayer. Those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Steve Osborne, Tony Bradburn, Matt Kline, Todd Wurzbacher, Tom Grossmann and Char Pelfrey. Victor Kidd was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2006 Council meeting was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**PRESENTATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY SERVICES TAX LEVY RENEWAL**

Jeff Rhine addressed Council and reported on the tax levy that will be on the November ballot. He noted it is a renewal levy and if anyone has any questions, his office is located at 201 Reading Road.

**PRESENTATION FOR WARREN COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES LEVY**

Suzanne Burke addressed Council and explained the Warren County Senior Services Levy that will be on the November ballot. She noted it includes a .96 mil renewal and .25 mil increase for a total of 1.21 mills. She also stated there are 250 residents on the waiting list to receive senior services.

**PRESENTATION BY MEREDITH RAFFEL FOR MASON AREA ARTS COUNCIL**

Meredith Raffel reported on the Mason Area Art Festival. She stated it was a success with between 2500 and 3500 attending. She also stated it placed Mason on the map as a viable art community and provided good exposure for the municipal building. She added the next one is planned for September 23, 2007 at the same location.

**PRESENTATION OF DONATED ARTWORK BY RUSS MCLAUGHLIN**

Russ McLaughlin addressed Council and unveiled a picture of the new Municipal Center and Veteran's Memorial that he is donating to the City. He said he has worked in the City of Mason for 20 years and given over \$225,000 to the schools during that time for scholarships.

## RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr. Gene Nell of 607 Bunker Lane addresses Council and stated the search for a City Manager should be our top priority. He also said he feels a usage charge should be placed on people who use the City's recreations facilities to raise revenue. He added he supports the plan to purchase the Grizzly Golf Course.

Mr. Kevin Jones of 5808 Running Fox Lane addressed Council and stated, as the Co-Chair for the Mason Tree Committee, he wants to notify Council of the situation Warren County faces with the Emerald Ash Borer attacking ash trees in our county. He noted David Riggs is aware of the situation and the Tree Committee is working with him to educate the public on the matter. He said Public Works has planned a workshop for October 17, 2006 for public employees and another for that evening for residents, that will be held from 7-9:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Brian Grismer from the Mason Municipal Court addressed Council and asked the City to approve the funds for the Court to broadcast their proceedings on ICRC. He stated it is their desire to do this so the public can learn first hand the truth about the Court. He commented on how the Court and Judge Parker have been unfairly portrayed by those with their own agenda. He stated the Judge has improved the Court in records retention, technology, quality control and fiscal efficiency. He stated the Judge is willing to meet individually with Councilmembers if they want to discuss this further.

Mr. Rick Inskeep of Butler Warren Road addressed Council to discuss the zoning code matters around the Downtown Overlay District. He specifically addressed Ordinance 2006-96 which granted a rezoning of 209 and 211 East Main Street from R-4 to R-4 and the Downtown Overlay District. He pointed out the way it is currently worded does not allow for some of the uses the City is allowing. He sited a place of business where an individual works there but does not live on the premise. Rick distributed a copy of the contested language and its application to the Councilmembers stating the bottom line is the R-4 zoning classification under the overlay district needs to be rewritten. Ken Schneider stated he would review the matter.

## RESOLUTION 2006-11 PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23-31 AS NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

Ken Schneider read the Resolution.

Officer Jeff Brunson addressed Council and noted how important this recognition is for the entire community. He distributed red ribbons to Council.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Osborne, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Resolution 2006-11 was made by Councilmember Kline, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**RESOLUTION 2006-12 PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 8-14 AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND OBSERVING NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY**

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

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Osborne, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Resolution 2006-12 was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Osborne. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2006-117 1<sup>ST</sup> READING--AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRAY ARNSPERGER EXCAVATING COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASON SPORTS PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Eric Hansen stated the second reading on this legislation will be held on October 23, 2006.

**ORDINANCE 2006-118 1<sup>ST</sup> READING--AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ATKINS AND STANG, INC., FOR THE MASON SPORTS PARK SITE AND BUILDING, ELECTRIC, SPORTS LIGHTING AND SECURITY SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Mayor Pelfrey stated the second reading on this legislation will be held on October 23, 2006.

**ORDINANCE 2006-119 1<sup>ST</sup> READING--AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J.M.W. PLUMBING COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASON SPORTS PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Mayor Pelfrey stated the second reading on this legislation will be held on October 23, 2006.

**ORDINANCE 2006-120 1<sup>ST</sup> READING-- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,800,000 OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, FOR MAKING PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council details on Ordinances 2006-120, 121, and 122. He said financing for the Mason Sports Park will need to be provided for this project to move forward. Additionally the City is preparing for closing on the purchase of the Golf Center at Kings Island. Eric stated while due diligence is being completed; financing is being prepared anticipating conclusion and final authorization for the purchase on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Eric explained Ordinance 2006 - 120 authorizes the issuance of 20-year general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5.8 million to provide for the construction of the Sports Park. This amount includes the base bid, alternates and contingency amounts for each. He stated on June 12 and September 11, Council approved Ordinances 2006-72 and 2006-111, which authorized the purchase and a management agreement for The Golf Center at Kings Island. Ordinance 2006 - 121 provides for the issuance of \$10 million, 20-year general obligation bonds to provide for the financing of this purchase. If Council chooses to move forward with both of these projects, Ordinance 2006 - 122 would allow the City to consolidate the debt into one issuance in an amount not-to-exceed \$15.8 million. He explained by combining these projects into one debt issuance, the City should be able to obtain a more attractive interest rate and reduce issuance costs. Annual debt service payment on this debt is estimated at approximately \$1.2 million.

Councilmember Kline stated he will not be able to attend the meeting on October 23, 2006 and wanted to take this opportunity to explain why he would not be able to support the purchase of the Grizzly Golf Course. His concerns included the cost of the purchase, the cost associated with the management contract, the future costs of kitchen renovations, additional staff requirements, lack of future development potential on much of the acreage and lack of revenue from the golf course operations. Vice Mayor Grossmann stated the appraised value is between 9-10 million dollars and the City is paying that current value. He added future Councils will determine if it is maintained as a golf course. He stated this purchase gives the City freedom to control the property. He also added the community has overwhelmingly stated they are in favor of this purchase.

Mayor Pelfrey thanked him for his comments and stated the second reading on this legislation will be held on October 23, 2006.

**ORDINANCE 2006-121 1<sup>ST</sup> READING --AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A GOLF COURSE IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Mayor Pelfrey stated the second reading on this legislation will be held on October 23, 2006.

**ORDINANCE 2006-122 1<sup>ST</sup> READING-- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15,800,000 OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Mayor Pelfrey stated the second reading on this legislation will be held on October 23, 2006.

**ORDINANCE 2006-123 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR CARMELLE SUBDIVISION SECTION 3.**

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

Richard Fair reported to Council the owner of the development is requesting approval of the final plat for Section 3 of the Carmelle Subdivision. He stated this site, zoned R-3, is located on the east side of SR 741, approximately 0.4 miles south of U.S. 42. This section contains a total of 44 lots on 28.5 acres. This section of the development includes the dedication of the 42" sanitary sewer line from the old treatment plant on Reading Road to the new plant located on Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road and vacates the old line that ran through this site. This plat also dedicates the right of way, landscaping, utility, sanitary and storm sewer easements needed for this subdivision.

Richard added Planning Commission recommends approval of the final plat contingent on the following:

1. All flood routes are to be located within 20'-0" drainage easements.
2. Since the revised floodplain has not yet been approved by FEMA, show the existing floodplain limits as well as the proposed floodplain limits. Also, remove floodway limits from drawings.
3. Show sanitary sewer easement on Lot 140.
4. Include the note regarding foundation design to all sheets.
5. Please submit subdivider's contract and performance bond.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Wurzbacher, seconded by Vice Mayor Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Councilmember Kline asked for clarification of the flood plain as it affects lot #118. Richard Fair stated the final floodplain is not completed yet by FEMA.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-123 as recommended by Planning Commission was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2006-124 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR FALLING BROOK SECTION 1**

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

Richard Fair explained to Council the developer, Hal Homes, is requesting approval of the record plat for Falling Brook Subdivision, Phase A. The subdivision, zoned R-6, is located between Fairway Drive and the Grizzly Golf Center. He stated this plat includes seventeen buildable lots on 26.6 acres. Access to the subdivision is provided off of Sports Center Complex Drive. He reported this plat is consistent with the site plan approved by Planning Commission on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 with one exception. He stated Planning Commission required right of way to be granted to the City for the future relocation of Fairway Drive and Kings Mill Road.

Richard said Planning Commission recommends approval of the final plat contingent on the following:

1. Provide right of way for future realignment of Fairway Drive and Kings Mill Road. Record plat will not be recorded until this is provided.
2. Submit Subdivider's contract and performance bond.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Osborne, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-124 contingent on compliance with Planning Commission recommendations and contingencies was made by Councilmember Wurzbacher, seconded by Vice Mayor Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2006-125 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,115,000 OF RENEWAL NOTES BY THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE STORMWATER SYSTEM IN THE CITY.**

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council last year, Council approved Ordinance 2005 - 142, 2005 - 143 and 2005 - 144, which provided for the reissuance of Bond Anticipation Notes, authorizing the issuance of additional storm water improvement notes and authorizing the combining of the notes into a single debt issue in the amount of \$2,265,000. Funded through this debt issuance, were stormwater improvements in the Davis Run/Muddy Creek watersheds. The work to be performed under this project included the installation of two new roads over the Muddy Creek.

The first was the Park Access Lane, and included the installation of a Conspan structure and installation of approximately 665 lineal feet of drive. The second road, Snider Road Extension, included the installation of a Conspan structure, installation of approximately 400 lineal feet of road with curb and gutter, storm sewer, sidewalk, bike path and approximately 422 lineal feet of sanitary sewer. He said also included was the contract with Trend Construction for construction of a box culvert at Heritage Oak Park and improvements to the drainage channel located just east of Birchwood Farms Drive. These two projects will reduce the potential for flooding in both areas. Eric further explained stormwater improvements to Fairway Drive were also included. These improvements consisted of various sized storm pipe, head walls, catch basins and manholes on Fairway, Monte and Lakeview. Eric stated by combining these projects into one debt issuance the City was able to obtain a more attractive interest rate and to reduce issuance cost. The 2006 Budget includes a \$150,000 principal and \$57,758 interest payment for this debt.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-125 was made by Councilmember Wurzbacher, seconded by Vice Mayor Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2006-126 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KZF DESIGN TO COMPLETE THE PLAN TO MODIFY THE EXISTING UTILITY SERVICES FOR THE BUSINESSES/RESIDENTS IN THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape AREA FROM OVERHEAD UTILITIES TO UNDERGROUND**

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

Richard Fair explained to Council, as part of the Downtown Streetscape Project, the existing utilities along sections of West Main Street and Reading Road will be placed underground. The current streetscape project relocates the existing overhead services to underground, terminating at the required pullboxes. He stated the major element of this contract is to provide the construction documents for the conduits and service lines needed to connect to each building. Since KZF Design is currently working with the city on the Streetscape and underground utility projects along this section of Main Street, they have a clear understanding of the project and issues that will need to be addressed and will ensure continuity of design which should result in a smooth and cost effective project. He added the contract is for \$27,000 to KZF Design.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Osborne, seconded by Vice Mayor Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-126 was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Osborne. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2006-127 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CINCINNATI STATE TO ALLOW PARAMEDIC STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN LIFE SQUAD RUNS TO OBTAIN CLINICAL TRAINING TIME**

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council that Cincinnati State University has requested the City of Mason Fire Department participate in their paramedic education field-training program. He added the Mason Fire Department is a field-training provider for Bethesda Paramedic Training Program and the University of Cincinnati Training Program since 1998.

Councilmember Osborne asked if the City is properly covered if a student were to get injured. Eric Hansen stated the contract holds the City harmless.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-127 was made by Councilmember Kline, seconded by Councilmember Osborne. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2006-128 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING FUNDS THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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

Richard Fair reported to Council, OKI Officials recently informed Larry Rudd, Facilities Manager, that the City was successful in acquiring a grant to retrofit all existing incandescent traffic signal heads, pedestrian heads, railway flashers, and school speed flashers within the City. Richard stated the total estimated project value is \$215,434, with the State supplying 80% of the funds, which equates to \$172,347 and the City supplying the remaining 20%, which equals \$43,087. Although funds for this project will not be available until July 2007, the City is responsible to prepare drawings and specifications for bidding purposes. This project will provide significant savings to the City in labor and electrical costs to operate and maintain traffic signals, pedestrian signals, etc. LED bulbs (light-emitting diode) have several advantages when compared to the existing incandescent bulbs. LED bulbs have proven to be insensitive to shock and vibration, in addition, they are constructed inside a solid case that provides increased protection from breakage. The life span of an LED bulb is typically ten years, twenty times longer than the best incandescent, and dims over time as opposed to the abrupt burn-out of the existing lights. One of the most impressive differences is in energy consumption. LED bulbs consume approximately 1/10<sup>th</sup> the electricity of the City's current lights. Richard reported staff



estimates the potential savings in replacement labor and material costs will exceed \$17,500 annually with a yearly savings of \$16,000 in electric consumption, for a total annual savings of \$33,500 which result in a two year payback period.. He added the total savings generated for the 10-year period will exceed \$335,000.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-128 was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2006-129 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH CLARK, SCHAEFER, HACKETT & CO. FOR AUDIT SERVICES**

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

Eric Hansen reported to Council the purpose of Ordinances 129 and 130 is to comply with State of Ohio auditing requirements and to provide professional services related to the City's annual audit and CAFR preparation. He stated annually, the City of Mason is required to undergo an audit of its financial records in accordance with the issuance of general-purpose financial statements, as required by the State of Ohio Auditor's Office. In 2001, the State Auditor's Office permitted the City to enter into a five-year contract with Plattenburg & Associates for annual audit services. That contract was approved by City Council on January 28, 2002 and expired in June 2006, with the completion of the City's 2005 annual audit.

Eric stated the Ohio Revised Code provides that when the Auditor of State determines that her office will not audit a public office, she shall engage the services of an independent public accountant (IPA) to audit such public office. In July 2006, the State Auditor's Office determined that her office did not have the resources to perform the City of Mason's audit and began the process to seek a five-year audit contract with an IPA. On August 22, 2006, the Auditor's Office issued a Request for Proposals for the audit of the City of Mason. Since Plattenburg & Associates, Inc. had performed the City's audit for the previous ten years; they were not eligible to submit a proposal for another five-year audit contract. Three firms submitted complete proposals by the deadline: Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co; Foxx & Company; and Perry & Associates, CPA's.

Eric explained each proposal is subject to the State Auditor's evaluation process. The State utilizes a two-step evaluation process, involving the municipality. First, each proposal is evaluated based upon ten technical aspects and rated accordingly. No cost information is provided until the technical evaluation has been completed. Second, the cost section of each bid is opened and rated based upon the lowest cost of all bids. The combined scores are tabulated and Mason is asked to provide their recommendation. The final evaluation, including cost estimates, indicates that Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co. is the best overall proposal based on the

combination of experience, audit approach and cost. The State Auditor's office has approved the proposal from Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co. as the most advantageous to the Auditor and the City.

The total audit cost for 2006 represents a \$2,950 reduction in audit costs from 2005. For the entire 5-year period this contract for audit services represents a \$1,300 reduction from the previous 5-year contract.

Government officials must comply with significant legal restrictions on the use of public resources. A unique system of accounting and financial reporting commonly referred to as the governmental financial reporting model is used to account for the use of public resources. The CAFR is an excellent resource for explaining the City's financial position, trends, and statistical data. While there are no legal requirements for the preparation of a CAFR, this report represents a commitment by the City of Mason to conform to nationally recognized standards of excellence in financial reporting. The City's Finance Department, with assistance from an accounting firm has prepared a CAFR since 1997.

In conjunction with the bid process for the City's annual audit, a request for proposals was issued for the accrual conversion and preparation of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Plattenburg & Associates, Inc. has helped prepared the CAFR for the past 8 years. The proposal process was advertised and information was forwarded to the Chamber of Northeast Cincinnati for further distribution to interested members. The City received two bids.

The City established an evaluation process for these bids similar to the evaluation process for the annual audit. Plattenburg & Associates is the best overall proposal based on the combination of experience, audit approach and cost. Over the past 10 years, the Finance department has been working aggressively to bring much of the work for the preparation of the CAFR in-house to realize a cost savings. Staff's efforts combined with the issuance of an RFP for this work resulted in a significant cost savings of \$63,579 for the City.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Wurzbacher, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-129 was made by Councilmember Kline, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2006-130 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PLATTENBURG & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ACCRUAL CONVERSION AND CAFR PREPARATION**

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

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Wurzbacher, seconded by Vice Mayor Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-130 was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

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

Eric Hansen reported on the following items:

- ◆ The last Farmers Market for the season will be Saturday October 14, 2006 from 8-12:00 p.m.
- ◆ The Autumn Fest will be from 5-8:00 p.m. on Saturday October 21, 2006 at Corwin Nixon Park.. This is a family friendly community event and all residents are invited.
- ◆ City Departments will host a “Scout Day” from 10-2:00 p.m. on Saturday October 21, 2006. at the Mason Municipal Center. This began last year with over 600 boys and girls attending. Scout groups interested in attending should call the Police Department by October 13, 2006.
- ◆ The Mayor’s Wall unveiling has been tentatively set for 6:00 p.m. on Monday October 23, 2006 in the Mason Municipal Center atrium.
- ◆ In the past, Council has authorized the purchase of a ham, turkey or gift certificate for full-time City employees during the holidays. A motion is needed if this is to be continued for 2006. Councilmember Wurzbacher moved to continue the holiday gift to employees. Councilmember Bradburn seconded the motion. VOTE: ALL YEAS
- ◆ After pursuing entertainment options for the 2007 July 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration, a contract was executed to secure the groups of America and Kansas.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Bradburn reported on the following items with regard to the Safety Committee:

1. A revision of the City ordinance dealing with bows and arrows is being reviewed. The new ordinance will included “shall show recklessness” which is easier to prove if someone is in non compliance.
2. A new ordinance dealing with engine braking will be introduced. This happens often on Tylersville Road. Engineering and Building will work on this so it is in an area that is enforceable.
3. An ordinance is being proposed for adoption to deal with vehicles parking in City parking lots. Apparently a problem has repeatedly occurred with students parking in violation of their designated spots.
4. A motorcycle program has been offered to the City where they will be provided for \$1.00 per year. The City will be responsible to equip the cycles and officers. That will cost approximately \$3,000 per cycle. It is anticipated this will help with law enforcement within the City limits.

5. The Police Department will pursue purchase of two Segways.
6. Tasers are included in the budget request this year from the Police Department.
7. Safety Committee is recommending the City begin a sidewalk replacement program and pay 100% of the cost. This will control the quality of work and the contractors selected. Finance Department will determine the initial dollar amount for this program.
8. A contract for the traffic signal maintenance will include the ability to control the traffic flow via computer monitor.

Councilmember Osborne provided an update on the City Manager search.

Vice Mayor Grossmann reported a Court Liaison meeting will take place on October 12, 2006. Mayor Pelfrey asked this committee to review the request made by the Court to tape their proceedings on ICRC.

Councilmember Wurzbacher reported the Economic Development Committee will meet at the end of October.

Councilmember Kline reported the Festivals of Mason met today to discuss the details with the Christmas in Mason and the light show to begin December 2, 2006 at Heritage Oak Park. He also reported the Downtown Committee will meet on Thursday October 19, 2006 at 1:30 pm.

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

Councilmember Osborne stated some residents have mentioned this and he has personally experienced solicitation in the neighborhoods by individuals who are misrepresenting themselves. He suggested the Law Director look into the matter to introduce legislation if possible that could protect the residents from this abuse.

Mayor Pelfrey asked if council wants to rent large video screens for the Red Rhythm and Boom concert at a cost of \$15,000. The general consensus of Council was positive. Eric Hansen stated legislation will be prepared to approve the expense.

Mayor Pelfrey stated Elizabeth Waters is up for renewal on the Design and Review Board. Council had no objections to the renewal.

Mayor Pelfrey stated on November 11, at 11:00 a.m. a Veteran's Memorial Service will be held at the City's memorial site. She invited the public to attend.

Mayor Pelfrey noted the Mayor's Wall will be unveiled on October 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pelfrey reported she attended a meeting with the Warren County Engineer, Warren County Commissioner and Deerfield Township Trustees regarding future collaboration on prioritizing roadway improvements. She reported Council has been invited to attend a workshop where the matter can be discussed and a unified voice from Warren County can be presented to the State of Ohio.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

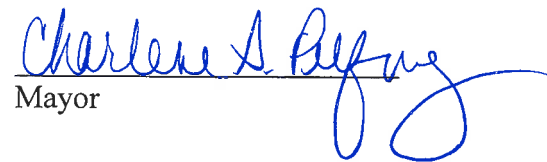
Councilmember Bradburn moved to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Councilmember Wurzbacher seconded the motion. VOTE: ALL YEAS

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

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Wurzbacher, seconded by Councilmember Osborne. VOTE: ALL YEAS  
TIME: 11:20 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor