

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 10, 2010**

Mayor Prince called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rabbi Yosef Kalmanson opened the meeting with a prayer. Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Michael Gilb, Christine Shimrock, Rich Cox, Tony Bradburn, Char Pelfrey, David Nichols and Don Prince.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Vice Mayor Nichols. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 2 ABSTAIN (Gilb, Prince)

**RECOGNITION OF NEWLY PROMOTED POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANTS**

Eric Hansen introduced the newly promoted Police Sergeants in the Mason Police Department, Jeremy Saylor, Jerome Deidesheimer, Matt Hayes and John Cullen. Mayor Prince presented the badges to the Sergeants. Chief Kelley and Chief Ferrell commented on the tough selection process and the high qualities these individuals possessed to receive this promotion.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Sarah Brown, Director of the Mason Public Library addressed Council and thanked the community for their support in the passage of the Library levy. She thanked Councilmember Cox for his assistance on the PAC Committee and presented library cards to Vice Mayor Nichols, Councilmember Bradburn and Mayor Prince.

**RESOLUTION 2010-06 PROCLAIMING MAY 16-22, 2010 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council, the purpose of this legislation is to bring awareness to the City's Public Works operations. He stated services provided by the Public Works Department include street maintenance, snow and ice removal, brush chipping, leaf pick-up, street sweeping, mowing public right-of-way, litter control, maintaining guard rails

and traffic signs, street light repair, tornado sirens, vehicle maintenance, storm sewer maintenance, and catch basin restoration.

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Shimrock, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**RESOLUTION 2010-07 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 16-22, 2010 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

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

Eric explained to Council, this legislation promotes public awareness and appreciation to the City of Mason staff involved with providing emergency medical services to the Mason community. He said National Emergency Medical Services Week will be celebrated May 16-22, 2010. This is an opportunity to recognize the contribution emergency medical services agencies make to the quality of life. Last year, the City's emergency medical staff responded to over 2500 emergency medical calls, for an average of seven runs per day.

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-47 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMS BILLING SERVICES**

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

Eric Hansen explained in 1998, Council approved Ordinance 98-209 authorizing an agreement with Medicount Management, Inc. for professional services to be rendered in conjunction with billing emergency medical services. He stated since a majority of users of emergency services have some form of insurance, these are funds which should be collected from insurance companies to pay for the expense of ambulance transports. He noted billing for emergency medical services is standard procedure for most communities. While it doesn't cover the entire cost of providing Fire service billing for these services it generates over \$500,000 annually or approximately 10% of the Fire Department's annual operating budget. Over the past several months staff has negotiated with EMS billing providers to reduce the rate for these services. Medicount Management,

Inc. has agreed to a one-year contract at a rate of 6%, with the option for annual renewals. Eric noted this is a significant reduction from the City's current rate of 10% to provide EMS billing services in accordance with insurance company standards and federal guidelines and should amount to an annual savings in excess of \$25,000. In addition, staff is evaluating a more advanced electronic reporting option that may reduce this rate below the 6%. Likely funding for that project will be presented in the 2011 budget. He noted the Safety Committee has reviewed and is recommending adoption.

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Shimrock, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-48 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC., REGARDING THE CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THREE YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,500.00**

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

Jennifer Heft explained to Council, this legislation authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CodeRED for distributing emergency or urgent conditions to residents and businesses. She stated CodeRED is a product that provides the City the ability to communicate with a large portion of the community through what is commonly called a reverse 911. Through a web-based system a recorded message can be sent to each listed phone in the affected area of the community. This allows the City to notify citizens of everything from a boil advisory, to street closings to an emergency condition that may involve evacuation of an area of the City. Federal regulations restrict the use of the system and strictly prohibit the system for marketing purposes. She stated this program is part of the communication needs that have been identified as part of the City's Emergency Operations Plan. The agreement provides this service to the City for 3 years at a cost of \$12,500 per year. She noted the Safety Committee has reviewed this legislation and is recommending adoption.

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

Councilmember Shimrock asked when, in recent history, would this have been used. Mayor Prince stated last summer after the windstorm when several trees were down this would have been a tool to use. Councilmember Bradburn stated the Safety Committee also recognized this could be utilized if a leaking tanker were on I-71 and an area needed to be evacuated. Councilmember Pelfrey stated residents need to be notified they must

supply cell phone numbers to the City if they want to be contacted using that number. Mayor Prince suggested a notice be placed on the website.

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Cox seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-49 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #3 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND TRITON SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,184 FOR THE CITY OF MASON COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

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

Eric Hansen reported to Council the next nine ordinances deal with re-allocating the resources from within the available allowances to fund change orders for the Community Center addition. He said they will re-allocate budgeted dollars from two sources within the GMP. There were approximately forty items that were included in the GMP but outside the original construction contracts that were a combination of discretionary items to cover unknown but probable project items that come up with any existing building renovation or addition, and others were ear-marked for specific items that were not fully documented at the time of the bidding and contract awards. Currently the amount being requested as change orders is \$233,792. He stated all allowance funds used and re-allocated in these change orders do not increase the GMP, and none of these are taken from the Owner's Contingency.

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Shimrock, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-50 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #3 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND DEBRA-KUEMPEL MECHANICAL-ELECTRICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,041 FOR THE CITY OF MASON COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

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

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Shimrock, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-51 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND WITTRICK WOODWORKING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,783 FOR THE CITY OF MASON COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE 2010-52 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND PIONEER CLADDING AND GLAZING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,714 FOR THE CITY OF MASON COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

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

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-53 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND DALMATIAN FIRE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE CITY OF MASON COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

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

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-54 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND COMPLETE MASONRY SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,215 FOR THE CITY OF MASON COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

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

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Shimrock. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-55 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND ART IRON COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,365 FOR THE CITY OF MASON COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

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

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

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-56 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND TRITON SERVICES (HVAC), INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE CITY OF MASON COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

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

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



A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2010-57 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #4 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND STEPHEN GROSS & SONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,031 FOR THE CITY OF MASON COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

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

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

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Eric Hansen reported on the following items:

▶ The Mason Intermediate DARE graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mason High School Auditorium. The St. Susanna DARE Graduation will take place on Tuesday, May 25 at 9:30 a.m. at the Meyer Center. City Council members are encouraged to attend.

▶ Prasco Park is proud to be the home for the 2010 [National Christian College Athletic Association](#) (NCCAA) Division I and Division II Baseball Championships. The Division II tournament games will be played from May 12-15. The Division I tournament games will be played from May 19-22. Admission to the championships is free, and all baseball fans in the Greater Cincinnati area are welcome to view the action at Prasco Park and Legacy Field.

▶ The annual fishing derby will take place on Saturday, May 15 from 7:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Pine Hill Lakes Park. Participants 10 years of age and older must have a valid 2010 City of Mason fishing pass, which will be available for purchase at Pine Hill on the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded in several categories and you must be present to win.

▶ The Veterans Administration Mobile Hospital Unit will be at the American Legion Hall, 401 Reading Road, on Sunday, May 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The unit helps area veterans access available health care services.

▶ American Legion Post #194 is hosting the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31. The parade will form at Post #194 on Reading Road at 9:00 a.m. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. and go north on Reading Road to Main Street, east on Main to Mason-Montgomery Road, and then south to the Rose Hill Cemetery. The parade should last

about one hour. Post Commander John Looker has invited Mason City Council to participate in the parade.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** None

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Cox asked about how residents get a recycle bin. Eric replied they can be picked up at the Customer Service desk in the Municipal Building or they also can be ordered through Rumpke and it will be delivered to the resident.

Councilmember Cox asked about the status of the deteriorating building on Williams Street. Richard Fair stated the utilities will be removing their services tomorrow and then the siding will be removed. He added they anticipate it will cost approximately \$6,600 to remove the building. The City will pay this cost and then place it on the property taxes. He also noted the garage will remain.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and land acquisition was made by Vice Mayor Nichols, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to reconvene into regular session was made by Vice Mayor Nichols, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to grant a one time bonus to the City Manager based on his performance for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$5,000 was made by Councilmember Shimrock, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Vice Mayor Nichols. VOTE: ALL YEAS

TIME: 8:12 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor