

**CITY OF MASON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2011**

Council met in special session on the above date in accordance with the City Charter for reorganization of Council and the seating of new Councilmembers.

Mayor Prince called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Chaplain Jerry Pelfrey opened the meeting in prayer. The City of Mason Police Honor Guard presented and posted the colors. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office was taken by Council elect Barbara Berry-Spaeth, Tom Grossmann, and Victor Kidd. The Oath was administered by the Law Director, Jeff Forbes.

**ROLL CALL**

Council members present were: Victor Kidd, Barbara Spaeth, Rich Cox, Tom Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, David Nichols, and Don Prince.

Mayor Prince stated that it has been his honor and privilege to serve as Mayor for the City of Mason. He commented that he has enjoyed meeting with the many Mason organizations and businesses.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Mayor Prince opened the floor to accept nominations for Mayor with the nomination of David Nichols. Councilmember Kidd moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Mayor Prince proclaimed David Nichols as the new Mayor for the City of Mason.

Mayor Nichols took the Oath of Office of Mayor of the City of Mason as administered by the Law Director, Jeff Forbes.

**ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR**

Mayor Nichols opened the floor to accept nominations for Vice Mayor. Councilmember Cox nominated Victor Kidd. Councilmember Cox moved to close nominations, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Mayor Nichols proclaimed Victor Kidd as the new Vice Mayor for the City of Mason.

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Nichols thanked Council. He welcomed the new members to Council. The Mayor shared his thoughts on democracy at the beginning of the meeting as the Honor Guard presented the colors. He commented that the hard work from former Councilmembers has made our lives easier and that we all enjoy the fruits of their labor. These things should not be taken for granted, that they just didn't happen. Mayor Nichols thanked Mayor Prince for his service and for making the City of Mason part of his family. Mayor Nichols stated that as Mayor he will be open, fair, respectful, and above all a Mayor of inclusion. He is honored to serve as Mayor. Mayor Nichols quoted a portion of Chaplain Pelfrey's opening prayer at the 11/28 meeting, "praying for our City Council tonight that You help them set aside any self will or agenda that could blur Your will for this City. Help them to make the right and tough decisions". He thanked Council for their service and his family for their support.

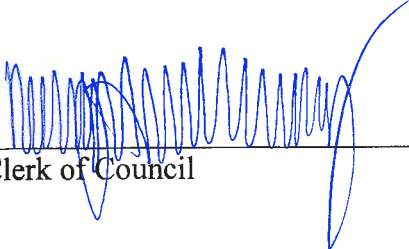
Mayor Nichols invited Councilmember Spaeth to speak. She thanked everybody for their support and is very excited to be serving with such great people. She thanked Eric Hansen, Jennifer Heft and City staff for their assistance in orientation. Councilmember Spaeth stated that she is honored and humbled and thanks all who supported her. She especially thanked her husband, John.

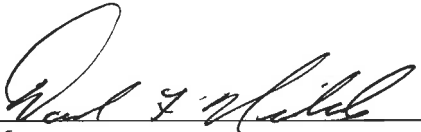
Mayor Nichols invited Vice Mayor Kidd to speak. He stated that he appreciates beyond words Council's confidence in electing him to this office. They are good people to work with along with the help, insight, and support of the citizens of Mason. Vice Mayor Kidd stated that he holds Mayor Nichols in high regard and looks forward to a bright future as he serves with his colleagues. He thanked City staff and everyone for being here.

Councilmember Cox stated that he looks forward to working with this new Council.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd.  
VOTE: ALL YEAS  
TIME: 3:28 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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Mayor