

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MARCH 19, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

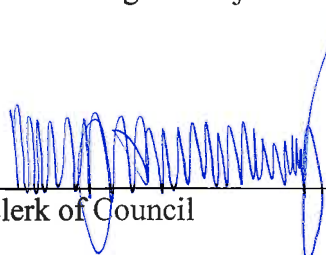
ATTENDANCE

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

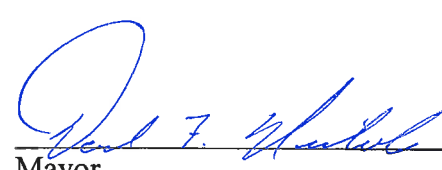
FIRE LEVY

Eric Hansen, Joe Reigelsperger, Jeff Forbes, and John Moore presented information to Council regarding property taxes for the average home in Mason, Fire Fund summary and projections through 2017, ballot language, filing deadlines, and Fire Department staffing, equipment, and fire standards. Councilmember Pelfrey reported that Safety Committee recommends a 5.8 mill property tax replacement levy be placed on the November ballot. She explained that this amount depends on the General Fund acting as a safety net. Council discussed three tax options to fund fire services: property tax, hybrid (property tax plus income tax), or income tax. They discussed multiple ballot questions, August vs. November election, and ballot language. They requested that ballot language for the hybrid tax option be written out for their review. In order to leave open the possibility for placing a question on the August ballot, they recommended placing resolutions on the March 26 Council Meeting agenda requesting information from the County Auditor for both rates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor