

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Pastor Jerry Pelfrey opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the January 14, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

PRESENTATION BY FESTIVALS OF MASON

Councilmember Pelfrey stated that the year 2015 will be an exciting landmark in Mason's rich history as we celebrate the City's 200 year anniversary. The celebration will incorporate the many groups and organizations within Mason. She stated that a Bicentennial Committee of Council has been formed to oversee the City of Mason's participation and act as liaison for information to Council and the community. The committee will make recommendations to Council on funding, sponsors, activities, and other commemorations. Councilmember Pelfrey stated that it is her privilege to introduce two volunteer groups, the Festivals of Mason and Mason Historical Society, which provide invaluable talent and service to the community. These two organizations have been selected to lay the foundation for the yearlong 2015 Bicentennial Celebration for the City of Mason. Festivals of Mason will provide a signature event for the Bicentennial and Mason Historical Society has outlined projects that will provide residents the opportunity to understand and become a part of Mason's history. Both organizations have met with the Bicentennial Committee to outline their plans and request support from the City. Councilmember Pelfrey introduced Karen Kilgore, Festivals of Mason President.

Karen Kilgore thanked Council for their support and introduced Festival of Mason (FOM) Board Members and volunteers. She stated that FOM is a non-profit group of volunteers that have a passion for planning and putting on family oriented events that showcase the City of Mason. FOM has a consistent record for planning and managing events that have come in under budget or at budget. She explained that FOM will work alongside the Mason Historical Society, the City of Mason, and many other entities to plan this celebration. Ms. Kilgore introduced Mike Stretch to elaborate on the past, present, and future components of the Bicentennial Celebration.

Mike Stretch, FOM Board Member and Crooked Tree resident, explained that we are all a part of history right now. The stories of people's lives in the past impact the future. He stressed the importance of working with Mason Historical Society when planning the Bicentennial Celebration. Karen Kilgore introduced Marcy Nichols to explain planning strategy.

Marcene Nichols, marketing strategist, has volunteered her time creating a two year plan. She stated that the objective over the next 6-8 months is to build awareness, momentum, and consensus. She explained that the communication plan is a full media outreach including sponsorship packages, ambassador tool kits, online hub, social media, and event outreach. A highly defined volunteer program has been created.

Karen Kilgore stated that FOM is very conscious of dollars given and the importance of being good stewards of those funds. She listed how \$5000 of the \$10,000 given to date, has been spent. Ms. Kilgore said that the estimated value of these expenditures is \$18,000. Funds were saved with the use of volunteers and involvement of local businesses and organizations. She presented a planning timeline with specific goals and targets over the next two years and explained their next steps.

PRESENTATION BY MASON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Judy Cox, Mason Historical Society President, stated that the Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Mason. She stated that she is one of a 12 member board and introduced Mason Historical Society Board Members present. Ms. Cox expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming bicentennial year and stated that the Mason Historical Society (MHS) views the Bicentennial as once-in-a-lifetime event for the Mason community and an opportunity to build community spirit, sense of ownership, and belonging for its citizens. The event has the potential to be of great economic benefit to the City. She shared ideas regarding the bicentennial dates, logo/slogan, and program. She suggested that celebrities and public leaders be contacted, the carousel be brought from Kings Island, and the inclusion of many organizations. MHS has been researching William Mason's genealogy and she said that in order to facilitate preservation of Mason's history and accessibility for sharing purposes during the Bicentennial, it is vital that records be digitized. MHS is asking for \$3400 to purchase computer software which will accomplish digitization and assist in the research and collection of additional records. MHS is requesting \$9300 for the publication of 500 Bicentennial editions of *Around Mason Ohio: A Story* by Rose Marie Springman. The initial publication at \$22.60 per book and sales of these will allow for additional books to be published. AT&T has donated \$2000 towards this project. A walking/driving tour of historical landmarks, with plaques marking each site, is planned. Audio versions will be available to download from historical society websites, and a map/brochure will be published. MHS asks for the city to contribute \$2500 towards the estimated cost of \$5000 for this project. Total funds requested for these three projects are \$15,200. Ms. Cox stated that MHS is working on additional Bicentennial projects including a commemorative coin and Mason History Day. MHS requests trademark use of the Bicentennial logo for publications and minting of the commemorative coin. They are working with the Ohio Historical Society in an attempt to secure grants for other projects.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – none

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON MOODY'S RATING FOR THE CITY OF MASON

Eric Hansen stated that the City provided a presentation to Moody's Investor Services in early January and received a summary report from Moody's following their rating evaluation and analysis of the City of Mason. As a result, Moody's affirmed the City's Aaa rating – the highest rating possible. He said that this is a signature achievement for the City and reflects extremely well on the City's financial health, history, and outlook. Very few governments achieve this rating. The City's conservative budgeting, strategic investments in infrastructure, low tax and debt burdens, location, stable government, strong reserve balances, and focus on economic development are all conditions that lead to such high ratings. Eric explained that this credit rating is a cost savings to the City in terms of interest on debt and property insurance policies. Eric stated that strength of the Mason business community lowers residential tax burden. The rating is a reflection of Council, staff, and the quality of our Community.

ORDINANCE 2012-84 SECOND READING: AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 24.79 ACRES FROM I-2 INDUSTRIAL AND B-3 ROAD SERVICE TO BUSINESS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT WITH APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN LOCATED AT 990 READING ROAD AND AT THE INTERSECTION OF READING ROAD AND TRI-WAY DRIVE (CROSS ROADS)

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

Brian Lazor addressed Council and stated that this item is the review of the Concept Plan and rezoning of the former International Paper building at 990 Reading Road. He stated that the project consists of two parcels which total approximately 25 acres and are located at the intersection of Reading Road and Tri-Way Drive. The property is currently zoned B-3, Road Service Commercial and I-2, Industrial and the proposal is to rezone the entire 25 acres to Business Planned Unit Development. The development will have full access drives off Reading Road and Tri-Way Drive and an exit only drive off of Reading Road. Brian explained that the existing 142,000 square foot building will receive significant renovation, parking and landscape buffering will be added, the front office portion will be removed and a new front will be added. He stated that while the Comprehensive Plan calls for this property to be Industrial and Neighborhood Mixed Use, the proposed development appears to fit in with the surrounding mix of industrial, residential and service uses and should have a positive impact with increased activity during the day to retail and restaurants in the area.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:07 p.m.

Jonathan Wocher of McBride Dale Clarion, 5725 Dragon Way, Suite 220, Cincinnati, Ohio, stated that he is representing Crossroads on this application. He thanked City of Mason staff for working with their team on this application and stated that Crossroads is excited about making this commitment to Mason.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:08 p.m.

Councilmember Cox asked about the railroad spur on the property. Chuck Moore, of Crossroads Church, stated that the spur will be removed and the area landscaped as indicated on the plan. Councilmember Cox stated that he may have information on a railroad lease on this property and will forward contact information to Mr. Moore. Council raised questions regarding any negative impact from the loss of industrial/manufacturing property and the loss of the railroad spur. Councilmember Prince and Vice Mayor Kidd stated that no opposition was voiced at Planning Commission and that the building has been vacant for many years. Planning Commission expressed support for this development and the potential benefit it offers the surrounding area. Eric Hansen stated that staff did consider the loss of industrial property and concluded that Crossroads' investment to this property would contribute to the improvements and revitalization of the US-42 area. Discussion points raised concerning the railroad spur included the limited number of I-2 zoned property in the City, the proposed use for the property is more compatible with surrounding properties, and that the rail spur is already cut in Deerfield Township. To Councilmember questions, Chuck Moore, of Crossroads, stated that currently the congregation size is at 1400 members and they project about 2800 members at the opening in 2014. He said that facility use during the week would be mostly evening meetings and that the church has no plans to use the facility for sport related activities. Mark Stecher of 6499 Neville Court and Crossroads Campus Pastor, stated that the church's mission is to serve the community in a practical way. He said two active programs, Wiz Kids and Breakfast Club, identify and serve students in need of tutoring and meals. Vice Mayor Kidd thanked Crossroads for their important contributions to the community.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-84 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION 2013-02 CONCURRING WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF PAT CLEMENTS TO THE WARREN COUNTY 911 PLANNING COMMITTEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen stated that the Warren County 9-1-1 Planning Committee, as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5507.06, is convening for the purpose of revising the County's 9-1-1 Final Plan to comply with changes brought about with House Bill 472. House Bill 472 extended the funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) service in Ohio. He explained that surcharges appear on wireless customers' bills that are dedicated to this service and how those funds are utilized by different 9-1-1 providers within the county is an item of business. The 9-1-1 Planning Committee consists of five voting members including the Chief Executive Officer of the most populous municipal corporation in the County - Mason. He stated that another municipal representative can be appointed by a majority of the legislative authorities in the County. Warren County is recommending that the City Manager of Lebanon, Pat Clements, be appointed to this spot. Eric said that the City of Lebanon is both the second most populous

municipality in the County and one of two municipal entities operating emergency dispatch centers.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2013-02 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-04 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$10,000 TO FESTIVALS OF MASON, INC., IN SUPPORT OF BICENTENNIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES

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

Jennifer Heft stated that Ordinance 2013-04 and Ordinance 2013-05 have both been covered by organization presentations and that there is nothing else to add other than to recommend them for adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-04 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-05 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$15,200 TO THE MASON HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN SUPPORT OF BICENTENNIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES

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

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

Councilmember Grossmann questioned how the proposed expenditure items relate to the Bicentennial and the criteria used for determining funding for groups. Councilmember Pelfrey stated that the Bicentennial Committee reviewed Mason Historical Society's (MHS) request for funding and believes it to be a good investment for the City, directly related to the Bicentennial, and each line item has merit. She explained that the Historical Society supports Bicentennial events by supplying services to Festivals of Mason and both organizations provide tremendous value to the community. The funding to these organizations for bicentennial events is separate from their other yearly events and expenditures. Councilmember Grossmann stated that the purchase of software didn't appear to be Bicentennial related and felt that this sort of expense should meet the criteria of matching contributions from other sources. Council discussed the importance of preserving and digitizing historical records and the contributions these records provide to numerous Bicentennial events including a Mason History Event and first class

presentation. Councilmember Pelfrey stated that MHS will continue raising funds towards Bicentennial projects and that this one time request is to help them fund work as requested by the Bicentennial Committee. Councilmember Cox stated that these projects would not be done if not for the Bicentennial. Councilmember Grossmann questioned how funds received by the sale of the Bicentennial edition of the book would be used.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-05 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: 4 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Cox), and 1 NAY (Grossmann).

ORDINANCE 2013-06 ESTABLISHING POOL BARRIER REGULATIONS FOR ONE-, TWO-, AND THREE-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE CITY OF MASON

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

Richard Fair addressed Council and stated that Ordinance 2013-6 and Ordinance 2013-7 will be explained together, since they are related. He said that in 2006 the State took over the responsibility of the residential building code for all jurisdictions in Ohio. While the State did not include a requirement for residential pool barrier, the City continued to use the pool barrier requirement as an additional safety precaution for residents. Now, with the 2013 Residential Code of Ohio, in order for the pool barrier amendment to remain in effect Council must adopt legislation. He explained specific requirements include barrier/fence around in-ground pools and options such as lockable gates for above-ground pools. The amendment does not restrict access to the pool from the dwelling, but only from adjacent property. He explained that this code amendment will be added to the City of Mason Ordinances under section 1301.01b. Richard stated that Ordinance 2013-7 enacts design criteria for the construction of one-, two- and three family dwellings in the City of Mason. He explained that within the new edition of the statewide mandatory code for Ohio there is a table for 12 local design criteria to be inserted, for such things as ground frost depth for footings and wind speed for structural bracing. Richard stated that Mason's Building Official, Greg Nicholls, took the proposed RCO design criteria to the Greater Cincinnati Home Builders Association in November and no comments were made to revise any data, since these criteria have been in effect over the past 20 years.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-06 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-07 ESTABLISHING CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF MASON

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-07 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-08 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO REIMBURSE THE BUTLER COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE FOR THE PAVING OF BUTLER WARREN ROAD WITH WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00

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

Richard Fair stated that the City of Mason is entering into a partnership with Butler County Engineer's Office authorizing reimbursement for the resurfacing of Butler-Warren Road south of Tylersville Road. He explained that the City is responsible for the east half of Butler-Warren Road from St. Lawrence Drive to approximately 135 feet north of Grand Oaks Court. Staff estimates the City's share of the resurfacing to be about \$40,000 which was included as part of the funds budgeted for the annual resurfacing program. The City will need to repair the concrete curb along this portion of Butler Warren Road as part of the City's 2013 Street Resurfacing Program.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-08 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-09 FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT I CONTRACT TO ADD CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT I

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

Eric Hansen announced that the second reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-9 will be held on February 25, 2013.

ORDINANCE 2013-10 MODIFYING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen stated that the City of Mason Prosecutor responsibilities/duties include prosecuting all matters in Mason Municipal Court, working with of the City of Mason Police Department as well as tax and Building Code matters. In February 2010, Council approved Ordinance 2010 – 21 which appointed Bethany Bennett as Prosecutor for the City and established her rates of compensation. He explained that this consists of two parts: compensation for the Prosecutor's duties and an allotment for Assistant Prosecutor(s) and administrative personnel. These rates have not been adjusted since February 2010. Ordinance 2013-10 authorizes the Prosecutor to be paid \$63,000 (5% increase) per year, 4% increase in contribution toward the cost of Assistant Prosecutor duties, and 16% increase in contribution toward the administrative costs incurred in running the Prosecutor's office, i.e., secretarial, paralegal and miscellaneous positions. Mrs. Bennett has not had a pay increase since 2010. The total overall increase in rates of compensation is 8%. The Court Liaison Committee met and reviewed this request and unanimously recommends adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-10 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Prince).

ORDINANCE 2013-11 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-89 ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS AND RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE MASON MUNICIPAL COURT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft stated that individual pay rates for Court employees are set by Municipal Court; however, since the City is responsible for providing the payroll for Municipal Court, Council authorization of pay rates is necessary for City staff to make necessary payroll payments. The last time Council was asked by Municipal Court to modify the ordinance that authorizes positions and pay rates was in 2010. Ordinance 2013-11 establishes minimum and maximum salary ranges to provide Court flexibility in the pay rates set for an individual employee. She explained some of the specific adjustments include changing Deputy Clerk Special to Deputy Finance Director, Assignment Commissioner from full-time with benefits to part-time without benefits, increase in salary for the Deputy Clerks and Chief Deputy Clerk, and the addition of a part-time mediator position and part-time legal intern position from the Special Project Fund. Jennifer stated that these changes keep the Court within their 2013 Budget which is less than their 2012 actual expenses. She stated that the Court Liaison Committee met with Judge Batsche and Scott Tener, Clerk of Courts and recommends Ordinance 2013 – 11 for adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-11 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-12 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HAMCO X-RAY INCORPORATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) SMITH'S DETECTION X-RAY SCANNER MODEL #6040ds

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

Eric Hansen stated that Mason Municipal Court Security is the responsibility of the City of Mason by providing staff and equipment. Officers screen all persons entering the court facility including personal items. He stated that in 2012 there were 37,198 visitors to the Mason Municipal Court Facility. As a result of the Court Security staff's screening process, 351 weapons were prevented from entering the court facility. Eric said that the current X-ray machine was purchased approximately 10 years ago and was put into service when the facility opened in 2002. The average life expectancy of an X-ray machine is 7 to 10 years. Therefore the current machine is at the end of its life expectancy. The annual maintenance agreement for this machine is \$5,000. Eric explained that Court and Police staff have taken a proactive approach to replace this equipment prior to a repair or maintenance issue renders the machine inoperable for the 8-10 week time period required to order and receive a replacement. During that time period Court Security staff would be required to physically search every personal item that was brought into the facility. This process would be time consuming and very intrusive. Eric stated that the cost of x-ray machines have decreased over the past 10 years and that Hamco X-Ray Incorporated, located in Fairfield Ohio, has a machine that would fit the needs of the Municipal Court at a total cost of \$25,000 payable over a 4 year period. Funding for the machine will be shared by the Police Department-redirecting funds budgeted for the annual maintenance agreement and funds held for use by Mason Municipal Court for the first year. Eric stated that the Court Liaison Committee reviewed this purchase and is recommending Ordinance 2013 – 12 for adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-12 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-13 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$25,000 TO FESTIVALS OF MASON, INC., IN SUPPORT OF THE 2013 HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND CHRISTMAS IN MASON

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

Eric Hansen stated that the next three ordinances are for annual payments to Festivals of Mason (\$25,000), Warren County Humane Association (\$4000), and Mason Historical Society (\$4000). He explained that Festivals of Mason organize the Mason Heritage Festival and Christmas in Mason with funds that were reduced from \$50,000 to \$25,000 in 2011. Payments to the

Humane Society and Historical Society have stayed the same over the past couple of years since being reduced by 50% in 2011. He explained that guidelines for receiving these matching funds state that for every dollar the City contributes, two dollars must be raised from other sources by the non-profit group. The Finance Committee has reviewed and is recommending Ordinance 2012-13, Ordinance 2013-14 and Ordinance 2012-15 for adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-13 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-14 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$4000 TO THE WARREN COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-14 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-15 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$4000 TO THE MASON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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

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

Councilmember Grossmann asked for an explanation of how the match works. Jennifer Heft stated that the matching policy established in 2006 states that for every \$2 the non-profit raises, the City contributes \$1. The funds are released to the organization when they provide documentation of funds raised. Councilmember Grossmann asked if funds raised through the sale of Bicentennial books can be used toward this match program. Councilmember Pelfrey said no. Councilmember Cox clarified that Bicentennial funds are a separate line item on the treasurer's books and will not be used toward the day-to-day operation of the Mason Historical Society.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-15 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Cox).

ORDINANCE 2013-16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LAKE ERIE GOLF CARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 240 GOLF CART BATTERIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Richard Fair addressed Council and stated that the 99 golf carts purchased in 2009 are expected to last 8-10 years but the batteries have a useful life of 3-4 years. He said that in 2011, 210 batteries were replaced by the manufacturer, at no cost to the City, due to premature failure. In addition, 144 batteries have been replaced at the City's expense. Each cart requires six batteries and to date 354 of the 594 batteries have been replaced, leaving 240 batteries that are five years old in need of replacement. Richard stated that Golf Center staff will do the work to replace the batteries and that the price includes shipping and disposal of the old batteries. He said that the Golf Course Committee as well as Finance Committee reviewed this purchase and the 2013 Budget included \$27,600 for the replacement of golf cart batteries. Richard explained that an emergency clause has been added to allow for delivery time and staff installation of the batteries during off season at the course.

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 Ordinance 2013-16 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

► Congressman Steve Chabot will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at the Mason Municipal Center on Tuesday, January 29 from 6:30 to 7:30. The meeting is open to the public and Mason residents are encouraged to attend.

► Ohio Municipal League is hosting a legislative luncheon on February 6.

► Eric requested the addition of Executive Session to the agenda for the purpose of Property Acquisition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Cox reported that the Utility Committee discussed sewer deduct meters for businesses to adjust sewer charges during the summer season. The City is investigating this option but no change is expected. Businesses currently have the option of installing an additional meter for landscaping. Councilmember Cox explained that the plan to replace lighting in downtown with improved LEDs will be completed in three stages: southside, plaza, and northside. The existing lights will be used as long as possible.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Karen Kilgore, Festivals of Mason President, stated that past Red, Rhythm, and Boom events have never been presented by Festivals of Mason, Inc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PROPERTY ACQUISITION

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:34 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:48 p.m.

A motion to add Ordinance 2013-17 and Ordinance 2013-18 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-17 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TEC ENGINEERING, INC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-17 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2013-18 ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE COLUMBIA ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM W.G. STANG, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$168,494, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

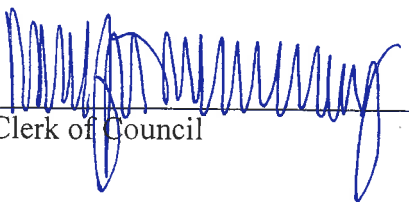
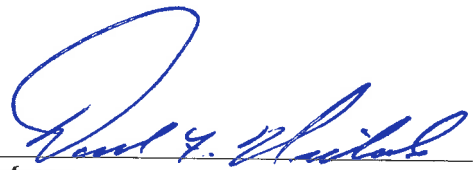
Eric Hansen explained that three competitive bids for construction of the Columbia Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Improvement Project were received last year and were due to expire.

He said the work would extend sewer in this area and that dollars are available through the sewer expansion fund. W.G. Stang. LLC provided the lowest and best bid in the total amount of \$168,494.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-18 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:53 p.m.


Clerk of Council
Mayor