

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. Vice Mayor Kidd 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, Ashley Chance, Jim Fox, Charlene Pelfrey, Don Prince, and David Nichols.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 12, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Innovation Week activities will be in the schools this week including a demonstration by Festo at tonight's Council meeting.

On November 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Bicentennial Committee has invited collaborative community leaders to an exclusive event at the Manor House in Mason. The program will drive the momentum and secure contributions needed to make the Parks and Recreation Foundation's Common Ground Playground vision a reality and leave a legacy of inclusiveness for future generations in Mason. The Bicentennial Committee encourages all of Council to attend and help bring awareness to this community project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Pelfrey reported that the last event of the Bicentennial year will be a Closing Ceremony at Great Wolf Lodge on December 14. The evening will begin with an open house from 5:30-6:30 and the time capsule will be closed at the Council Meeting beginning at 6:30. There will be activities and the public is encouraged to attend.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Eric Hansen recognized visitors associated with Innovation Week and educators from Mason City Schools, Sinclair, and University of Cincinnati. He stated that Innovation Week is an integration of education, economic development, and business.

ORDINANCE 2015-110 FIRST READING: AMEND CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

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

Eric Hansen announced that a second reading of this ordinance will be at the November 9, 2015 City Council Meeting.

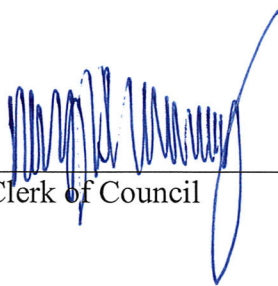
OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Nichols spoke about the City of Mason’s focus on economic development and that tonight’s presentation symbolizes this effort coming together in partnership with education, local governments, Chamber of Commerce, and business. He stated that in addition to bringing jobs to Mason, Festo has committed to building long-term relationships and giving back to the community. Festo is a company that drives innovation, inspires future generations to dream, and encourages corporate leaders to “think outside the box.” Mayor Nichols thanked Festo and introduced Yannick Shilly, Festo Vice President. Mr. Shilly thanked City leadership and stated that the City of Mason is a dynamic, fresh, business community that offers a high quality of life, great schools, and everything that a company needs to be successful. Festo is the world market leader in technical training and development with a commitment in the education of skill sets needed in advanced manufacturing. Festo serves over 300,000 customers in 176 countries and has 17,800 employees globally. The robotic animals developed in the Bionic Learning Network are getting attention and building excitement from engineers and leaders of tomorrow. Yannick wished Mason a Happy 200th Birthday and introduced Andrea Ziomek. Ms. Ziomek introduced Festo pilots Markus Schaeffer and Nils Schlenther. She explained Festo’s unique Research and Development platform that looks to nature to identify principals of movement, recreates a mechanical version of the animal, and applies these results to manufacturing processes. Ms. Ziomek explained three of these studies: the fish fin effect, bird, and dragonfly. Pilots Schaeffer and Schlenther demonstrated the bird and flew the dragonfly. Festo presenters answered questions from the audience.

Eric Hansen thanked Michele Blair, Jenna Hurley, and Brian Lazor for leading staff in executing the week’s activities.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 7:28 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor