

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
BICENTENNIAL CLOSING CEREMONY
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

The meeting, held at Great Wolf Lodge, was called to order at 6:35 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, Ashley Chance, Kathy Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, and Don Prince. David Nichols was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the November 23, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to approve the December 1, 2015 Special Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Mayor Kidd and Eric Hansen read Councilmember Nichols' letter of resignation. The letter explained his decision to focus on priorities of health and family. Councilmember Nichols stated in his letter that it has been his honor to serve the community and expressed gratitude to the "team" of citizens, councilmembers, city personnel, first responders, businesses, and schools that have contributed to Mason's success.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Hansen discussed all City business together. He explained that the Safety Committee met to consider the 2016 Budget in Ordinance 2015-124. He stated that with aggressive debt activity in December including \$4.3 million of outstanding debt paid, \$2.5 million defeased, and bonds issuances, the City of Mason's outstanding debt will be \$75.3 million. Supplemental, transfer, and re-appropriations of monies and funds are required each year and are outlined in Ordinances 2015-127 and 2015-128. Ordinance 2015-129 is a First Reading tonight with the Second Reading and Public Hearing scheduled for January 11, 2016. Ordinance 2015-130 authorizes payment to Loveland-Symmes, the host of grant funding received for Fire Department apparatus.

**ORDINANCE 2015-124 SECOND READING: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-124 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-127 AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER OF MONIES AND TRANSFERRING OTHER FUNDS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF MASON: THEREFORE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2014-114 OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO ON NOVEMBER 24, 2014 FOR THE YEAR 2015

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-127 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-128 AUTHORIZING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF MONIES: THEREFORE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2014-114 OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO ON NOVEMBER 24, 2014 FOR THE YEAR 2015

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-128 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-129 FIRST READING: AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 224 ACRES FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL (UNION TOWNSHIP) TO R-PUD RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT WITH APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN LOCATED AT 3758 ROUTE 42 (AMBLESIDE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION)

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

Public Hearing scheduled for January 11, 2016.

ORDINANCE 2015-130 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE LOVELAND-SYMMES FIRE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTING MATCHING FUNDS RELATED TO A GRANT TO PURCHASE SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-130 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Motion to appoint Councilmember Chance as City of Mason representative to Warren County Municipal League was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

BICENTENNIAL CLOSING CEREMONY

Mayor Kidd introduced Vice Mayor Spaeth and Councilmember Pelfrey – Chair of Mason’s Bicentennial Committee. Councilmember Pelfrey spoke about the committee’s vision, mission statement, year of celebration, and designation of a charity - Common Ground Playground. She recognized the major Bicentennial sponsors - Manor House, TriHealth, Kings Island, and Great Wolf Lodge, Mason Monopoly game sponsors, and the team of volunteers on the Bicentennial Committee. Councilmember Pelfrey thanked Mayor Nichols for the privilege to serve as chair of this committee. Mayor Kidd presented Councilmember Pelfrey with gifts to express the City’s appreciation for her enormous energy and leadership as Bicentennial Committee Chair. Vice Mayor Spaeth introduced Western Row third grade students and teachers Ms. Gayle Ertel and Ms. Emily Matthews to explain their project. Ms. Matthews explained that they wanted to add something into the time capsule, so students created a book of wonderful things about Mason beginning with each letter of the alphabet. Vice Mayor Spaeth recognized the descendants of William Mason. Winners of the essay and poster contest came forward to be recognized and the students added these essays and posters to the time capsule. ICRC employees (Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission) were thanked for the time and expertise in attending every event throughout Mason’s Bicentennial year and creating videos to document each celebration. The ICRC video was presented, and after viewing video from each event, the volunteers who contributed to the planning and execution of that event were acknowledged. The date, Monday, January 26, 2065 was bequeathed as the date for the opening of the time capsule.

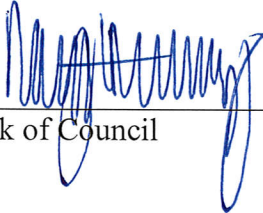
BENEDICTION

Rabbi Kalmanson closed the meeting in prayer.

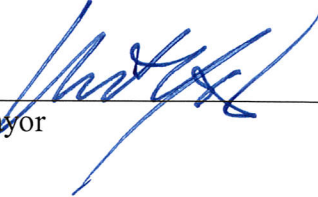
ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 7:50 p.m.

Mason Community Players performed a song “Just Imagine” from the *Imagine! Mason* musical.



Clerk of Council



Mayor