

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Pastor Jerry Pelfrey opened the meeting in prayer. Mason Police Honor Guard posted the colors. Led by Chief Billy Goldfeder, all those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Diana K. Nelson, Barbara Berry-Spaeth, Ashley Chance, Kathy Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, Don Prince, and Victor Kidd.

Mayor Kidd spoke about the importance of remembering all those lost on September 11, 2001. On that day barriers melted and people came together as Americans with compassion, empathy, and respect for others. He introduced Councilmember Don Prince, the Chair of the Veterans Committee of Council, and thanked the committee for their work.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Prince introduced Committee members Councilmember Nelson and Councilmember Pelfrey. He thanked Chief Billy Goldfeder for procuring the 9/11 iron from the towers for the Mason Memorial. The Memorial is needed to remember and pass on these memories to the next generation. Councilmember Prince thanked City Manager Eric Hansen, Facility Manager Larry Rudd, and Assistant City Manager Jennifer Heft for their leadership, planning, and coordination. He recognized former Mayor Nichols for his support of this important project.

Councilmember Pelfrey introduced friends of the Robert David Peraza family, Tom and Judy Brown. Rob Peraza was in the North Tower working as a bond trader when he lost his life. His family donated funds received from the City of New York to open up a feeding center in Nicaragua where Rob's picture hangs on the doorway. Councilmember Pelfrey introduced husband of Wendy Ruth Faulkner, Lynn Faulkner and his wife Aletha Faulkner. Lynn and Wendy had two children, Lauren and Ashley, age 19 and 13 at the time of their mother's death. Wendy was attending a one day meeting on 9/11 in the South Tower and allowed a co-worker to take her place on a crowded elevator on that day. This generous act is remembered as her last.

Councilmember Nelson introduced Ron DiFrancesco, the last survivor of World Trade Center South Tower on September 11. Mr. DiFrancesco shared memories of when Flight 175 hit the tower and spoke about the sixty-one colleagues he lost on that day. He encouraged Mason to keep the memory alive of the two Mason residents who perished on 9/11, to continue doing good work, and to carry on being good citizens.

**OFFICIAL UNVEILING**

Police Chief Ron Ferrell and Fire Chief John Moore unveiled the Memorial. Mayor Kidd read Psalm 23 from the Old Testament. Mason Fire Department rendered final honors to departed Mason citizens Wendy Ruth Faulkner and Robert David Peraza by “Striking the Four Fives.”

A reception was held following the unveiling. The meeting reconvened in Council Chambers beginning at 7:05 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the August 8, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Council agreed to Mayor Kidd’s request to postpone approval of the August 25 Special Council Meeting Minutes to the September 26 meeting.

### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

The American Spirit Education Alliance’s Patriot Fair will take place in conjunction with the annual Heritage Festival. Events take place on September 17 at the Mason Municipal Campus, beginning with the annual parade at 10:00 a.m. Parade viewers are encouraged to gather near the Mason Municipal Center to watch 30-second parade performances. The official opening ceremonies of the Patriot Fair will take place on the mobile stage beginning at 11:30 a.m. Events continue throughout the day with music at 6:00 p.m. and conclude with a 12-minute fireworks show at 9:00 p.m.

The Mason Police Department is offering residents a chance to “see inside” the Police Department by enrolling in the 19<sup>th</sup> Citizens’ Police Academy session. The first class will be held on September 13.

The Mason Corporate Challenge will be held on Thursday, October 6 at the Golf Center at 5:00 p.m. This 5k walk/run is designed to engage the Mason corporate community in a city-wide competition, support employee involvement in health and wellness activities, and “give-back” by donating proceeds to select charities.

The Mason Community Center, in partnership with Mason Public Library and Christ’s Church at Mason, will host the Kooky Spooky Jam-BOO-ree on October 22.

Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, October 31 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., rain or shine.

A motion to not request a hearing for a C1 C2 liquor permit for Walgreen’s at 8060 Mason-Montgomery Road was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to not request a hearing for a D5A D6 liquor permit for Great Wolf Lodge at 2501 Great Wolf Drive was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to not request a hearing for a C1 C2 D6 liquor permit for OM Oil at 613 Reading Road was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Chance stated the Parks and Recreation Board met at Cedar Village. Board President Ginny Sundin continues rehabilitation and was in attendance at the September meeting. It was nice to have her back.

Councilmember Prince expressed his appreciation to all the people in attendance and the City for supporting the 9/11 Memorial. It was a wonderful event and is a wonderful addition to the City. Mayor Kidd commented on the importance of the memorial and its location. He thanked Councilmember Prince and the committee for all their hard work.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 PHOTO CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS**

Jennifer Heft explained the calendar photo contest and stated that residents submitting the winning photos for the 2017 Mason Calendar will be recognized tonight. Mayor Kidd congratulated each winner and presented them with a framed copy of their photograph and a Mason shirt and cup.

Jayson Gomes, January – Winter Sunset over Mason

Jim Simpson, February – Snack Time

Amy Grimes, March – Frosty Morning Swim

Linda Prince, April – Hello Spring!

Ron Ferrell, May – Purple Reign

Jackie Chunko, June – Kings Island Carousel

Warren Spreng, July – Painted Turtles

Leslie Kauffman, August – Autumn Harvest

Michael Greenstone, September – Lakeside Drive Rainbow

Jacob Buress, October – A Path to Autumn

Rebecca Hass, November – Birthday Celebration

Prabhakar Sundararajan, December – The Winter Sun

Warren Spreng, Cover Photo – Celebrate Mason

### **PRESENTATION ON COUNCIL ON AGING OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO**

Sharon Fusco said the Warren County Elderly Services program, administered by the Council on Aging, served 2,478 clients in 2015 (272 from the City of Mason). These services help older adults remain independent and living in their own home. This levy-funded program is up for renewal this year at 1.2 mills and is a straight renewal. Ms. Fusco shared stories from some of the people served by this program.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Linda Prater of 4362 Black Oak Lane said after moving from Nashville, they are delighted to be living in the City of Mason.

**ORDINANCE 2016-69 AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON TO AMEND IN PART ZONING CODE CHAPTERS 1133 AND 1188 (ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS)**

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

Kurt Seiler explained Ordinance 2016-69 has been before Council several times and tabled to allow additional time for research. Mason Schools recently upgraded Wi-Fi services and are not aware of a need for additional service. A Verizon employee stated that a micro-cell tower located at Mason-Montgomery and Tylersville would not impact phone service, but would affect data use and help keep up with current demand. Data would improve to 50-60 megabytes/second from current speeds of 5-10 megabytes/second and would support new 5G technology expected to roll-out next year.

Council discussed a need to control appearance and location of microcell towers while keeping up with technology. Kurt explained legislation criteria, confirmed towers could not be located in neighborhoods, the City would not be responsible for maintenance of towers, and each tower would need to be approved by Planning Commission. A right-of-way permit fee would be required and no renting or leasing fees would be collected for towers located in the right-of-way. Council discussed rewording this legislation so that each tower must come to City Council for approval.

A motion to amend Ordinance 2016-69 to require each cell tower receive Council approval before installation was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-69 as amended was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-91 SECOND READING: AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 65 ACRES FROM I-1 INDUSTRIAL AND HT-1 HIGH TECH LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MXD-PUD MIXED-USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT WITH APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF INNOVATION WAY AND WESTERN ROW ROAD (OAKPARK)**

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

Brian Lazor stated the approximately 65 acres of land to be rezoned is located north and south east of the intersection of Innovation Way and Western Row Road. The area is currently zoned HT-1, High Tech Light Industrial and I-1, Light Industrial and the proposal is to rezone it to MXD-PUD, Mixed Use Planned Unit Development. The Concept Plan includes close to 900,000 square feet of office, mixed use, commercial and hospitality spaces. He explained this concept displays a maximum development area, the actual size of the development will be finalized once users are determined. Access to the sites are planned from the existing roadways with a right-in/right-out on Innovation Way, full movement on Western Row Road and full movement on Aero Drive. Open space exceeds the required 20% minimum for a PUD. Brian stated this area is strategically positioned to take advantage of superior access to the community and region and has seen significant corporate investment on and around Innovation Way.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:49 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-91 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**RESOLUTION 2016-14 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE WARREN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

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

Eric Hansen stated in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, the City accepts property tax rates set by Warren County Budget Commission. He explained tax rates in place for several years will not change. The rate for the Safety Fund as authorized by the 2012 Charter Amendment continues to be 4.40 mills, which is lower than the amount authorized by the voters, past levies, and surrounding jurisdictions. Resolution 2016-14 accepts property tax rates that are effective for the 2016 property tax collection year collected in 2017.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-14 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**RESOLUTION 2016-15 APPROVING A REQUEST TO THE WARREN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION TO REALLOCATE THE WARREN COUNTY SHARE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS BEGINNING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

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

Eric Hansen stated distributions from the State Local Government Fund are first distributed to each County based upon a statutory formula. These funds have been shrinking and the City does not rely on them as part of the Budget process. The County Budget Commission is responsible for dividing funds received among the participating subdivisions, on the basis of need. Under State law, an individual County has the authority to adopt an alternative formula for the distribution of the local government funds. In 1995 Warren County, and in turn Mason, adopted the alternative formula. The formula may be changed (or the method of distribution) by the majority of political subdivisions, the approval of the City of Mason as largest city in the County and the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners has requested to partially reallocate the County's share to the Warren County Park Board. The request is to change the Park Board allocation from 4% of the total to 24.6%. This reduces the County's allocation from 44.8% to 24.2%. The reallocation only changes the allocations to Warren County and the Warren County Park Board. This action has no revenue impact to the City of Mason, but allows Warren County to dedicate a revenue source to support Warren County parks. Approval of Resolution 2016-15 is needed for the new formula allocation to be effective for the 2017.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-15 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**RESOLUTION 2016-16 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9-15, 2016 AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

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

Jennifer Heft stated Fire Prevention Week is observed each year the week of October 9. The NFPA theme for this year is "*Don't Wait, Check the Date*" The emphasis is to encourage people to replace any smoke alarm that is 10 years old. The Mason Fire Department encourages families to:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.

Activities planned for this week by the City of Mason Fire Department include Open Houses on October 9 at Station 51 and on October 15 at Station 52. During the "Smoke Alarm Blitz" firefighters go door-to-door to check/install smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries, and

distribute fire prevention information. These checks will occur October 11, 12 and 13 in Broadview Farms subdivision and Olympia Fields Subdivision.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-16 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-100 ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESTRUCTURING THE CITY OF MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT, DETERMINING COMPENSATION; REPEALING ORDINANCES NUMBERS 2003-118; 2005-151; 2008-44; 2008-74; 2011-78; 2013-24 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Eric Hansen explained over the past 15 years studies and national trends have advised against relying heavily on a part-time component for fire service. Mason continues to strengthen the full-time component of its Fire Department in Ordinance 2016-100 with the creation of four new full-time firefighters. He explained the addition of these positions does not expand the actual number of shifts to be filled but transitions costs from part-time to full-time coverage. While this will increase the City's budgeted costs, once implemented it should substantially reduce the pressure on unbudgeted overtime expenses that have been increasing consistently since the Affordable Health Care Act. It will also help provide consistent coverage and flexibility in filling gaps that will reduce the pressure and need for overtime. Finally the legislation also allows the Safety Director to appoint "Fire Prevention Officers" for a specific purpose. Earlier this year there was a change in State rules that would impact King's Island ability to host a nightly fireworks show. The Safety Committee has reviewed and is recommending Ordinances 2016-100 for adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-100 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-101 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FIRST IN LAST OUT FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 8 FLIR K65 THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS AND ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

Jennifer Heft stated Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC) are used to pinpoint the location of victims during search and rescue activities and to locate hidden fires. Current TICs used by the Fire Department are approximately 10 years old with a life expectancy of six years. Technology has evolved significantly since 2006. In April the Fire Department began evaluating different models of TIC's through field-testing. Front line firefighters, company officers, and Chiefs field tested four models and provided input. Three models met NFPA standards, staff liked the results of the initial field testing and therefore requested additional time to field test along with pricing information. First In Last Out Fire Equipment had the best technology at the lowest price of \$6,995 per unit, which is less than half the cost of the thermal imaging unit included on the State Purchasing Program. As part of the purchase price, First In Last Out will also provide in vehicle charging units that have an estimated cost of \$700, training and two thermal imaging units, with an estimated cost of \$1,500, that do not meet NFPA standards but might be useful for fire prevention purposes. The 2016 Budget included \$75,000 for this project/purchase. The Safety Committee has reviewed and is recommending Ordinance 2016-101 for adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-101 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-102 FIRST READING: AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AT 6675 EVERGREEN COURT (ARAUJO PROPERTY)**

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

Eric Hansen announced the second reading and public hearing will be held on October 10, 2016.

**ORDINANCE 2016-103 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT OF THE BEACH SUBDIVISION, PHASE TWO**

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

Kurt Seiler explained the replat for Lot 4 of the Beach Subdivision, Phase Two which is zoned B-3 Road Service District. The property fronts both Water Park Drive and Beach Boulevard and is located just to the west of the Beach Waterpark. The replat will create Lot 4-A (42.82 acres) and Lot 4-B (2.02 acres). Planning Commission recommended approval.

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



A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-103 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-104 APPROVAL OF THE SECOND STREET VACATION PLAT**

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinance 2016-104 and Ordinance 2016-105 together. He explained Ordinance 2016-104 authorizes approval of a vacation plat to vacate approximately 0.18 acres of Second Street. This area of right-of-way projects is surrounded by Middleton's properties. This area is not currently being used for a road and there are no City plans to extend Second Street through Middleton's property on Williams Street. Staff is not opposed to the vacation of this right-of-way. Ordinance 2016-105 authorizes a record plat to consolidate several existing parcels into two parcels. Lot 1 is proposed to be 1.052 acres in size and will contain the new warehouse building (under construction) that was approved by Planning Commission and the existing office building located adjacent to Western Avenue. Lot 2 is proposed to be 1.31 acres and will include the remainder of existing buildings on the property, including the vacated area of Second Street. Planning Commission recommended approval of Ordinance 2016-104 and Ordinance 2016-105.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-104 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-105 APPROVAL OF THE RECORD PLAT FOR MIDDLETON SUBDIVISION**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-105 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-106 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLATS FOR AMBLESIDE MEADOWS – PHASES 1A, 1B, AND 1C**

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

Kurt Seiler stated the Ambleside Meadows subdivision is located on US-42 past Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road with 224 acres consisting of 314 buildable lots. He explained the first three areas

to be developed. Phase 1A includes 16 buildable lots ranging in size from 11,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet. Phase 1B includes 29 buildable lots from 8,400 square feet to 14,000 square feet. Phase 1C includes 24 buildable lots from 12,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet. The City is completing offsite improvements for the subdivision including water main extension, road widening and bike path as part of an assessment project. Kurt stated once all construction and financing is completed, the special assessment will be levied by Council ordinance and certified to the County Auditor. This will include the separate assessment for lots in Phases 1A, 1B, and 1C along with the balance of the property. Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plats.

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

During Council discussion, Kurt explained approval of the final plats is contingent upon the submittal of the performance bonds and subdivider's contracts. He stated US-42 will be widened to add a left-turn-only lane.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-106 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-107 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND JOHN R. JURGENSEN COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000 FOR THE 2015 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM**

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

Eric Hansen explained in addition to street maintenance and resurfacing, the 2015 Street Program contract included the extension of Stone Ridge Drive to SR-741. At the time of bidding the 2015 Street Program, the Stone Ridge Drive Extension drawings showed only about 250 feet of water main extension work. Once the drawings were finalized they were submitted to Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) for review. GCWW required the water main to be extended across SR-741 to connect with the existing main along SR-741 to create a loop. He said the cost to extend the main across SR-741 would have been substantial because it would require tunneling under SR-741. Staff was able to negotiate with GCWW to complete the loop sometime in the future when SR-741 is widened. However, they still required the water main to be extended an additional 150 feet to SR-741. This additional work resulted in \$38,227 in added costs for the project. The agreement with Rhein Interests to complete the roadway anticipated the possibility of additional water main costs. In accordance with the agreement Rhein Interests will reimburse the City \$165,000 toward the project plus half the cost of the additional water main work (\$19,113). The change order is for a reduced amount of \$24,000 due to remaining contingency funds in the project.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-107 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-108 AUTHORIZING ODOT TO PERFORM MUNICIPAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS**

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

Kurt Seiler said the City currently has 20 bridges on the Bridge Management System (BMS) or state inventory that on an annual basis are inspected and assigned a condition rating. Prior to staff receiving this certification the City was spending \$10,000 - \$15,000 annually for this work, which included inspections and the submission of annual reports. In 2014, ODOT announced the launch of a new 3-year program to help municipalities across the state achieve full compliance with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) bridge metrics, including bridge inspection. The program pools the needs of municipal jurisdictions across the state then contracts with a consultant to perform the work. The consultant is responsible for these routine yearly bridge inspections, condition ratings as well as any load ratings that may be necessary. ODOT just announced renewal of the program for another 3-year period, including 2017-2019 annual inspections. An additional advantage of this program is that another independent resource is evaluating the City's 20 bridges on an annual basis. This program is being funded 100% by ODOT. Ordinance 2016-108 allows the City to take advantage of this program and is recommended for adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-108 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Council discussed the Police Appreciation event and expressed their desire to continue showing appreciation to all of the City's first responders. The discussion included various ways to accomplish this.

Councilmember Grossmann thanked City staff and the Veterans Committee for the beautiful 9/11 events that were so positively received.

Vice Mayor Spaeth suggested future Sunshine Concert series schedules be modified to line-up better with School schedules by starting in June.

Councilmember Pelfrey discussed plans for Council's participation in the Heritage Parade.

Councilmember Prince stated Council continues to support our first responders by providing Police and Fire Departments with equipment and training they need to do the job.

Mayor Kidd congratulated Councilmember Chance on being a recipient of the John F. Barrett Entrepreneur Vision Award. He complimented staff for the concerted effort working with W&S to alleviate the parking/weather situation at the Tennis Open.

Mayor Kidd requested Council approval of the appointment of James Woolfolk to Zoning Board of Appeals and approval of the appointment of Dr. S. Bedi to Personal Review Board. A motion to confirm these appointments was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Perry Schwartz of 6309 Tarton Fields Lane expressed the need to provide notice to residents before installation of cell towers in Mason.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:45 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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Mayor