



**Town of Mason Mayor & Board of Alderman Special Call Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 31, 2023, 6:38PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Eddie Noeman

**OPENING PRAYER:** Vice Mayor Carolyn Catron

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Eddie Noeman, Vice Mayor Carolyn Catron, Alderman Virginia Rivers, Alderman Celia Chastain, Alderman Alethea Harris, Alderman Shate' Toliver, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris (Alderman Mary Mason was absent)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Norma Davis, Office Manager; and Ronda Hughey, Financial Consultant

**VISITORS:** Ronnie Neill, Brett Morgan, and Vernetia Boyd

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.....**

- **MUNICIPAL PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT – BRETT MORGAN, AICP**

Mr. Morgan spoke about lump sums meaning studies, hourly contract, and day-to-day processes meaning applications, ordinances, and stated that the state requires updated major road plans. Mr. Morgan will present a spreadsheet to the Board for review. Alderman Rivers suggested changing fees in an ordinance. Mr. Morgan mentioned the Board approving unexpected plans. A Boiler Plate Application is when the Board accepts third party review fees. Alderman Harris made a motion to accept the Planning Consultant Contract for Mr. Brett Morgan, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Chastain, vote passed: 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

- **WATER & WASTEWATER DISCUSSION**

Mayor Noeman reported that Mark Walker's contract will be extended through the end of the month/August.

Alliance cannot do a three-year contract only five years. Conversations surrounded making a deal with Poplar Grove, with four employees and a director, and they would cover gas. This would be for a total of five employees. Poplar Grove would interview the current employees with Mason Public Works Department. Mayor Noeman will negotiate with Poplar Grove an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) contract. This would save \$120,000 and buying time till September 26, 2023. Mr. Neill will assist with the MOU, and this would be a Management Contract Only. Alderman Harris made a motion for Mayor Noeman to authorize/negotiate a MOU and work out a contract with Poplar



Grove, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Catron: vote passed 5-1 (Alderman Toliver voted no) and (Mayor Noeman voted yes.)

Mayor Noeman said he would have a Special Call Meeting once the information is received.

- **FY24 BUDGET AMENDMENT SECOND READING**

Alderman Chastain made a motion to accept the FY24 Budget Amendment Second Reading, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Rivers: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

**\*\*\*\*\*NO OTHER BUSINESS WILL BE DISCUSSED\*\*\*\*\***

**CLOSING PRAYER: Alderman Shate' Toliver**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Vice Mayor Catron made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Harris: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM

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Eddie Noeman, Mayor

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Date

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Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder