



**Town of Mason Mayor & Board of Alderman Special Call Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 6:33PM**

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 Mary Mason, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris (Alderman Shate' Toliver was absent)

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

VISITORS: Ronnie Neill, Evan Romo, and Vernetia Boyd

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.....

- **MUNICIPAL PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT – BRETT MORGAN, AICP**
Alderman Rivers had questions regarding the compensation of Mr. Morgans contract and the fees. It was mentioned also to have an Ordinance written. Alderman Rivers made a motion to pass the Planning Consultant Contract to the Special Call Meeting of August 31st, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

- **PROFESSIONAL OPERATING SERVICES AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT ALLIANCE WATER RESOURCES, INC.,**
Mr. Romo explained the years of experience with Alliance Water Resources, trainings, pushing workers to become certified, a five- year contract, interviewing the current staff of Mason, and presenting an amendment for gas. **Compensation** – Utility shall pay Alliance an Annual Base Fee of \$391,728.00 and \$32,644.00 per month) for services rendered as described in the Agreement for the first year of service. Five years would be the minimum.
Alderman Chastain made a motion to table the contract until the Budget has been approved, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

- **PROPOSAL FOR VMS (VETERAN MANAGEMENT SERVICE)**
There was no response from VMS, and Mayor Noeman asked to disregard VMS

Mrs. Hughey compared the Bids for Alliance, VMS, and Poplar Grove annual costs listed for length of contract. September 26th there will be a meeting with Poplar Grove.

Ronnie Neill advised sending information to the Comptrollers, document what has been done and submit it to the Comptrollers' and allow the Attorney to review the contract for a status to submit to the Utility Board.



Mr. Neill advised operating under state regulations.

- **FY24 BUDGET AMENDMENT FIRST READING**

Alderman Harris made a motion to accept the FY24 Budget Amendment First Reading, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Rivers: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

The Board agreed to have Mr. Neill go before the Comptrollers' to ask for Grace.
Mr. Neill will speak to the Comptrollers and his people to present a letter.

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

CLOSING PRAYER: Alderman Mary Mason

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Alderman Chastain made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 6-0 (Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM)
(Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder