



**Town of Mason Mayor & Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, @ 6:30PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Eddie Noeman

Mayor Noeman addressed the Meeting by “Thanking” everyone that came out, and informed the Board and the constituents that any decisions discussed would be unrecognized, and nothing could be finalized. Mayor Noeman said he would have a Town Hall Meeting June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Noeman read the process for a Special Call Meeting, reading what he submitted.....

The process of calling a special call meeting is It takes three (3) aldermen to request a meeting in writing and a quorum of four (4) to vote on an issue. In the email regarding the special call meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, it only mentioned an alderman and it does not state the name of the alderman nor that the request was done in writing. The email states that: “It was brought to my attention” not that a written request was received by the mayor. Therefore, this meeting is cancelled due to procedural issues. According to the Tennessee Open Meeting Act, a new meeting will require that the city legislative body produce an agenda that is available to the public at least 48 hours before a meeting and that “reasonably describes” each agenda item. “There should be no hiding important governmental business behind vague language.”

Mayor Noeman said he called MTAS, spoke with Ronnie Neill, Dana Deem, and two (2) lawyers. Mayor Noeman sent this email to Alderman Alethea Harris, Norma Davis, and Lureatha Harris.

Alderman Harris read the TN Code Law 844-1104 which she stated was a new law passed in March of 2023, by the State. An email cannot be vague, any meeting held is null and void if it’s not posted for forty-eight (48) hours.

Prior to this email being submitted, I Lureatha Harris spoke with the Alderman that made the request for the Special Call Meeting and it was confirmed by that Alderman, that there were three (3) or more Alderman that would be attending this Meeting. This email was submitted to Mayor Noeman and the Board on June 6, 2024, as a courtesy and protocol. The agenda was submitted on June 7, 2024, and posted at the City Hall, and a request was made by Lureatha Harris to have Ms. Allen post the agenda on the Towns’ Website. Ms. Allen informed Lureatha Harris that Mayor Noeman requested that the meeting be live screened.



After much back and forth/arguing including accusations made by Mayor Noeman; Vice Mayor Catron, and Alderman Harris left the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Virginia Rivers, at 6:58PM

**OPENING PRAYER:** Alderman Toliver

**ROLL CALL:** Alderman Virginia Rivers, Alderman Shate' Toliver, Alderman Celia Chastain, and Alderman Mary Mason

**VISITORS:** Margaret Adams, Chelsey, Lomax, Ruby Kelly, Zach Brazelton, Alvis & Karen Ferrell, Robert Maxey, Lonna Humphrey, Michael Harris, and Tom Emerson

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Michael Apperson, Evan Romo, Lt. Marvin Norfolk, and Chief Charles Jenkins

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Policy for Volunteer Fire Fighters Stipend Pay**

Alderman Toliver made a motion to accept the Policy for the Volunteer Fire Fighters Stipend Pay, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Mason: vote passed 4-0

**2. Separation of Duties**

Alderman Rivers suggests that the separation of duties need to be more transparent with the Board, and getting them in place. Alderman Rivers read the Comptrollers Investigative Report to the Board, and passed out the information as she read it. Alderman Chastain made a motion to place/revisit a separation of duties policy for the Town of Mason and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Toliver: vote passed 4-0 (Ms. Evans is working on a Meeting with the staff regarding the Separation of Duties)

**3. Employees Pay**

Alderman Rivers informed the Board that employees salaries and pay comes before the Board. An employee was given a raise from \$13 to \$15, that the Board was not made aware of.

**4. Renewal of Contract**

All contract renewals come before the Board, and a letter was submitted to Hughey's Debits and Credits without any knowledge of the Board providing consent. The letter was presented as a 30-day notice. Mayor Noeman unplugged the system from the Finance Department and removed their internet access, including changing the lock on the door. Alderman Toliver made a motion that the lock on the Finance door be removed and allow the current contract with Hughey's Debits and Credits remain in effect through it's entirety, including renewing the contract and all agreed. Mrs. Hughey will present her contract to the Board for review.



**5. Conflict of Interest**

Number 5 & 6 were presented together by Alderman Rivers. Alderman Rivers made a motion that Mayor Noeman relinquishes his keys immediately to everything and step down, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Mason: vote passed 4-0

**6. The Charter** – Included in the discussion of Conflict of Interest

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

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Alderman Chastain

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Alderman Toliver made a motion to adjourn the Meeting and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Mason: vote passed 4-0 Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM

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Eddie Noeman, Mayor

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Date

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Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder

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Carolyn Catron, Vice Mayor