



**Town of Mason
Mayor & Board of Alderman
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 5, 2026, 6:40PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Eddie Noeman

OPENING PRAYER: Alderman Virginia Rivers

ROLL CALL: Mayor Eddie Noeman, Alderman Carolyn Catron, Alderman Virginia Rivers, Alderman Mary Mason, Alderman Alethea Harris, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris
(Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan arrived at 6:42pm and Alderman Trowanna Broadnax was absent)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Atty. Carson Klepzig, Mitchell Vandouser MPD., and Bobby Cannon

VISITORS: Tim Taylor

Alderman Mason requested to amend the agenda to include the Fire Department Report
Alderman Harris made a motion to amend the agenda by including the Fire Department Report and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Rivers: vote passed 4-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote as yes, and Alderman Catron abstained; Vice Mayor Givhan had not arrived to the meeting)

MAYOR NOEMAN’S: Report

Mayor Noeman “thanked” everybody for their assistance during the inclement weather which included Mason Methodist Church for opening their doors for shelter, Ford Blue Oval for the crisis with the generator; Tipton County Public Works with David and his crew, the Town of Mason Public Works Department, TEMA, FEMA, the Fire Department, the Sherriff of Tipton County- Shannon Beasley, and Chief Donna Turner. Streets were cleaned; and water was provided with limited resources.

Alderman Mason questioned if Public Works was cleaning a private driveway, and Mayor Noeman responded not to his knowledge, the workers were clearing access to the street.

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025

****Correction**** Under New Business on item #2, Attorney Klepzig said there was a motion made to table the contract/engagement letter with Patterson Bray and it reflected in the minutes as it was approved, Lureatha Harris said she would make the correction.

Questions

Alderman Rivers questioned the funds in the Core Civic account, Mayor Noeman said he would have it submitted and suggested getting in touch with Ms. Boyd. Mayor Noeman said there is a clearance for the SAM’s account, and no manual checks are required to be written, they are direct deposited.



Questions cont'd

Core Civic is invoiced and the Town gets the rest of the percentage according to the number of detainees. Vice Mayor Givhan questioned who does the calculation, and Mayor Noeman responded that the Town receives one dollar per inmate.

Alderman Mason request that Ms. Boyd attends the meetings for questions, Mayor Noeman said he would enforce it. Mayor Noeman requests that the Board schedule a meeting for finance only, because he's trying to work around other's schedules. Alderman Mason questioned if the Budget was amended for the backhoe equipment that the Town needed, to see if the funds were in the Budget. Mayor Noeman said the Audit should be finished by the end of this month.

Alderman Mason mentioned never receiving reports requested from Ms. Boyd, and Ms. Davis, and Mayor Noeman refusing to have Alderman Mason receive the information.

Alderman Harris spoke about the meeting with the Comptrollers and TBOUR and the Board requests the presence of Ms. Boyd and Ms. Davis, on February 17, 2026.

Mayor Noeman made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman **Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 6-0

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2026

Alderman Harris made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Vice Mayor Givhan:

Vote passed 5-1 (Mayor Noeman voted no)

Questions

Alderman Mason questioned if gas locks had been removed, and Mayor Noeman said yes.

Alderman Rivers questioned the renting of Century 21 equipment and the cost. Mayor Noeman said the equipment was rented for one week at the cost of nine hundred dollars (\$900).

Alderman Harris and Alderman Mason questioned the renting of equipment from Mr. Hall, and Mayor Noeman said he rented it one time because he called other companies but was unable to get the equipment. Mayor Noeman said he has all the paperwork and must make repairs if it's an emergency or if it's in the middle of a job. Alderman Mason mentioned this being a conflict of interest.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND ENGINEER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RICKY OAKLEY/WITH CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Attorney Klepzig said they have already approved the consultant contract and contacted Ricky Oakley. The agreement was approved subject to review in the last meeting, and revisions have been made and the agreement is ready to be executed. Attorney Klepzig will submit the agreement with changes to Lureatha Harris, to submit to the Board.



2. A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PURCHASING AGENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADOPTED PURCHASING PROCEDURES FOR THE TOWN OF MASON, TENNESSEE

The Board members wanted to wait until the Ordinance was in place before passing the Resolutions. Alderman Mason questioned Mayor Noeman if the policies are being followed and the purchase orders are being turned in/provided. Alderman Mason made a motion to table the Resolution Designating a Purchasing Agent in Accordance with Adopted Purchasing Procedures for the Town of Mason Tennessee, until the CMFO or Finance Director is present, and the motion to table was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

3. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A PURCHASING POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF MASON TENNESSEE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING PURCHASING ORDINANCE 2016-3-14-1

Alderman Mason made a motion to table An Ordinance for a Purchasing Policy for the Town of Mason Tennessee to Replace the Existing Purchasing Ordinance 2016-3-14-1, until the CMFO or Finance Director is present, and the motion to table was 2nd by Alderman Rivers: Vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

4. SECOND READING OF THE AMENDED FY26 BUDGET ORDINANCE

The Second Reading of the Amended FY26 Budget Ordinance passed in the Special Call Mayor and Board of Alderman Meeting February 3, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH PATTERSON BRAY

Attorney Klepzig informed the Board that this was a standard engagement letter, with the same agreement with the updated flat monthly fee that was \$4750 monthly, but now it's \$6750 monthly. Litigation fees would be separate at \$375 per hour. Attorney Klepzig said the town is growing, and bills and lawsuits are growing. Patterson Bray would coordinate outside sourcing for legal services. Alderman Mason questioned counting on Attorney Klepzig for Special Call Meetings, maybe one or two. Attorney Klepzig said those meetings are meant to be used very scarcely and he cannot commit to multiple meetings but would be open for discussion. Alderman Mason made a motion to accept a Resolution for the City Attorney Contract with Patterson Bray, and the motion was 2nd by Vice Mayor Givhan: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote) Attorney Carson said this was an open-ended contract.



2. RY YOUNG PRINTERS CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Fees were discussed and reviewed by the Board and the Board recommends Attorney Klepzig review the contract agreement. Currently the town has eleven printers in total in various departments. Alderman Rivers made a motion to table the contract with RJ Young Printers Contract Agreement, and the motion was 2nd by Vice Mayor Givhan: vote to table passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

3. A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A SEALED BID FOR BACKHOE EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Mason made a motion to table a Resolution to Award a Sealed Bid for Backhoe Equipment for Public Works until the funds are available in the Budget. Alderman Harris said the funds needs to be appropriated in the Budget and suggest that Mayor Noeman amend the Budget for the backhoe equipment. Alderman Harris 2nd the motion to table the sealed bid for the backhoe equipment, and the vote to table passed 5-1 (Mayor Noeman voted no)

REPORTS:

- **FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT** (Report will be rescheduled to a later date)
- **PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mayor Noeman said over 200 water meters has been installed, and the constituent's concern Ms. Stacie Sims matter was taken care of.

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Concerns

Mayor Noeman is requesting Lt. Zachary Antle place tracking devices on all vehicles and signing in and out for gas to cut expenses. Vice Mayor Givhan said it's city property and it should be mandatory. Alderman Rivers said this should have been going on all the time. Alderman Mason questioned the number of vehicles at Public Works and the Fire Department. Mayor Noeman said he's trying to stop the waste. Alderman Catron said these things should be on a login sheet and on record. Vice Mayor Givhan and Alderman Rivers mentioned a Public Works vehicle being somewhere out of the area where it shouldn't have been. Mayor Noeman requests that the reports be given to Vice Mayor Givhan.

Alderman Harris mentioned someone driving the brush truck to the Marathon Station. Alderman Rivers and Alderman Harris request using the vehicles in the proper way.



Concerns Cont'd

Alderman Mason questioned Mayor Noeman about the \$3500 Police Grant, stating that 50 turkeys were purchased. Mayor Noeman said he has the receipts to show what was purchased from the grant money. Mayor Noeman said the Police Department received \$3500 for grant money for trunk or treats. Mayor Noeman mentioned spending money for candy and he has the receipts, stating that in "2024" he used money for turkeys. Alderman Mason said 50 turkeys were purchased from the Walmart Card, and she have the receipts.

- **FIRE DEPARTYMENT REPORT**

Bobby Cannon presented an assessment of the Fire Department with reports that were distributed to the Board. Mr. Cannon will work with the pumper. The Town is operating under a Mutual Agreement; currently there is no agreement. Three Star could send a \$50K bill, the town need to reduce liability and come up with an Interlocal Agreement with Three Star and Covington. Mr. Cannon recommends recruiting for a Fire Chief for day-to-day operations and start posting for volunteer fire fighters. Other suggestions were not allowing people of the town that are not employed to operate fire apparatuses, take the ladder truck out of service, and work on moving forward with getting people trained and vetted. Mayor Noeman mentioned six people from Brownsville, Tennessee. Mr. Cannon suggests putting a panel together and determine an interview panel for the Fire Chief. Alderman Harris had concerns of the value of the ladder truck.

Alderman Rivers recommends working on the Mutual Aid Agreement, someone can work on the pump test and clear up stuff in the Fire Department, and possibly putting the fire truck on Gov Deals, and see what they could be replaced with. Alderman Rivers mentioned the Fire Fighters Grant being used and not being able to qualify for the proper funds. Mr. Cannon suggest contacting Tanner Jenkins to gather the information. Mr. Cantrell reported being locked out of the computer. Alderman Rivers said the grant funds were for the air packs. Mr. Cannon said by logging into the database, this would show where the money was spent, and the number of SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) were purchased. Alderman Rivers said she wanted to bring this before the Board and will contact Tanner Jenkins. Mr. Cannon would like to know when he can begin to set up meetings, and Attorney Klepzig said he would assist.

(Alderman Catron left the meeting at 8:34pm.

CONSTITUENTS/CONCERNS: (2 minutes) *There were none*

CLOSING PRAYER: Vice Mayor Givhan

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mayor Noeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: All agreed, meeting adjourned at 8:35PM



Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder

*****THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5th 2026*****