



**Town of Mason
Mayor & Board of Alderman
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 23, 2026, 6:38PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Eddie Noeman

OPENING PRAYER: Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan

ROLL CALL: Mayor Eddie Noeman, Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan, Alderman Carolyn Catron, Alderman Trowanna Broadnax, Alderman Virginia Rivers, Alderman Mary Mason, Alderman Alethea Harris, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Atty., Carson Klepzig, Chief Richard Jewell, MPD; Zachary Antle, Lt. MPD; Vernetia Boyd, CMFO; Matalée Hall, Director of PW; Buddy Cantrell, MFD; Kelvin Freeman, Quayle Bond, April Adams, Johnnie Douglas, and Bobby Cannon (Ricky Oakley attended via phone)

VISITORS: Margaret Adams, Laloma Harris, and Michael Harris

MAYOR NOEMAN'S: Report

Mayor Noeman reported that the people finished the work on the wells across the street behind the Fire Station. The next step is waiting on the water results report. Ricky Oakley will give the report and connect to the tower. Mayor Noeman said everything is good.

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026

Alderman Mason made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris:
Vote passed 6-1 (Mayor Noeman voted no)

**Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026
This was for the January Meeting, that was continued due to inclement weather**

Mayor Noeman made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 5-2 (Alderman Harris and Alderman Broadnax voted no)

Questions

Alderman Rivers questioned funds from November through January in the Core Civic Account, the balance showed on the Finance Report, and the percentages varies monthly.

Alderman Mason questioned the tracking devices on the vehicles, Vice Mayor Givhan said there has been no communication. Lt. Antle said he would check with other departments.



Questions cont'd

Alderman Rivers said it needs to be allocated in the Budget. Mayor Noeman asked Lt. Antle to get quotes.

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes with TBOUR and the Comptrollers February 17, 2026

The Board Meeting Minutes with TBOUR were not available. Lureatha Harris said she attended the meeting later after court convened, and she would submit the minutes as soon as possible. Alderman Rivers made a motion to table the TBOUR Meeting Minutes until the next Board Meeting and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 5-1 (Alderman Broadnax voted no and Vice Mayor Givhan abstained) Mayor Noeman was included in the vote as yes.

Amend the agenda

Alderman Harris made a motion to amend the agenda to add **items 4 and 5 under New Business** to include the **Purchasing Policy Ordinance O01262026-1** and **Resolution R12152025-4**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 6-1 (Mayor Noeman voted no)

Alderman Rivers made a motion to amend the agenda by adding **Item 6 a Resolution regarding the Purchasing Policy and unauthorized payments not allocated in the FY26 Budget**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 5-1 (Mayor Noeman voted no and Alderman Catron abstained)

Mayor Noeman made a request to amend the agenda to move the **Fire Department Report** under **Old Business**, and Alderman Harris made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Fire Department Report under **Old Business**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Rivers: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Bobby Cannon said he would provide a written report at the end of the month, and the Interlocal Agreement has been drafted, and he's waiting on a review from Mayor Huffman and Fire Chief Piercey. This may take anywhere from one to two weeks. Alderman Rivers is working to resolve information on the FEMA Grant, proof of purchase and receipts. Applications were received from Lureatha Harris, and Mr. Cannon will set up interviews for fairness and report to the Board. The apparatus was compliant, need the hose and ladder test. In 2027, we will have a Fire Chief in place and will have the names of people to contact.



Mr. Cannon said he will pass the cost information to Vernetia with two different companies. The Interlocal Agreement will be given to the attorney. Mr. Cannon recommends putting the Fire Chief in place first, to assess the amount of training that will be needed.

2. RY YOUNG PRINTERS CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Attorney Klepzig will contact RJ Young for the original contract, and follow-up with Nathan Thompson. Vice Mayor Givhan made a motion to table the contract with RJ Young, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RETAINAGE ACCOUNT OR INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT NATIONAL WATER; TRI-CITIES AND MASON; TIPTON COUNTY TDEC ARPA 2022-8809 (VOTING ITEM) GRANT

Alderman Harris made a motion to accept a Retainage Account or Interest-Bearing-Account National Water; Tri-Cities and Mason, Tipton County TDEC ARPA 2022-8809 Grant, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 7-0 Lureatha Harris will provide a copy of the minutes tomorrow 2-24-26, to the Bank of Mason/Fayette.

(Mayor Noeman was included in the vote) Mayor Noeman informed the Board that this was a grant from the state that was given to the county and a special/specific account would be required. About eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) was received for the whole county. Ricky Oakley said you get the money when you incur an invoice for payment and hold a five percent retainage in an interest-bearing account. Less than 500K invest 95 percent, and over 500K request the entire amount. This would be a contract with the Town of Mason on it.

2. CONTRACT RATE ADJUSTMENT WITH WASTE PRO

Mayor Noeman recommended getting quotes from another company and said he appreciates Waste Pro. Mayor Noeman mentioned a yearly increase beginning in March. The residents are currently paying \$25.95 per residential canister, and \$12.74, if an additional canister is required. Some Board members spoke of slow pick-up and no pick-up. Mayor Noeman said the town is losing money and not breaking even. Alderman Rivers made a motion to advertise for bids with other companies and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: (vote passed 7-0) (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)



3. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MASON, TENNESSEE, REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT PRIOR TO EACH REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Some Board members questioned who wrote this Resolution and the answer was MTAS, and these are procedures to be followed. Alderman Harris made a motion to accept the above Resolution as stated and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

4. SECOND READING OF A PURCHASING POLICY ORDINANCE O01262026-1 AND RESOLUTION R12152025-4

Mayor Noeman made a motion to accept the above Ordinance and Resolution as presented above and the motion was 2nd by Vice Mayor Givhan: vote passed 7-0
Alderman Rivers said she would like for Ms. Boyd to understand the policies and making certain to follow them. Vice Mayor Givhan said the town needs to be run on a day-to-day basis. Attorney Klepzig informed the Board that state law provides for emergencies.

5. SECOND READING OF A PURCHASING POLICY ORDINANCE O01262026-1 AND RESOLUTION R12152025-4

Numbers 4 and 5 were covered together

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MASON, TENNESSEE TO TERMINATE UNAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS, EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS, AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND NOT ALLOCATED IN THE FY2026 BUDGET

Alderman Harris said policies are not being followed, and the Comptrollers have stated that it's the Board job to abide by the Budget Law of 1982. People are being hired and how can the Board budget. Alderman Harris stated that we haven't been doing things properly and the state makes the laws. Alderman Rivers said the Board has the authority and this was stated by the Comptrollers and TBOUR. Alderman Mason mentioned the Utility Board, and a loss in assets of 800K. Vice Mayor Givhan questioned what expenditures are being paid for and not approved, Alderman Harris said it's in the monthly reports. Afterwards, Vice Mayor Givhan said accountability is in order. Alderman Harris said it's time to put up or shut up or go to jail by not following state rules. Alderman Rivers made a motion to accept the above Resolution as stated and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman included in vote)



REPORTS:

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Reported under OLD Business)**
- **PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Alderman Mason questioned the sewage problem on Charleston Mason Rd, and Mr. Stevenson said he will see if Mr. Oakley company can do it, stating that TDEC is calling daily regarding the problem. Alderman Rivers questioned placing a light or camera in place to determine the problem. Mr. Stevenson said it's a trash pump and the station is being pumped down and stated that he had a meeting with TDEC and he's waiting to put it out for bid, or he should know something in the next couple of days. Mr. Hall and Mr. Stevenson said the station is pumped twice daily, and the pump failed. The lift station is old, and the pipe is worn out.

Alderman Harris said she received a call from a lady at Mason Manor stating that she was told the problem was, it was off and was turned back on and now it's fine. Mr. Stevenson said you cannot run the pump continuously, and Alliance reported sanitary problems with the sewer. Mayor Noeman mentioned spending tons of money with Mid-South Septic.

Mayor Noeman said he would receive an email about the problem on Charleston Mason Road from Mr. Richard Marbury and share it with the Board.

(Alderman Catron left the meeting at 8:20PM)

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Alderman Mason spoke of an employee being involved in a hit and run accident and hitting a garbage can/cans. Other concerns mentioned was the employee was driving on a revoked license and concerns about the town being held accountable. Mayor Noeman said it was reported to Public Entity Partners.

CONSTITUENTS/CONCERNS: (2 minutes) There were no comments

CLOSING PRAYER: Alderman Virginia Rivers

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Alderman Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: All agreed, Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder