



**Town of Mason
Mayor & Board of Alderman
Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 6:41PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Eddie Noeman

OPENING PRAYER: Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by All

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: James Lewellen, George “Buddy” Cantrell, Acting Fire Chief; April Adams, Irvin Taylor, Anthony Hodge, Durrell Davis, Richard Jewell, Chief of MPD; and Robert Lomax,

VISITORS: Margaret Adams, Robert Maxcy, Ruby Kelly, Laloma Harris, Michael Harris, and Marcie Phelps

MAYOR NOEMAN’S: Report

Mayor Noeman said he ordered a 40 ft. container, that will be placed in downtown Mason for cleanup on Saturday, May 9, 2026, that will be available to all for use. Mayor Noeman said he received a call from Cottrell Electric about a part that was ordered 2-weeks ago, and they are waiting for the last piece for repairs to be made on Charleston Mason Road.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Report TERRY LEGGETT

Mr. Leggett said he appreciated and commended all that placed him in his position. Mr. Leggett attended a meeting in Covington; Monday, and he’s looking into progressing in every aspect for the town. Mr. Leggett said he works for the Board, and will keep the Board informed, and stated that the data requested by the Board was submitted.

Alderman Harris questioned receipts that were requested from Finance. Mr. Leggett will get with Lureatha Harris for those minutes with the requests.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES AS MANDATED BY TBOUR TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC HEARING**



Mr. Leggett opened the floor for a Public Hearing to give the constituents an opportunity to speak either for or against the rate increases that will take effect June 1, 2026.

1. Alderman Harris made a motion to accept the **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE WATER RATES BY 5 PERCENT AS MANDATED BY TBOUR**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE SEWER RATES BY 120 PERCENT AS MANDATED BY TBOUR, Mayor Noeman made a motion to accept the **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE SEWER RATES BY 120 PERCENT AS MANDATED BY TBOUR**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 7-0

The water and sewer rate increases will become effective June 1, 2026

2. **SANITATION RATE INCREASE (DISCUSSION)**

The Sanitation Rate increase was a discussion, and Mr. Leggett suggest imposing a \$7.00 fee on the commercial customers, and this information would come back to the Board before any increases are put in place. Mr. Leggett recommends having something finalized by the next Board Meeting on May 18, 2026.

3. **CHRISTOPHER HEARN CONTRACT WITH BANKS FINLEY AND WHITE (VOTING ITEM)**

Mr. Leggett will speak with (3) competitors regarding an Audit Contract for the TOM. Mayor Noeman said it was in the best interest of the town to approve the contract, because Banks Finley and White were familiar with the process. Mr. Leggett will speak with the Comptrollers, and the contract will need to be funded for the FY27 Budget. Alderman Harris made a motion to accept **CHRISTOPHER HEARN CONTRACT WITH BANKS FINLEY AND WHITE**, and the motion was 2nd by Mayor Noeman: vote passed 6-1 (Alderman Harris voted no)

4. **REMOVE THE EXISTING CHECK SIGNERS AND REPLACE THEM WITH MAYOR EDDIE NOEMAN, ALDERMAN ALETHEA HARRIS, LUREATHA HARRIS, AND TERRY LEGGETT**

Alderman Mason made a motion to accept the **REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING CHECK SIGNERS AND REPLACE THEM WITH MAYOR EDDIE NOEMAN, ALDERMAN ALETHEA HARRIS, LUREATHA HARRIS, AND TERRY LEGGETT**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 4-3 (Mayor Noeman, Alderman Catron, and Alderman Broadnax voted no)



5. REQUEST TO MOVE THE FUNDS IN THE CORE CIVIC ACCOUNT TO A MONEY MARKET INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT (VOTING ITEM)

Mr. Leggett informed the Board that there is a substantial amount of money in the Core Civic Account, and the balance fluctuates. One dollar \$1) is paid per detainee and this changes daily. This would be a Budget for capital needs, and not a reoccurring source of revenue. Mayor Noeman suggests leaving the account as it is to avoid mistakes and confusion. Alderman Harris made a motion **TO MOVE THE FUNDS IN THE CORE CIVIC ACCOUNT TO A MONEY MARKET INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Rivers: vote passed 4-3

(Mayor Noeman, Vice Mayor Givhan, and Alderman Catron voted no)

6. BOARD APPROVAL STAFF CHANGES AT CITY HALL (VOTING ITEM)

Mr. Leggett spoke about the duties of HR and suggested eliminating the position, and recommends giving Ms. Davis a 2-week severance payment. Since Ms. Davis was not appointed by the Board, no vote was taken and Mr. Leggett said he would take care of it.

7. TO ESTABLISH A PARLIAMENTARIAN TO FOLLOW ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER AT BOARD MEETINGS (VOTING ITEM)

Mr. Leggett recommends that the Board establish a Parliamentarian for the meetings and he was willing to volunteer to take the role. Alderman Mason made a motion to accept Terry Leggett as the **PARLIAMENTARIAN TO FOLLOW ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER AT BOARD MEETINGS**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Rivers: vote passed 7-0

(Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO PURCHASE (6) GLOCK MODEL 45 9MM PISTOLS WITH RED DOT SCOPES FROM 51 PAWN IN COVINGTON, TN FOR \$5K FROM THE DRUG FUNDS (VOTING ITEM)

Chief Jewell informed the Board that this would be standard police practice for safety and liability. Salaries cannot be paid from drug funds. Alderman Broadnax made a motion for the **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE (6) GLOCK MODEL 45 9MM PISTOLS WITH RED DOT SCOPES FROM 51 PAWN IN COVINGTON, TN FOR \$5K FROM THE DRUG FUNDS**, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 5-2

(Mayor Noeman and Alderman Catron voted no)

9. ELAINE ALLEN – EBC CONSULTING CONTRACT (DISCUSSION)

Alderman Harris mentioned the Board not having any knowledge of how much money is owed to Ms. Elaine. Alderman Mason made a motion to table the discussion until further information was received and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax



All Board members agreed to table **EBC CONSULTING CONTRACT**

Mr. Lewellen gave an update on the New Laws that will take effect July 1, 2026, that were passed through the Tennessee General Assembly

- The Public can speak on any items on the agenda.
- Lawful hunting cannot be prohibited
- Digital media needs to be in place

Mr. Leggett recommends that the Board decide on all Department Heads, and requires that they attend the meetings, and adopt an Ordinance for Department Heads.

Alderman Catron, and Alderman Broadnax left the meeting at 8:19pm

Vice Mayor Givhan left the meeting at 8:25pm

CONSTITUENTS/CONCERNS: (2 minutes)

Laloma Harris with the Mason Task Force- Request opening the Fire Department to clean up for the Community Cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2026. Lunch would be served at the Fire Department for all volunteers participating. Streets will be cleaned within the Mason City Limits, and dumpsters will be available to the public.

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 8:32PM)

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder