



**Town of Mason
Mayor & Board of Alderman
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2026, 6:31PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Eddie Noeman

OPENING PRAYER: Interim Town Administrator Terry Leggett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Eddie Noeman, Terry Leggett, Interim Town Administrator; Alderman Carolyn Catron, Alderman Trowanna Broadnax, Alderman Virginia Rivers, Alderman Mary Mason, Alderman Alethea Harris, Attorney Carson Klepzig, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris (Vice Mayor Reynaldo Giivhan was absent)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Matalee Hall, Public Works Director; George *Buddy* Cantrell, Acting Fire Chief; Bobby Cannon, Richard Jewell, Chief of MPD; Benetra Harvey, Darrell Davis, Irvin Taylor, Kelvin Freeman, Frank Joyner, and Anthony Hodge

VISITORS: Margaret Adams, Ruby Kelly, Courtney Brooks, Robert Maxcy, Laloma Harris, and Michael Harris

The Meeting Temporarily Closed to go into an Executive Session Meeting

Alderman Harris made a motion to close the meeting to go into Executive Session, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Rivers: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

Mayor Noeman Re-Opened the Meeting

A motion was made by Alderman Mason and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax to re-open the meeting: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

MAYOR NOEMAN'S: Report (There was no report)

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Report TERRY LEGGETT

Mr. Leggett reported this has been a busy week and the town has a Purchase Order Book, and anything purchased requires a P.O. on all invoices coming to the city. Mr. Leggett has reviewed the Purchasing Order Policy, both Resolution and Ordinance, and asked the Comptroller's to come down and perform an audit. Mr. Leggett has met with some of the Alderman, and suggest that he will meet with the others.



Questions

Alderman Rivers questioned Mayor Noeman about the amount of money in the interest-bearing account, and the answer was zero. Mayor Noeman said the town should have a record and Davina will put money in the account with the contractors. Alderman Mason questioned why the Fire Chief was getting paid \$25 per hour opposed to \$18 per hour. Mr. Leggett said he would get an answer to the Board.

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026

Alderman Mason made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2026

Alderman Harris made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 5-1 (Alderman Catron voted no) and (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote as yes)

Attorney Klepzig is working out the final details in the negotiation of a contract with pay for Mr. Leggett, and this should come before the Board soon. Mr. Leggett informed the Board that Mayor Noeman works in the mayoral capacity, but he handles day-to-day operations of the town.

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

Mayor Noeman made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax: Vote passed 6-0

Question

Alderman Rivers questioned Ms. Elaine Allen contract regarding money owed to her, Mr. Leggett said he called Ms. Elaine but received no answer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **RESOLUTION FOR SANITATION RATE INCREASES FOR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS**

Alderman Rivers made a motion to accept a Resolution for Sanitation Rate Increases for Commercial Customers and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote and this would be a \$7 increase to commercial customers).



NEW BUSINESS:

***Alderman Harris made a motion to amend the agenda under New Business to add Items 2 and 3, to Negotiate the Lawsuit Settlement and add the Fire Department with Possible Actions presented by Bobby Cannon* The motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: Vote to amend the agenda passed 5-1 (Alderman Catron voted no and Mayor Noeman voted yes)**

- **PRESENTATION PRESENTED BY COURTNEY BROOKS WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TENNESSEE**

Courtney Brooks introduced herself to the Board working with Employee Benefit Specialists with EBSTN, which provides medical, dental, and vision for the town. This would be a proposal for Group Life Insurance; the bill has not been paid since June of “2024” and it lapsed. This would need to be put back in place and would provide each employee with \$50K coverage, and this would double if there were an accident. Mayor Noeman mentioned not seeing the bill. Mrs. Brooks said it was previously with Companion Life Insurance, and something was sent last year but it was not the agent that put it in place. The monthly amount due would be around \$251.00. Mr. Leggett said the employees operate equipment and hope the town will participate. Mrs. Brooks said this would be through Principal Life Insurance and it decreases at age 70 and 75. This would be effective June 1, 2026, and Mrs. Brooks will meet with the employees, and this is free to the employees.

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT WITH POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Bobby Cannon**

Bobby Cannon said there’s been no progress since the last meeting with the Fire Department. Mr. Cantrell stated in his report that he had not received dates from the companies to perform pump tests on the engine and tanker and he’s still attempting to find a fire service company to perform the required annual tests: Ladder test on the ground ladders required on the engine, and hose test on the hose for the engine and the tanker. Mr. Cannon said he spoke with Mr. Leggett and he needs to go in a different direction with the ability to respond to medical calls as required by the state. Mr. Leggett mentioned a \$6K bill that was unpaid. Mr. Cannon said there was a person that lives in Mason and he would like to come on as a full-time Fire Chief. There is \$48K in the budget for a full-time Fire Chief and a volunteer, we need to get volunteers in the door. The recommendation for the Fire Chief is Darryl Hartfield, which resides in Mason, TN and pay him \$20 per hour and raise his pay to \$22 per hour after six months. Mr. Cannon contract is up, and he needs someone to come in to fill the position. Mr. Hartfield resides in Mason, and he’s a paramedic that can stabilize patients until an ambulance arrives. The only two applicants that applied prior to the position were George *Buddy* Cantrell, and William Treadway.



The Fire Department needs to be back up and running, and Mr. Leggett will have Mr. Hartfield present at the next Board Meeting. Regarding the \$6K bill that was unpaid, there were charges for too much hose, and the previous employees made purchases that were useless. Money received from the sell of the ladder truck can be put into an emergency vehicle. There was a \$3500 Stipend in the Fire Department Budget. Alderman Harris made a motion to hire a full-time Fire Chief, Darryl Hartfield contingent on providing his updated certifications possibly within a month and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 5-1 (Alderman Catron voted no and Mayor Noeman voted yes)

- **NEGOTIATE THE LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT**

Alderman Rivers made a motion to authorize the attorney to negotiate the (3) ongoing lawsuit settlements with the town, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

- **MONTHLY WORKSHOP SESSIONS (DISCUSSION)**

There will be a Training Session between MTAS, the Board, and the Town Administrator on [Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6pm. There will be a Budget Work Session, and each Department Head is required to prepare a Budget to trim to the needs and not the wants. Mr. Leggett said he would have the input from the Department Heads by May 29th. The dates for the Budget Workshop Meetings are as follows....](#)

First Reading of the Budget June 9th, 2026, and the Second Reading of the Budget June 23rd, 2026, at 6:30pm.

****Alderman Catron left the meeting at 8:37PM****

REPORTS:

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Joyner said he issued 20 to 25 notices of violations and 65 to 70 percent of the constituents complied. Citations were ordered, and Mr. Joyner has a computer to work from. Constituents that are not complying will be given a second notice and after 15 to 20 days, Mr. Joyner will bring them to court. Environmental Court will follow Traffic Court. Judge Price Harris is retiring as of July, and he's recommended Danny Kayle as the Judge for the town. Lureatha Harris informed the Board that Prosecutor Mark McDaniel was appointed as Judge for Gallaway, TN with the retiring of Judge Harris and spoke of Mark McDaniel serving as Judge for the town. Prosecutor McDaniel is transparent, fair, consistent, and quite competent of the expectations of the position. If Prosecutor McDaniel is appointed as Judge for the town, his recommendation for Prosecutor is Rob Clapper.



- **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Ms. Boyd was unavailable for the meeting, and Mayor Noeman mentioned having a Special Call Meeting for Finance. There were questions regarding the funds in the water account, and if the amount was a CD, including questions about Grant Funds in the General Funds account. The Board recommends that Ms. Boyd attend the next meeting.

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

There are five officers in total at the Police Department, which includes Chief Jewell. Alderman Rivers had concerns about no officer being present at the Community Clean-Up on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 8am to 12pm. Officer Foster was on duty, but Chief Jewell said he worked with the TBI regarding an incident in the subdivision that lasted about 4 hours. Alderman Harris was concerned about the number of calls and racing on Sundays, Mayor Noeman said they are racing every day.

- **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Alderman Mason asked Mr. Hall about the status of the pump station on Charleston Mason Road and Mr. Hall said it was up and running. There are around 250 water meters remaining to be installed by August 31, 2026.

CONSTITUENTS/CONCERNS: (2 minutes)

Michael Harris with the Mason Task Force, “Thanked” everyone Mayor Noeman, the Board, and Mr. Leggett for the success of the cleanup. Mr. Harris said they picked up over 1800 pounds of trash, and taking pride in cleanup is critical for the image of the city. Mr. Harris appreciates the Code Enforcer concerns of junked cars and dilapidated buildings. Taking pride in the growth of the town by keeping the community clean and businesses coming in. There were 35 to 40 volunteers that participated in the cleanup. The constituents were encouraged to review Tipton County Beautiful and Mason Task Force Websites by bringing people together.

CLOSING PRAYER: Alderman Virginia Rivers

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mayor Noeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax: All agreed, Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder