



**Town of Mason
Mayor & Board of Alderman
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2026, 6:35PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Eddie Noeman

OPENING PRAYER: Interim Town Administrator, Terry Leggett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Matalee Hall, Public Works Director; Richard Jewell, Chief of MPD; Zachary Antle, Lt. MPD; Vernetia Boyd, CMFO; Darryl Hartfield, Chief of MFD; Sheila Reed, Comptroller's Office; Adam Tschida, Comptroller's Office; Jordyn Liddell, Comptroller's Office; James Lewellen, MTAS; and Benetra Harvey, IT

VISITORS: Robert Maxcy, Margaret Adams, Ruby Kelly, Michael Harris, Laloma Harris, and Sylvester Harvey

MAYOR NOEMAN'S: Report (No report)

Sheila Reed from the Comptroller's Office said she was presenting a message for encouragement of where we were and where we are now. Adam Tschida with the Comptroller's Office passed out pamphlets of Mason Touch Base and Historical Points of the Audit History from "2015"- "2025." This included the Interfund History from June 30, 2020, through June 30, 2025, explaining and displaying the amounts. The last page of the presentation of the Budget History displayed in the notes that it was Conditional on following TBOUR directives for "2026," Here Today and Moving Forward.

Sheila Reed recommends no delay with Interfund transfers, by putting the money back the same day. This needs to be put on the priority list. Adam Tschida recommends putting a Policy and Procedure Plan in place, Shared Costs, and there should be a Corrective Action Plan in place. Alderman Rivers mentioned previously the town was given thirty days (30) to repay monies. If one fund cannot repay the other it's looked at as an operating loan. Adam Tschida is optimistic about the future going forward, and Ms. Reed recommends when writing one check on an account to pull out another check to repay the account. Ms. Reed informed the Board that Tennessee Law requires Water, Gas, and Sanitation Funds to maintain the integrity of the account. Monies are to be repaid immediately, on the same day when they are transferred.



Ms. Reed encouraged having a nice clean Budget by July 1, 2026, and focusing on the Interfunds. Adam Tschida suggests looking at policy and procedures for internal controls, and a Budget Calendar. Tennessee ranked number (2) for the State.

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Report Terry Leggett

Mr. Leggett informed everyone that representatives from the Tennessee State Comptroller's Office are making sure processes are followed correctly.

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026

Alderman Mason made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 5-1 (Mayor Noeman voted no)

Questions

Alderman Rivers questioned the unpaid bill with Courtney Brooks for two years regarding the \$50K life insurance and the employees not being covered. Mr. Leggett said he was preparing paperwork and will submit numbers once received to cover the employees via an Ordinance or a Resolution. Alderman Rivers questioned the \$16K bill that was unpaid to IIA (Industrial Inspection and Analysis) for fire hose testing a couple of years ago. Mr. Hartfield said the bill was written off. They will come out in August for hose testing when they come to Fayette County. Mr. Hartfield will enter the fall classes at Dyersburg State, for his certifications and EMT License.

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Training Session Between MTAS and the Board Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2026

Alderman Mason made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Training Session Between MTAS and the Board Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 4-1 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote as yes) (Alderman Broadnax voted no and Alderman Catron abstained)

Questions

Alderman Rivers questioned being able to determine the fund balance versus the restricted money. There is \$245K in the Water Funds CD and this cannot be brought into the General Funds Account. Mr. Leggett mentioned (2) payrolls and lawsuit settlement money, informing the Board that they may have to take out a Tax Anticipation Loan, and need to be extremely tight on spending. Mr. Leggett said he would explore the numbers for a Tax Anticipation Loan; the General Fund has a balance of \$29K. Mr. Leggett suggested cleaning out all the CDs except the Water Fund Account and stated that he would be getting with the Board and would have numbers by June 29, 2026, meeting.

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026

Alderman Mason made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: The vote was 3-3 (Alderman Mason, Alderman Harris, and Alderman Rivers voted yes) (Mayor Noeman, Alderman Catron, and Alderman Broadnax voted no).



Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2026

Alderman Harris made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2026, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax:
Vote passed 4-0 (Mayor Noeman and Alderman Catron abstained)

OLD BUSINESS: There was none

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 IS REMAINING IN THE SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION CONTRACT COMPLETED BY VORTEX. THE ENGINEER BELIEVES THE \$20,556.16 CHANGE ORDER PROPOSED BY VORTEX TO SEAL THE MASON CHARLESTON WETWELL WOULD BE A GOOD USE OF A PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS. HE RECOMMENDS THE TOWN ACCEPT THIS CHANGE ORDER SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY TDEC/ARP.**

Mr. Hall informed the Board that a motor was installed at the station to solve the problem at Mason Charleston Road, and Cottrell Electric installed the wiring. Mr. Hall mentioned speaking with Davina about the \$38K, the station is up and running, and Mr. Hall recommend paying Cottrell Electric, opposed to paying another company. Mr. Leggett said he would speak with Davina this week and the money is ARP money allocated for the project. The purpose of the money is for sewer rehab. Alderman Harris made a motion to allow Mr. Leggett to negotiate with Davina prior to signing the change order of the \$38K, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax: vote passed 6-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

- **VOTE FOR PERMISSION TO HAVE INTEREST ON ALL ACCOUNTS PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT**

Mr. Leggett requested permission from the Board to allow interest in all accounts to be paid into the General Fund Account **except** the \$245K in the Water Fund CD, proprietary and restricted accounts. Designated funds or enterprise funds will remain in their accounts. The Water Funds are not allowed to make payroll. Mr. Leggett said he would work with the bank for proper information, and will need to clean out the CDS until the property taxes begin to come in. The Comptroller's approval is required before money can be borrowed. Mr. Leggett mentioned being tight on spending from the General Funds. Alderman Harris made a motion to allow Mr. Leggett permission to have interest on all accounts be paid into the General Fund Account **except** the proprietary and restricted accounts, the motion was 2nd by Alderman Rivers:

Vote passed 4-2 (Mayor Noeman and Alderman Catron voted no).



- **VOTE TO ESTABLISH AN ACCOUNT TO DEPOSIT EARNINGS FROM CORE CIVIC POPULATION TO PUT THE FUNDS INTO AN INTEREST-BEARING CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Mr. Leggett request Board approval to create a new account CC Account, Capital Core Civic Account if equipment is needed; but it won't be used for reoccurring obligations such as payroll etc. Mr. Leggett suggests seeing a daily count of the detainees. The funds could be used for any capital purchases for the city, examples would be purchasing equipment, buying vehicles, etc. Alderman Broadnax made a motion to allow Mr. Leggett permission to establish an account to deposit earnings from Core Civic population to put the funds into an Interest-Bearing Capital Account, and the motion was 2nd by Mayor Noeman: vote passed 5-1 (Alderman Catron voted no)

REPORTS:

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Leggett gave the report for Mr. Frank Joyner since he was unavailable due to another obligation. Over twenty warning letters were issued, and nine second warning letters. Citations were issued to be heard in the July Court. Warning letters were submitted via registered mail.

- **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Leggett mentioned to the Board about a situation in early April, whereas \$55K and \$5K were sent to CEC regarding the wells. The email was submitted with the contact information for CEC, Civil and Environmental Consultants, and they knew the account. The email displayed a newly registered domain. Mr. Leggett said he was uncomfortable that the warning was not acknowledged, nor heeded to. The money was sent April 6, 2026, and April 8, 2026, there was an attempt to reverse the money. The money was sent to Minnesota, opposed to Pennsylvania with the invoice numbers and amounts requested. Mr. Leggett said he would meet with Public Entity Partners in a week or two, about being short of \$60K, which will have to be paid by the end of the grant.

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Hartfield is in the process of going through hydrants, but he's not certain who's going to fix them. One person has applied as a volunteer for the Fire Department Elijah Cox. Mr. Hartfield has not spoken with William Treadway as a volunteer. Alderman Harris suggests that the 103K needs to be put in the proper line item for the Fire Department.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The wires at the Police Department were disconnected with Just N Case Security and were off for two years per Chief Jewell. Mr. Leggett said he would speak with Ms. Elaine Allen tomorrow regarding the situation June 16, 2026.

- **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Hall said they are installing no-read meters, and about 380 more meters are needed to be installed. Public Works are averaging about (15) meters daily being installed. Mr. Leggett recommends 2 men installing meters daily.

Questions

Alderman Rivers questioned Mayor Noeman about a 20 to 22% gas leak that the town is not getting paid for. Mr. Leggett said he met with some guys today and the town paid 22% of gas loss. Losing gas is over \$10K per month, the gas meters are getting old and Mr. Leggett said he would work with the gas experts. D-2 Energy came out today. Mr. Leggett suggested possibly getting a grant to change the gas meters.

CONSTITUENTS/CONCERNS: (2 minutes)

Margaret Adams complained of potholes that need to be filled in Brookside Ave. Mayor Noeman mentioned (2) options that FEMA would complete the repairs by August 31, 2026, or the town could make the repairs and be reimbursed around \$130K. Mrs. Adams said the problem would be getting worse by August. Alderman Rivers was concerned if anything was sent in writing from FEMA.

Michael Harris mentioned that the entrance coming into the Subdivision is one way in and no way out. Mr. Harris questioned the Junkyard Ordinance; the Municipal Code Law is listed under the MTAS website. All warnings require City Ordinances with the warnings. Chief Jewell stated that Mason Manor is the same way there is only one entrance.

CLOSING PRAYER: Alderman Virginia Rivers

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Alderman Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax: All agreed, Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder

Terry Leggett, Interim Town Administrator