



**Town of Mason  
Mayor & Board of Alderman  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 17, 2026, 6:37PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Eddie Noeman

**OPENING PRAYER:** Alderman Virginia Rivers

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited by all

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Eddie Noeman, Interim Town Administrator-Terry Leggett, 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:** Matalee Hall, Public Works Director; April Adams, Frank Joyner, Code Enforcement Officer; Darryl Hartfield, Fire Chief; Richard Jewell, Chief of MPD; Carson Klepzig, Attorney; Vernetia Boyd, CMFO and Benetra Harvey

**VISITORS:** Angela Williamson, Margaret Adams, Ruby Kelly, Timothy Depoe, Frank Whitfield, Jessi Hartfield, Michael Harris, Sarah Cornell, Celeste O., Bill Peeler, Joyce Lanskey, Ashley P. Faye Degraffreed, Jerry Degraffreed, and Esther Cochran

**MAYOR NOEMAN'S: Report**

Mayor Noeman reported that Lt. Antle went to court and everything was dismissed

**INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Report-** Terry Leggett

MTAS- Angie Deaton came out today and worked on the revised FY27 Budget with Vernetia, and there should be something in a week getting the Budget straightened out.

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

Vice Mayor Givhan made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Broadnax: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

**Questions**

Alderman Rivers questioned the \$450K Grant monies with Davina, regarding an Interest-Bearing Construction Retainage Account; Mr. Leggett has not spoken with Davina. Interest was moved back into the enterprise accounts. Alderman Rivers questioned Mr. Hartfield about the nine fire hydrants that required repairs. Mr. Hartfield contacted Rogers' Fire Hydrant Services but has not heard back. Mr. Hartfield will send them another email.



## **Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Finance Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2026**

Alderman Mason made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Finance Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2026, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Broadnax: vote passed 4-3 (Mayor Noeman, Alderman Catron, and Alderman Broadnax voted no) Vice Mayor Givhan voted no but after being in agreements with the facts that happened in the meeting, he rescinded his vote from no to yes. (Attorney Klepzig made it clear that only approving the facts and what occurred in the meeting was what was to be voted on, no action items were taken).

### **Questions**

Alderman Mason requested clarity about the town being bankrupt. Mr. Leggett said the town was broke, but the town was not bankrupt. Alderman Harris questioned transferring money from the Money Market Account and the Capital CC Account if needed. Mr. Leggett guestimate around \$125K round numbers in both accounts, and the Board can request a Tax Anticipation Note. We can possibly use the available funds first; there is over \$700K in the enterprise funds in the bank. Mr. Leggett suggests borrowing money from November through December until the property taxes come in to keep payroll going. Alderman Harris questioned the installation of the water meters; there are around 50 water meters left to be completed with all the meters. Alderman Mason questioned the wire transfer of the \$60K. Mr. Leggett said Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC) will allow \$15K paid monthly beginning in September, for monies that were sent to Minnesota opposed to Pennsylvania.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was none

Mayor Noeman requests to amend the agenda by moving item#3 to item#1, and Alderman Harris made the motion to move item#3 on the agenda to item#1, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Mason: vote passed 7-0 (This was the contract with Patterson Bray)

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION R08172026-1 TITLED INTERFUND TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR THE FY27 FISCAL YEAR.**

Alderman Mason made a motion to approve RESOLUTION R08172026-1 TITLED INTERFUND TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR THE FY27 FISCAL YEAR, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Rivers: vote passed 5-2 (Mayor Noeman and Alderman Catron voted no)



### **Questions:**

Alderman Mason questioned the amount of the Tax Anticipation Note, and Alderman Harris questioned a cash flow plan in writing, and no interest rate being shown. Alderman Rivers suggests voting to accept it and plug in the numbers.

Alderman Harris stated there was a list that was submitted from the Comptrollers regarding the Tax Anticipation Note. Mr. Leggett said this would come back before the Board asking for \$200K and we would only use what's necessary. Alderman Harris questioned a cash flow plan or a calendar. Mr. Leggett stated that we are \$30K short per month without any surprises, and request being approved for \$200K so we don't have to come back. Vice Mayor Givhan said this would begin the process, and Mr. Leggett said we would need an approved Budget to begin the process. The \$200K would be a line of credit; Vernetia informed the Board that we owe the Water Account \$40K, Mr. Leggett said that would leave the town with \$160K after repaying the Water Account \$40K. The Board can set whatever amount they want for the note stated by Mr. Leggett. Mr. Leggett said it takes \$70K monthly to run the city, and right now we don't have a fund balance. Mayor Noeman recommends cutting expenses and payroll and wasting time and money. Mayor Noeman suggests using property taxes to fix the streets, and we will have the same problem by not cutting payroll. Mr. Leggett mentioned Mayor Noeman overspending last year's Budget \$250K.

- **VOTE TO APPROVE THE FY27 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Mr. Leggett recommends tabling the VOTE TO APPROVE THE FY27 BUDGET AMENDMENT, and Alderman Rivers made a motion to table the approval of the FY27 Budget Amendment, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Givhan: vote to table passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

- **VOTE TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT WITH PATTERSON BRAY AND THE TOWN OF MASON**

Mayor Noeman made a motion to accept the cancellation of a contract with Patterson Bray, and the Town of Mason, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Catron: vote passed 7-0 Attorney Klepzig said this would become effective today, August 17, 2026, and while transitioning, they would not leave the town hanging. Attorney Klepzig said he would check with the attorney regarding the pay and follow up with Mr. Leggett.

### **Questions**

Alderman Harris questioned the ACH Debit with Patterson Bray; Attorney Klepzig will follow up with Mr. Leggett. Mr. Leggett said he spoke with Chris Patterson, and he was very understanding about the pay.

- **VOTE TO APPROVE INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TERRY LEGGETT CONTRACT**

Alderman Harris made a motion to table the Interim Town Administrator Terry Leggett Contract until the next meeting, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Broadnax: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)



## **REPORTS:**

### **• CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Joyner reported that he issued 20 to 21 notices of violations and will allow the residents to comply within a couple of weeks. The property maintenance ordinance will allow showing consistency for the ones that don't comply, including the elected officials. All Board members agreed. Alderman Rivers suggests fulfilling procedures by all, and the decisions affect everyone. There should be no pick and choose, the policies were written because of the welfare of the citizens and are to be equally enforced. Mayor Noeman questioned Mr. Joyner's certifications. Mayor Noeman reported trees hanging over and falling on Transou Lane. Mr. Joyner said his main concern is the main thoroughfare through the town. Mr. Joyner cited Mayor Noeman in the meeting. Ordinances deal with cars on blocks and tall grass.

### **• FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

The July transactions were presented to the Board. Professional Fees (Other) is anything that does not have a title and an example is Urbaninsites-Brett Morgan and Benetra Harvey I/T, the town does not have a Planning Assistant. Alderman Rivers questioned differences in the June and July financial reports, things that were missing and errors. Vernetia said if there was nothing showing, there would be no activity. Vice Mayor Givhan questioned payroll in United Systems not being set up to do General but Water only. Alderman Harris suggested going back to the old fashion way by writing paper checks. Alderman Rivers suggest changing software because even with the paper checks it comes from the Water Fund Account. Mr. Leggett mentioned not having a healthy Geneal Fund Account to refund the money right back into the Water Fund Account from the General Fund Account. Vernetia informed the Board that the Sanitation Fund doesn't have enough money to support itself. Mr. Leggett said the Budget would be amended throughout the year. There were several overtime wages shown in June but not in July that were needed in a line item. The state Income and excise tax, petroleum and tva taxes must be broken down by category.

Vice Mayor Givhan suggested conducting an internal audit, Mr. Leggett said we cannot afford it right now because there's not enough funds in the General Fund Account.

Alderman Harris suggested using the money from the Capital CC Account. Alderman Rivers questioned the comparison of the fees with Willoughby and BestWade Petroleum because it didn't come before the Board with Willoughby; and \$10K have been paid compared to Best Wade Petroleum. Mr. Leggett said he received prices from Best Wade Petroleum at \$3.93 per gallon, and Willoughby charged \$3.19 per gallon, and he saved almost \$1 per gallon.



Alderman Rivers questioned the 3 months comparison from January 1<sup>st</sup> through March of \$3,559.16 and from May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup> of \$10,692.65. Mayor Noeman stated that most of the gas is used by the Police Department.

(Alderman Catron left the meeting at 7:44PM)

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Rogers Fire Hydrant was given a list of fire hydrants. Mr. Leggett mentioned some fire hydrants not producing water, and he will make a Budget Amendment to put it in the Budget. Mayor Noeman asked Mr. Leggett to shop around, the hose testing will be coming in September. The Fire Department cannot reopen until we get the proper personnel. Alderman Harris questioned putting the equipment on Gov-Deals. Mr. Hartfield will begin taking classes for EMT.

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officers are working both days and evenings

- **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Hall reported that there should be around 50 more water meters left to be installed. Mr. Hall reported trucks being down with no a/c. Vice Mayor Givhan mentioned a deadline for the installation of the water meters, and a safety concern. Alderman Harris questioned the streetlight on Transou and a hole in the street. Mr. Hall said they were given strict orders that nothing gets in the way of installing the water meters. Alderman Mason questioned Glass Tire being on the Finance Report. Mr. Leggett said he could get the truck to the shop this week for repairs. Mayor Noeman suggests fixing the water leaks, and hoses are needed to be picked up on Charleston Mason Rd. The city will cut the grass at the Mason Manor Apartments.

The money from Core Civic will be used to fix the streets. The Town of Mason share is \$88K since opening the facility, there is \$1 per day received per detainee. Mr. Leggett stated that ICE contracted with the city of Mason and we are the pass through and have nothing to do with the operations.

**CONSTITUENTS/CONCERNS: (2 minutes)**

There were multiple protestors speaking about the processes at Core Civic and endorsing them. Complaints surrounded a \$20 million-dollar contract for gloves to shock the detainees; hurting people and families. The protestors request calling a Public Hearing to have the facility/Core Civic gone. Other concerns were that images don't get erased, and to not oppress the immigrants. Treating people humanly, the will of the people should have a voice, love humbly.



The protestors said since “2022” Core Civic was fined \$44.7 million dollars for inhumane treatment and the lack of healthcare. The protestors request a Public Hearing to voice their concerns. They’re concerned that the town is morally responsible for what’s happening in the city. Concerns were that the city took money from Core Civic with no medical coverage and without a single EMT on the Fire Department. Mr. Leggett said he anticipates a date in about a week for a Special Call Meeting.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Mayor Noeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Broadnax: All agreed, Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM

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Eddie Noeman, Mayor

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Date

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Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder

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Terry Leggett, Interim Town Administrator