



Town of Mason
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 14, 2023, 6:44PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Eddie Noeman

OPENING PRAYER: Alderman Alethea Harris

ROLL CALL: Mayor Eddie Noeman, Alderman Celia Chastain, Alderman Virginia Rivers, Alderman Mary Mason, Alderman Alethea Harris, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris
(Vice Mayor Carolyn Catron and Alderman Shate' Toliver were absent)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: (Ronda Hughey, Financial Consultant; and Lynn Evans, CMFO; attended via phone) Lt. Marvin Norfolk, and Officer Dennis Freeman

VISITORS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Declaring Excess Property**

Mayor Noeman reported that there are four trucks at Public Works, that have not worked properly for a long time. VIN numbers are needed for two of the trucks, Mayor Noeman would like to clean the property and place the money back into the Public Works Department where it belongs. Chief Jewell will assist with putting the property on Gov Deals. Mayor Noeman said there was an army trailer located in the back of Public Works. Alderman Mason made a motion to accept the Declaring of Excess Property for sale, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 5-0
(Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

- **November's Financial Report**

Mrs. Hughey reported the collection of property taxes would show an increase between November and January, in the **General Funds**. State and local taxes are doing well also. Funds will be reimbursed from Grant Funding to the Police Department. There are two Grants, the Police Department, and the Fire Department.

Water Funds – Maintenance costs and Alliance; an amendment to the budget will need to be included with the new Alliance contract, repairs, and the maintenance cost for water.

Gas Funds – Gas taps installed, wages and gas purchases, Gas sales may need some revisions.

Sanitation Funds – Paid two months in one month

Drug Funds – Mrs. Hughey asked Mayor Noeman to check with the Bank for increasing rates
Alderman Mason made a motion to accept the November's Financial Report, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 3-2 (Alderman Rivers, and Alderman Chastain voted no)
(Mayor Noeman was included in the vote as yes)



- **Feasibility Study**

Purpose: The Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation has dictated the Town of Mason complete a Study to determine the feasibility of a merger of the Town’s Water and Wastewater Infrastructure with Surrounding Utilities by March 31, 2024. This information is needed for the first Board Meeting with the State. Ricky Oakley with CEC will perform the Feasibility Study and will not exceed an amount of \$5,000.00 for overhead and labor. Alderman Harris said the date was March 26, 2024, for the study.

Alderman Chastain made a motion to allow Ricky Oakley, with CEC to perform the Feasibility Study with a cap of \$5,000.00, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Rivers: vote passed 5-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

CLOSING PRAYER: Alderman Celia Chastain

Alderman Harris made a motion to not have a Board Meeting in December, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 5-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Alderman Harris made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Chastain: vote passed 5-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote) Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder

NEXT STEPS

Upcoming Board Meeting: January 22, 2024 Upcoming Finance Meeting: January 22, 2024

DOCUMENTS

Resources: November’s Financial Reports