



**Town of Mason  
Mayor & Board of Alderman  
Agenda Discussion Workshop Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6:53PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Eddie Noeman

**OPENING PRAYER:** Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Eddie Noeman, Alderman Alethea Harris, Alderman Mary Mason, Alderman Virginia Rivers, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris (Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan and Alderman Trowanna Broadnax attended via a conference call) (Alderman Carolyn Catron was absent)

- **City Attorney Contract – Nathan Bicks**

Mayor Noeman and the Board of Alderman were okay with the contract for Attorney Bicks. Alderman Rivers has a few questions for the Attorney, and the Board would like to appoint someone to be a liaison for communication with Attorney Bicks.

- **Draft - Core Civic Town of Mason Agreement**

Mayor Noeman reported that ICE (Immigration and Custom Enforcement), wants to make an agreement with the City of Mason, and ICE agrees to pay the City of Mason, and Mason will pay Core Civic. The Town of Mason is waiting for final approval from the Attorney's review of the contract. On a monthly basis, beginning on the Agreement effective date, Core Civic shall pay the Town an administrative fee of \$1.00 per day per detainee held at the Facility, pursuant to this Agreement and the IGSA, calculated as follows:  $\$1.00 \times \# \text{ of detainees} \times \# \text{ days in the month}$ . Alderman Rivers had a question regarding the conflict of language in item 5.

**Core Civic is not obligated to house federal detainees at the Facility if the IGSA is changed without the advance written approval of Core Civic.**

Mayor Noeman said a separate account will be set up per the recommendation of the state. Alderman Harris questioned the signers on the account. The income for the City of Mason could be \$200K yearly at full capacity/average, not counting utility services. Core Civic could possibly open in two to three months.

- **Street Repairs**

The streets that will be advertised for sealed bids for street paving and repairs are...

Charleston Mason Road, Gainesville Lane, Gin Street, Beaver Creek Subdivision, and Transou Lane. Mayor Noeman suggests patching the streets until the repairs are made. Mayor Noeman spoke with Mr. Hall and the Town could get some cold patch at \$100.00 per ton, and the request was made to get 5 tons for \$500.00, this would be for temporary use. Alderman Rivers questioned the balance in the street funds account and Mayor Noeman will provide the information to Lureatha Harris, for submittal to the Board.

Mayor Noeman said he questioned the state if the income from the prison could be used to fix the streets and stated that the city is responsible for maintaining the two subdivisions.

Alderman Rivers suggests completing one street and move forward.



Mayor Noeman would like for the Town to invest in equipment for Public Works, examples trailers, etc. to serve the community. A proposal will be submitted to the Board.

- **Byrd Tree Service**

Byrd Tree Service is going around cutting trees at no cost through the end of April.

- **Finance**

All finances will be submitted through December 2024. Mayor Noeman reported that every Tuesday there is a meeting with the Comptrollers, and stated that Ms. Evans and Ms. Vernetia will finish everything by the end of April. The Board members mentioned not having the finances for November and December. Mayor Noeman said he would have Ms. Lynn to submit everything before the Board Meeting. Alderman Rivers mentioned that the months are not flowing and the reconciliations and the expense reports are needed. Mayor Noeman said he would have Ms. Vernetia submit everything to the Board.

- **Police Department**

Alderman Broadnax questioned who was working the Police Department, the new people or Tipton County. Mayor Noeman said they hired Marquis Jackson and have full coverage.

Alderman Rivers questioned all the officers being on probation with no oversight, and she have no problem with Officer Antle working while suspended, but don't agree with him driving a police vehicle. Alderman Mason questioned the probationary period for the police department.

Mayor Noeman said he would have Chief Jewell speak to the Board.

- **Fire Department**

Mayor Noeman mentioned a meeting that he had with Rose Mackey, and the meeting didn't go so well. Mayor Noeman said he asked Rose who did she work for Tanner or the Town, and stated that Rose mentioned not having respect for him.

Mayor Noeman said the fire chiefs of each of the following counties will write up assessments of the department, Tipton, Fayette, and Haywood County. Mayor Noeman said the Board gave too much money to the department. Alderman Harris questioned medical coverage, and Mayor Noeman said he have someone part-time from Shelby County, and someone from Charleston Mason Road. Tipton County will provide medical coverage and schedules will be provided. Alderman Rivers mentioned no one being qualified at the department mentioning that ISO and OSHA don't play and insurance will go up. Alderman Rivers voiced concerns of a paper trail to handle the situation. Mayor Noeman showed pictures of exposed hanging wires from a fire engine, stating that Tanner operated the fire department as a different entity. The ladder truck is not working. Alderman Mason has concerns about medical coverage, and Mayor Noeman mentioned waste and abuse. Vice Mayor Givhan said he worked with both Tanner and Rose, and voiced concerns about not having medical coverage. Alderman Broadnax and Vice Mayor Givhan mentioned not being transparent. Alderman Givhan spoke about guidance and leadership.

Alderman Broadnax mentioned the requirements for Food Trucks which were submitted to Mayor Noeman and the Board by Lureatha Harris. There were problems opening the attachment, and Lureatha Harris will resubmit it for further discussions regarding the requirements.



Alderman Broadnax would like to see reconciliation reports for the Town. Mayor Noeman said money is in the accounts and everything is running smoothly. Mayor Noeman said he will bring the employees to the meetings, and stated that the state was here three to four weeks ago, and they received more than enough information.

- **Public Works**
- **Park**

Mayor Noeman reported that Mr. Smith, a contractor, will work on the electricity in the park.

- **Parliamentary Rules**

Alderman Rivers mentioned the Parliamentary Procedures, and Alderman Harris spoke about working with Roberts' Rules of Order. Alderman Rivers mentioned bringing order to the Board, and structure in the Meetings. A Resolution of the Parliamentary Rules/Procedures were presented to Mayor Noeman and the Board by Alderman Rivers.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Alderman Virginia Rivers

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:44PM

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Eddie Noeman, Mayor

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Date

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Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder