



**Town of Mason
Mayor & Board of Alderman
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 22, 2025, 6:32PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Eddie Noeman

OPENING PRAYER: Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan

ROLL CALL: Mayor Eddie Noeman, Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan, Alderman Carloyn Catron, Alderman Trowanna Broadnax, Alderman Virginia Rivers, Alderman Alethea Harris, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris (Alderman Mary Mason arrived at 6:38pm)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Atty. Carson Klepzig, David Wideman, Acting Fire Chief; Lt. Reuben Meyer; MFD, Richard Jewell, Chief of MPD; Lt. Zachary Antle, MPD

VISITORS: Troy Clement, Margaret Adams, Ruby Kelly, Laloma Harris, Michael Harris, and Queisha Hennings

MAYOR NOEMAN'S: Report

Mayor Noeman asked Alderman Rivers to explain why her name is on the SAM's account, and request that Alderman Rivers take her name off the account. Mayor Noeman said the account was opened three years ago. Alderman Rivers verified that the account is in the name of Mason and stated that no one wanted to take it or fix it, and she took it upon herself so the Town could get grants. When the account was renewed Alderman Rivers submitted her name as Alderman instead of Vice Mayor. Alderman Rivers stated that there were three different names listed on the account, and Mrs. Hughey had to find a bill to get the name straight. Alderman Rivers said she was told by the IRS and the FDS (Federal Distribution System) that they required one name and needed to use the Town of Mason. Alderman Rivers said your title is requested upon renewal with the SAM's account. Alderman Rivers said she spoke with Atty. Klepzig to have Mayor Noeman's name signed on the account. Alderman Rivers said if she takes her name off the account, that there would be no account. Attorney Klepzig mentioned facilitating the same username and password, because Mayor Noeman has contracting authority according to the Charter. Alderman Rivers suggests that Mayor Noeman follow the instructions in the email, and the email would be sent back to her to add Mayor Noeman. Mayor Noeman informed Alderman Rivers that she would not be recognized in the meeting.

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025

Mayor Noeman made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025, and the motion was 2nd by Vice Mayor Givhan: vote passed 7-0



Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025

Alderman Harris made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

Alderman Mason questioned amending the agenda from the Special Call Board Meeting held on August 25, 2025, to remove Chief Jewell as the Code Enforcement Officer. Alderman Harris said this discussion was continued to this meeting since Chief Jewell was not at the meeting on August 25, 2025. Mayor Noeman said he would hire someone by the middle of next month. All Board members are to make the decision. Attorney Klepzig recommended making a motion to amend the September 22, 2025, agenda after the last item under New Business. Alderman Harris made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect the discussion from August 25, 2025, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed to amend the agenda passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

Adoption of the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025

Alderman Mason made a motion to adopt the Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

Alderman Rivers questioned the bids for the backhoe equipment. Lureatha Harris said the bids should be advertised in the newspaper on Thursday of this week, and the advertisement will run for about two weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Second Reading of a Food Truck Ordinance for the Town of Mason, TN**

Michael Harris with the Mason Task mentioned special events and rules, Lureatha Harris will contact Mr. Harris to follow up on the rules prior to the Mason Jubilee. Individuals will need their own insurance. Alderman Harris made a motion to accept the Second Reading of a Food Truck Ordinance for the Town of Mason, TN and the motion was 2nd by Vice Mayor Givhan: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

Resolution Awarding Climer Paving LLC., regarding Street Repairs for the quote presented on April 18, 2025, or August 22, 2025 – Voting Item

Mayor Noeman asked Mr. Clement for an explanation of the difference in the street bids presented on April 18, 2025, versus the bid presented on August 22, 2025. The bid on Charleston Mason Rd. had a difference of almost 61K, and the bid on Gainesville Ln. was about 43K difference. Mr. Clement said the scope of the work for the second bid was extended to 350ft. The bid on 8-22-25 for Charleston Mason Rd. was close to 80K and the bid on Gainesville Ln. was about 57K. The second bid on Charleston Mason Rd. was requested to go to the city limits.



The paint mark was 300ft. short and double lines were requested on Charleston Mason Rd. and that's twice the money. Alderman Rivers said she thought that lines were already included, and that includes the center line. Mr. Clement stated stripping was in the bid. Gainesville Ln. won't have a line because this would have to be subbed out. Mr. Clement said he bid on what was included in the bid packet. Mayor Noeman asked Mr. Clement if he could assist the Town with the fees. Mr. Clement brought the price down to \$134, 616.00 with no lines included.

Alderman Harris questioned leveling and patching before paving and asked what could be done about the line bringing the cost down to \$134, 616.00. Mayor Noeman is requesting repairs from Charleston Mason Rd. to the city limits. Alderman Rivers questioned the bids for the first time on April 18, 2025, which were 300ft. short. Mayor Noeman suggests a double-center line on Charleston Mason Rd. Mr. Clement said he could put a line down Gainesville Ln. for \$1,500.00. Mr. Clement agreed to charge \$130K plus \$1,500.00 = \$131,500 for the street repairs.

Alderman Mason requested that she wanted to have the minutes reflect that Mayor Noeman took Mr. Clement aside to discuss the contract against the advice of the Board and Attorney Klepzig.

Alderman Harris requested the number of square yards on the contract with a single white line on Gainesville Ln. and a double yellow line on Charleston Mason Rd. for the new contract with Climer Paving LLC. and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Catron: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

Mr. Clement will submit a new contract and hopefully will begin street paving in two weeks depending on the weather. The contract will be forwarded to Atty. Klepzig.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution approving the Banks, Finley, White & Co., Engagement Letter with the Town of Mason – Voting Item**

Mayor Noeman would like to finish the Audit by the end of the year. Alderman Harris mentioned getting caught up with the monthly financial statements for June, July, and August, and try to get the September financials. Alderman Harris made a motion to accept approving a Resolution approving Banks, Finley, White & Co., Engagement Letter with the Town of Mason, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

- **Resolution authorizing Board approval to open a new account for Core Civic transactions – Voting Item**

Mayor Noeman informed the Board that the State recommends a separate account for Core Civic transactions and doesn't want to mix this with other accounts. Mayor Noeman said the funds coming from ICE will be used for street paving, equipment repairs, for Town improvement and not for payroll. This would include equipment for both the Fire Department and the Police Department; this is a recommendation from the State Comptrollers. Alderman Harris questioned the authorized check signers, which would be the same check signers that we currently have, Mayor Noeman, Lureatha Harris, Alderman Carolyn Catron, and Norma Davis.



Vice Mayor Givhan mentioned verified approval through the State, and Alderman Rivers questioned having something in writing to look at to make a decision. Mayor Noeman said analysis and data will follow the transactions. Mayor Noeman said he would speak with the Comptrollers' on 9-23-25, to present an email, and an account needs to be opened to prevent mixing the funds. Alderman Harris said ICE cannot pay Core Civic directly and ICE must come before the Town first. Alderman Broadnax questioned who would have control over the money, and Mayor Noeman responded that the check signers, and this would be for transactions only. Mayor Noeman made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing Board approval to open a new account for Core Civic transactions, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 5-2 (Alderman Rivers and Alderman Broadnax voted no)

- **There are 8 CD's with around 369K in the account, would like to discuss combining the CD's to a total of 3 – Discussion Item**

Mayor Noeman said there are 8 CD's, and he would like to combine the small amount of CD's to a better rate. Mayor Noeman said he spoke with the Comptrollers, and they have a governmental account that can be given without penalties and can be given at a rate of 4.5 percent. Mayor Noeman said this could be discussed later after reviewing more information. Alderman Harris questioned receiving penalties if withdrawing early money. Mayor Noeman said he would provide additional information once received at the next Board meeting.

- **Resolution approving the Salary increase for the Mason Police Department – Voting Item**

Chief Jewell mentioned that the last salary increase he received was about three years ago and stated that the hospitalization insurance was too high. Chief Jewell explained the MOU for Core Civic and ICE to the Board. Mayor Noeman reported four or five cars sitting around in the Subdivision and called Lt. Antle. Once Lt. Antle was called, everyone left, and the people were not from Mason. Alderman Harris spoke about grants, Chief Jewell and Lt. Antle are applying for grants \$20K with THSO (Tennessee Highway Safety Office) through October 31, 2025. The grant is \$5K for equipment and \$15K for overtime, to prevent the Town from going into debt. The town will need to pay up front but will be reimbursed. There is a \$3,500.00 grant from Walmart for Community Outreach. This would assist with the Trunk or Treat for less fortunate kids and assist with bicycles or bibles for the kids at Christmas.

Alderman Rivers spoke about officers being capable but not certified. Chief Jewell said it's free through TELETA (Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy), classes take two to three months, but the officer must be hired first. Alderman Rivers mentioned having something in place if people are hired, they will need to repay the money back if they leave and suggested steps in the rate of pay. Attorney Klepzig said the Resolution was put together to be a bit more generalized to fit the Resolution. Lt. Antle mentioned hiring certified officers as a baseline, and the probationary period is one year. Lt. Antle suggests meeting the criteria and not wasting money to meet the criteria.



The proposals were to accept proposal #1 or #2, Attorney Klepzig informed the Board that they could approve the Resolution as amended. Mayor Noeman suggests proposal #2. Vice Mayor Givhan made a motion to approve the Resolution as amended with proposal #2, and strike proposal #1, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Broadnax to approve the salary increase for the Mason Police Department. Vote passed 7-0 (Alderman Harris said she preferred proposal #1 but voted for proposal #2. A copy of the proposals will be attached with the minutes.

Amend Agenda

Attorney Klepzig said at the beginning of the meeting it was requested to amend the agenda to remove Chief Jewell as the Code Enforcement Officer. Chief Jewell declined the position when asked by the Board. Alderman Harris made a motion to remove Chief Jewell as the Code Enforcement Officer and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Noeman was included in the vote)

REPORTS:

- **Finance Department Report**

Mayor Noeman said he would wait for the Board Meeting for the Finance Department Report and will provide answers for the Board.

- **Fire Department Report**

Acting Chief Wideman reported that they got the new fire truck. Alderman Rivers mentioned violations of ISO by getting rid of the pumper truck. **Alderman Catron left the meeting at 8:17pm.** Mayor Noeman said he was not going to keep spending money. Alderman Rivers said the Board did not approve it, and Mayor Noeman informed the Board that it was a swap. Alderman Rivers said no vote was made at the last meeting. Alderman Harris questioned who decided to do the swap and Mayor Noeman said he did. Lureatha Harris verified that no vote was made at the last meeting. Vice Mayor Givhan spoke about the Board mentioning an even swap, Mayor Noeman said he had a mechanic check out the pumper truck and he wanted to stop the bleeding of the Town.

Acting Chief Wideman said they had eighteen calls last year and needed a brush truck. Alderman Broadnax asked if the Fire Department have their certificates. Alderman Mason had a concern about medically qualified, certified personnel at the Fire Department 24/7. Alderman Mason said a constituent called the Fire Department at 9am in the morning, because they were having chest pains and had to call 911 because no one answered. Lt. Meyer said Hannah's hours are 9 to 5 and she's on call on the weekends manning the station. Lt. Meyer said Hannah responds with him on medical calls, and they are trying to get additional EMT's. Alderman Rivers questioned the pay for Hannah and Lt. Meyer said she makes \$16.50 per hour.



- **Parks & Public Works Department Report**

Mayor Noeman reported that Mr. Smith has got the equipment and materials to make repairs in the park. The grass is supposed to be cut and clean the ditches. Mayor Noeman said the backhoe is working properly now but was not certain for how long. Alderman Broadnax asked why does Mason have a Board, and Mayor Noeman go behind the Board back and do whatever he wants.

Alderman Broadnax left the meeting at 8:23pm

- **Police Department Report**

Report previously discussed in the meeting

CONSTITUENTS/CONCERNS: (2 minutes)

Margaret Adams asked why have they not gotten speed breakers, and potholes filled.

Mayor Noeman said it's coming.

Alderman Harris recommends getting jake brake signs showing do not use. Chief Jewell said TDOT makes them.

Michael Harris with the Mason Task Force, said the Mason Jubilee is about to be put on, and mentioned being approached by Mr. Earl Sheehan with the TN Dept. of Health at the last Farmers' Market about a week ago. Mr. Sheehan mentioned the setup and was pleased with the vegetables and produce and mentioned requirements and permits for hot foods being sold. The farm produce was good, but Mr. Sheehan spoke about the temperature for hot food being sold. The peanut brittle was accepted but required a label in case someone get sick, or has allergies, just making certain that they were educated. Food trucks require proper certifications to prevent being fined or shut down. Mr. Harris said he wants to find out the requirements through the city to be in compliance. Mayor Noeman mentioned a one-time event and food trucks having their permits and qualifications through the state. Lureatha Harris informed Mr. Harris that she would get with him to explain the rules. Mr. Harris said he would speak further at the next meeting. Mr. Harris suggested bringing in non-profits, churches, and bringing them to the table for conversations. Mayor Noeman said he got the materials for the electric.

Laloma Harris with the Mason Task Force spoke about hayrides for the Jubilee, so cars don't come across. Chief Jewell said he would handle that.

CLOSING PRAYER: Alderman Virginia Rivers

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Vice Mayor Givhan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris, all agreed (Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM)

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder