



**Town of Mason Mayor and Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:33PM**

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, Alderman Trowanna Broadnax, Alderman Carolyn Catron, Vice Mayor Reynaldo Givhan, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris

Others In Attendance: MPD Chief Richard Jewell, Lt. Marvin Norfolk, Officer Daniel Carter, Fire Chief Tanner Jenkins, Lt. Rose Mackey, Elaine Allen I/T and Benetra Harvey/IT

Visitors: Margaret Adams, Ruby Kelly, Chris Wolfe, William Treadway, Laloma Harris, Michael Harris, T. Ray Greer, Sylvester Harvey, Queisha Hennings, and Kenric Hennings

Items for Discussion

1. City Attorney

Attorney Clayton was absent and not in attendance due to the weather. Attorney Clayton is working pro bono for the Town, and Mayor Noeman recommends hiring a Municipal Attorney. Alderman Catron suggested tabling the discussion on Attorney Clayton, since he was unavailable, and the topic of the discussion, Alderman Rivers 2nd the motion to table the discussion and all agreed.

2. Fire Department

Mayor Noeman reported that Chief Jenkins is spending and wasting money and presented records from a “2018” expense report. Mayor Noeman said Chief Jenkins operates the Fire Department as a different entity because he’s the “HERO”.

Chief Jenkins informed Mayor Noeman and the Board that nothing is done without submitting copies, and emails to Mayor Noeman and the Board. Chief Jenkins said the expense report that was presented by Mayor Noeman was the same expense report, provided when Mayor Noeman came on board. Alderwoman Catron left the meeting around 8:13pm due to much chaos during the discussion. Chief Jenkins said he’s not allowed to purchase equipment, nor vendors. Chief Jenkins said invoices aren’t being paid in a timely manner, because Mayor Noeman picks and chooses. There are



obligations required through OSHA, and the Town will be held liable. Chief Jenkins said he had brought in \$569K in grant funding since “2020”, for the Fire Department and stated that there’s no Fire Auxiliary due to the chaos of Mayor Noeman’s position. Chief Jenkins said his position is salaried regardless of hours worked, and Lt. Mackey is not salaried.

Mayor Noeman left the meeting around 8:37pm, due to the ongoing differences within the discussion. Vice Mayor Givhan chaired the meeting upon Mayor Noeman’s departure. Chief Jenkins requested to receive his pay and requested a Hearing. Alderman Harris made a motion to give Chief Jenkins an opportunity to request a Hearing for anyone to speak on his behalf. Alderman Rivers recommends including in the motion that Chief Jenkins receives his pay for last week. Alderman Harris made a motion for a Hearing regarding Chief Jenkins and to remain on payroll, to get paid and have the opportunity to subpoena a witness/witnesses to speak on his behalf, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 5-0

Chief Jenkins informed the Board that he has not received any disciplinary actions in 8 years, and he’s received a threat in the last year under Mayor Noeman’s purview.

Gas Certifications (Per Chief Jenkins)

There is no one to call, and no information has been provided

If there is a gas leak a plan of operation is required

There are no documentations or certifications that can be validated

Unable to contact anyone, Central Dispatch needs this information, and the Public Works Director must be notified.

Chief Jenkins said he’s unable to validate any chain of command due to his employment situation. Vice Mayor Givhan spoke about the need for a plan of contingency.

Alderman Rivers informed the Board that they were being put in jeopardy.

****NO OTHER BUSINESS WILL BE DISCUSSED Until the Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting on January 27, 2025, at 6:30PM****

Closing Prayer: Alderman Virginia Rivers

Motion to Adjourn: Alderman Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 5-0 (meeting adjourned at 8:53pm)

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder

Reynaldo Givhan, Vice Mayor