



**Town of Mason Mayor & Board of Alderman Special Call Board Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 6:37PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Eddie Noeman

OPENING PRAYER: Vice Mayor Carolyn Catron

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Davis, Office Manager; Ronda & Cortez Hughey, Financial Consultants; Rick Jewell, Chief of Police; Lt. Marvin Norfolk, MPD; Rudolph Middlebrooks; Interim Public Works Director, Tyrone Gayden, James Lewis, April Adams, and Richard Marbry

VISITORS: Jennifer Donaldson, April Patton, Corey Bonds, and Roosevelt Poindexter

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2ND READING OF THE AMENDED BEER BOARD ORDINANCE**

Alderman Harris made a motion to accept the 2nd READING OF THE AMENDED BEER BOARD ORDINANCE, **but to exclude the second paragraph with corrections before passing**, and the motion was 2nd by Vice Mayor Catron: vote passed 5-1 (Alderman Toliver voted no)

The second paragraph stated (No permit shall be suspended revoked or denied on the basis of proximity of the establishment to a school, church, or other place of public gathering if a valid permit had been issued to any business on that same location unless beer is not sold, distributed, or manufactured at that location during any continuous six-month period. No permit shall be suspended revoked on the basis of proximity to a school or church or other place of public gathering if a valid permit has been issued prior to the adoption of this amended ordinance.



- **PUBLIC WORKS**

Report presented by Alderman Rivers and passed out to the Mayor and Board Alderman Rivers read the report out loud to everyone and requested that this be included in the minutes...Please see the attachment

Mayor Noeman said he videoed the footage of his building at 578 Highway 70, with water and sewer damage and passed it around for the Board to view. Mayor Noeman mentioned equipment and tools to monitor Public Works. Alderman Rivers recommends Public Works awareness or cameras if they can be afforded through finance. Alderman Chastain suggested placing neighborhood watch on the utility bills. Rudolph Middlebrooks spoke about gravity flow and suction. Mr. Marbry said the pump station elevator brings the things up to surface, and stated that the dirt is up to the ground. Mr. Marbry said the pump station need to be 12" above the ground. The Town is paying for the infiltration, and Mid-South Septic came out for the repairs. Alderman Rivers questioned what can be done to stop this, possibly place a barrier or strainer over the manholes. Alderman Toliver mentioned considering manhole locks or bars. Mr. Middlebrooks said the pump has a propellor, and stated that he's been locking everything down. Mr. Middlebrooks reported a bolt stripped in the lift station, and the system is not priming up. The old lift stations need to be refurbished. A customer voiced a complaint on Charleston Mason Rd. regarding on going water issues and the damages are due on behalf of the city. Mr. Middlebrooks said the whole lift station need to be replaced on Gainesville Rd., and Richland Hills. Mr. Marbry recommend that another pump is needed. Mr. Middlebrooks will check into lid covers, and said the blockage is coming from up stream. Mayor Noeman said he will ride with Mr. Middlebrooks tomorrow to look at the locations. Mr. Marbry said pumps are needed. Alderman Toliver made a motion for Mr. Middlebrooks to research the cost of manhole covers to present at the next Board Meeting, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Mason: vote passed 6-0

Billing

Alderman Toliver mentioned bills going out late to the constituents

Ongoing Concern with the same customer receiving a jet-out two to three times per month.



NEW BUSINESS:

- **BUSINESS OF THE TOWN**

Report presented by Alderman Rivers and passed out to the Mayor and Board
Alderman Rivers read the report out loud to everyone and requested that this be included in the minutes...Please see the attachment
Alderman Rivers said she is asking Mayor Noeman to cease and desist from his actions, stating that Finance and the Board knows the expectations of the Comptrollers.

Mayor Noeman

Mayor Noeman said the rules and regulations don't make sense
Mayor Noeman said at the Training with the Planning Members, January 21, 2023, was held inside government property, and it was an introduction of the Planning Members.
Mayor Noeman said, "**Mason First**" and spoke about not putting fear of the Comptrollers if we do the right thing.

Revising the Charter

Alderman Rivers recommend revising the Charter and look at changes to the Charter, by the next Board Meeting. Alderman Rivers said Mr. Neill advice was to revise the Charter. Mayor Noeman said he will look at the Charter and compare it with MTAS.

Alderman Rivers

Alderman Rivers said she wanted to be clear that this was not an attempt to move the Mayor out of office. She said she's asking Mayor Noeman to stop and work with the Board. Alderman Rivers said she would like to recommend that the Mayor will work with the Board.

Before the Meeting Adjourned

Alderman Toliver had a question with her hand raised, and Vice Mayor Catron asked Mayor Noeman to let her speak, and the Mayor replied "what you need." Afterwards Mayor Noeman said, "enough is enough" and walked out of the Meeting not allowing Alderman Toliver to ask her question.
I did not hear it on the recording because there was lots of screaming and yelling, however it was mentioned by several constituents and an Alderman that



Mayor Noeman used the term “Ghetto” when exiting the Meeting, leaving before the Meeting was adjourned. Alderman Toliver used profanity several times before the meeting was concluded. Vice Mayor Catron took over after Mayor Noeman left the Meeting.

*******NO OTHER BUSINESS WILL BE DISCUSSED*******

CLOSING PRAYER: Alderman Virginia Rivers

MOTION TO ADJOURN: There was no motion made for an adjournment, but the Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder