



**Town of Mason Mayor & Board of Aldermen
Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 16, 2021, 7:23PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Mayor Virginia Rivers

OPENING PRAYER: Vice Mayor Virginia Rivers

ROLL CALL: Mayor Emmit Gooden, Vice Mayor Virginia Rivers, Alderman Eddie Noeman, Alderman Sylvester Harvey, Alderwoman Carolyn Catron, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris
(Alderwoman Celia Chastain attended via conference call, and Alderwoman Shate' Toliver was absent)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Reva Marshall, Financial Officer; attended via conference call, and Matalée Hall, Public Works Director

- **WATER SYSTEM**

Mr. Hall reported high service pump problems. The costs of pricing for repairs are between \$35,000 to \$40,000 which would cover a motor, pump, and casing for Intown water services. The price includes a new motor and includes the amount of \$6,529.00 for the removal of the parts. If the system goes down, water cannot be produced. Mr. Hall prefer NWS (National Water Service, to perform the repairs. They performed work on all three wells in the past. Alderwoman Rivers suggested checking with the TML Poole regarding the \$227,000 that is available to the Town since this is an emergency. Ms. Marshall said she would check with the TML Poole regarding this, and if the Town can get the money back, the funds would be transferred back to the water account.

Vice Mayor Rivers made a motion to allow Mr. Hall to purchase a motor, casing, and pump for Intown water repairs, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harvey: vote passed 5-0

Mr. Hall reported that the Out-of-Town Booster Station requires a pump, control panel, and two motors, it makes a loud noise. Vice Mayor Rivers questioned if the cost of both repairs would be close to \$100,000.00 and Mr. Hall, replied yes. Mr. Hall recommend Cottrell Electric for the repairs at the Booster Station because they have provided repairs in the past.

The questioned was proposed whether the funds were available in the water account, and Ms. Marshall replied "yes" that the funds were available for repairs.

Vice Mayor Rivers made a motion to have the pump, control panel, and two motors repaired at the Out-of-Town Booster Station, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harvey: vote passed 5-0

Mr. Hall decided to go against the purchase of a new truck for the Public Works Department and make repairs to the In-Town and Out-of-Town water systems because this was an urgent matter.



Repairs at the Regulator Station in Richland Hills

Vice Mayor Rivers questioned repairs at the Regulator Station in Richland Hills, with repairs costing \$28,500.00. Mr. Hall said he submitted the report to Chief Jewell. Mayor Gooden asked if Ms. Davis, could get a copy of the incident report and submit it to Attorney Clayton.

- **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF MASON. (SECOND READING)**

Alderwoman Catron made a motion to accept **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES, FOR THE TOWN OF MASON**, and the motion was 2nd by Vice Mayor Rivers: vote passed 4-1 (**Alderman Noeman voted no**) **This was the SECOND READING**

- **WATER AND WASTEWATER INVESTIGATION**

Ms. Marshall emailed the Water and Wastewater Financing Board Investigative Questionnaire to the Board Members for review, and handouts were presented at the Board Meeting. The questionnaire was reviewed with the Mayor and Board by Ms. Marshall. On page #3 of the questionnaire, Section 7: (#4) Other Financial Information -Provide a written response to summarize the Town's current plan to pay back the debt between the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund. Ms. Marshall encouraged the Board Members to submit input for cuts In the General Funds Account. **The deadline for the Investigative Questionnaire is due by January 14, 2022.**

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Emmit Gooden

CLOSING PRAYER: Alderman Sylvester Harvey

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Alderman Harvey made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was 2nd by Alderwoman Catron: vote passed 5-0 (Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM)

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

Emmit Gooden, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder