

Council Meeting City Council  
145 S. Main  
Mason City, IL 62664  
February 23rd, 2026 6:00 P.M.

Call to order by Mayor Kevin Snyder at 6:00 P.M.

Council members physically present were Julie Mize, Scott Whitehead, Shari Klassen, Brian Durbin, Gerald Mahin, and Danny Mason. Treasurer Mike Griffin, Superintendent Don Osborn, Ben McCormick, Chief Sean Kelly and Clerk Michele Whitehead also attended the meeting. Guests present were Carson Harris, John and Vicky Bradshaw.

John Bradshaw addressed the Council regarding the revolving loan program. He is interested in applying for the revolving loan but he would like to request a larger amount than what the loan limit is. The current loan amount is topped at \$20,000 per loan. The fund has a limited amount available. Mr. Bradshaw would like a substantially larger amount. The Mayor and Council commented that they didn't want to tie up all or most of the funding in one loan and not have enough for others who may come in the future to request a loan. Mr. Bradshaw's request will be considered and discussed at a future meeting.

On another topic, Mr. Bradshaw brought an item being sold at gas stations that has potential addictive consequences. The product contains Kratom, which is a tropical tree from Southeast Asia. Kratom leaves contain two psychoactive ingredients. The leaves are often crushed and put into a tea like form or they are smoked. Mr. Bradshaw commented that he knows of someone who has had problems caused from Kratom and wanted to make the Council aware of its potential danger. The product is a legal product but has been banned in some communities. The Council and Police department will look into the issue and decide future action.

**R26-14** Alderman Klassen moved, seconded by Alderman Durbin to approve the minutes.

Ayes Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin, Mason

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Clerk Whitehead provided the Council with suggestions regarding raising fees for some services. Fees haven't been raised since 2018.

PEDDLERS PERMIT  
APPLICATION FEE \$15  
DAILY FEE \$20.00  
ANNUAL \$200.00

BUILDING & FENCE  
\$50.00

ZONING VARIANCE  
\$300.00

NEW WATER LINE SERVICE  
\$2500.00

NEW SEWER LINE SERVICE  
\$500.00

VIDEO GAMING

\$25.00 per machine annually

**R26-15** Alderman Klassen moved, seconded by Alderman Mason to approve the suggested fee schedule changes.

Ayes Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin, Mason

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

**R26-16** Alderman Klassen moved, seconded by Alderman Durbin to approve the contract overage in the amount of \$1600.00 for Hoerr construction.

Ayes Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin, Mason

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss 5ILCS (1) (5) PERSONNEL.

The regular meeting resumed at 6:45 p.m.

**R26-17** Alderman Mason moved, seconded by Alderman Mize to approve the hiring of Kyle McBride and James Stark as full time police officers.

Ayes Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin, Mason

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

**R26-18** Alderman Mize moved, seconded by Alderman Mason to approve a pay increase for Sean Kelly retroactive to his swearing in as Chief of Police on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Ayes Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin, Mason

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Michele L. Whitehead, City Clerk

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Kevin M. Syder, Mayor