

MALVERN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MALVERN CITY HALL
August 8, 2016 – 7 p.m.

The August 8, 2016, regular meeting of the Malvern City Council was called to order by Mayor Blackburn at 7:01 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, Malvern, Iowa.

Mayor Blackburn recognized the following **Councilmembers as present**: Bruce Breeding, Roger Johnson, and Kate McGann. Absent: Fred Moreau and Doug Shere. Visitors: three. A quorum exists. There was one request to address the Council. City Clerk Mary Poort was also present.

Following a discussion of several entries in the current expenditures and financial reports, McGann motioned to approve the **consent agenda**: Special Meeting – July 25, 2016 and Regular Meeting – July 11, 2016, and the Current Expenditures. Johnson seconded. All ayes; motion carried. Mayor Blackburn asked for a follow-up email to council members on the items in question.

Dwain Pelzer **addressed the Council** concerning the recent State directive to improve the 911 communications to 700 megahertz. Updating will be expensive, and a funding plan will be needed. Systems need to keep current with surrounding emergency units to support inter-communications.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

PeopleServiceReport by Howard Peterson who addressed the Council with a handout. A quote for the radio signal and a dialer system for tower controls proved to be too expensive. Other options will be explored. Difficulty in checking the tower level and pressure gives rise to looking at some type of alarm/dialer for low level and pressure. Cost of a drain valve for the tower will also be explored. Hydrants were flushed on August 3-4, and some flushing the prior week due to water discoloration complaints. Analytical reports from the TTHM's and HAA5 tests taken in July were available in a handout. Nitrates levels proved lower than 2015. October and November of 2016 are slated for lead testing. Mayor Blackburn stated that the fire department needs to know if tower levels are low.

Water Quality: Mayor Blackburn read a section from an Iowa DNR correspondence dated 10-21-15 regarding treatment for water discoloration. Discussion followed: automatic flushers, treatment plant, old mains, removal of iron and manganese from source water. A tour of water infrastructure will be conducted by Peterson for Councilmembers Breeding and Johnson and City Clerk Poort.

Moving Forward on the **Water Project**: McGann motioned to resume selection of an engineer for the preliminary work and for the Water Committee to move forward. Seconded by Johnson. All ayes; motion carried.

Street Superintendent Report prepared by Dave Hoose, read by City Clerk Poort: Work orders as listed: RAGBRAI prep, setup, and clean-up; Repairs: pantry light of Liberty Building, Library office light and basement lights, mower repair and equipment maintenance, Boehner Park tire removal and clean-up, three property abatements; citizen work orders, gravel and grade alleys, and patch various potholes. City Hall parking lot to be blocked off for Omaha Mustang Club Car Show as additional activity for September 9th's final Friday Night Market Series.

Pedaler's Jamboree, August 27-28, 2016: Traffic control at West 5th Street/Wabash Trace Trail intersection – Mayor Blackburn and Street Department will put up signs/barricades to slow traffic. Items of discussion: staging flatbed trailer, electricity, water, trash, recycle, vendors, downtown businesses contacts. Storm shelter, EMS, Sheriff's Department contacts are to be made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by McGann, second by Breeding to approve **Resolution 2016-26:** Adopting and Approving Tax Compliance Procedures Relating to Tax-Exempt Bonds. All ayes; motion carried.

Post-RAGBRAI Discussion: 7 p.m., Wednesday, August 10 meeting at Classic Café. Mayor Blackburn complimented the committees and volunteers, as well as the logo design. Balancing the revenue and expense is in progress.

All-Star City Awards Banquet: The City of Malvern is being honored as an All-Star City Award winner sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities. The Awards Ceremony is to be held at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, Des Moines, Iowa, September 15, 6-8 p.m. City Clerk Poort will respond to the RSVP for everyone.

NEW BUSINESS: Expansion of City **Two-Mile Extraterritorial Zoning Authority** – Discussion placed this item as a topic of interest and perhaps some goals for the future as the County and City work toward comprehensive development updates and zoning reviews and updates.

Motion by McGann, second by Johnson to approve **Resolution 2016-25:** Certifying City Charges with Mills County – John Douglas, 202 East 4th Street. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by McGann, seconded by Breeding to approve **Resolution 2016-28:** Certifying City Charges with Mills County – Zoticus Land Holding, 301 East 3rd Street. All ayes; motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Blackburn appointed Malvern Planning & Zoning Board Chairperson Vicki Drews and himself to the **Zoning Review Committee**. They will serve as meeting representatives for the County Comprehensive Development Plan. Meetings start September 8th, with follow-up meetings in November and December. The City Clerk was asked to find a copy of the last Malvern Comprehensive Plan for future decision-making.

Water Committee Appointments: The Water Committee is now Roger Johnson and Bruce Breeding.

City-Wide Organizational Meeting: Mayor Blackburn addressed the **Costello Grant** application process, with deadline of September 1, 2016. Two representatives from the various entities were involved in a round-table discussion to gain some consensus on Saturday, July 30th. An agenda had been posted and minutes are available at City Hall.

Possibilities of moving **City Hall** were discussed.

PROJECT/MEETING UPDATES:

CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Project: A letter requesting an extension was sent July 29, 2016, for the 509 Marion Avenue house.

Downtown Iowa Great Places Grant: Recent news reports that our City of Malvern has received the Iowa Great Places Grant sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council/Department of Cultural Affairs. Malvern is to receive

\$292,000 for streetscaping and public art transformation projects. An initial meeting is scheduled, with much planning and work for the future.

Source Water Protection Meeting: Councilmember Johnson has contacted landowners involved in the Source Water Protection meeting to be held August 24, 2016.

NUISANCE DISTRICT UPDATES: July 12 – August 8, 2016

District#1: Doug Shere: absent; abatement and certifications as stated above.

District#2: Roger Johnson: discussion on funding nuisance abatement.

District#3: Kate McGann: 510 West 2nd – city abatement on 8-2-16; Lots 7-10 (90 5th Avenue) – weeds & grass extension until 8/8/16. Discussion: Property owners are responsible for the ditch weeds.

District#4: Bruce Breeding: no report.

District #5: Fred Moreau: absent.

McGann motioned to **adjourn**. There being no further business, Mayor Blackburn closed the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Michael K. Blackburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Poort, City Clerk