

**MALVERN CITY COUNCIL**  
MINUTES OF WATER WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING  
MALVERN CITY HALL  
August 7, 2017 – 3:45 p.m.

The August 7, 2017 Water Workshop/Special Meeting of the **Malvern City Council** was called to order by Mayor **Blackburn** at 3:49 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, Malvern, Iowa.

Mayor Blackburn recognized the following **Councilmembers as present**: Bruce Breeding, Roger Johnson, Kate McGann, and Doug Shere. Absent: Fred Moreau; Visitors: seven. City Clerk Mary Poort was also present.

Discussion involved an application by the Park Board for the **Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant** which would provide additions to the Boehner Pond Park, highlight being a walking trail around the pond. Land acquisition to legally provide a connecting trail from the Wabash Trace Nature Trail to the proposed walking trail was suggested by Mayor Blackburn as a modification to the grant application. The Grant is to be submitted by August 15, 2017. McGann motioned to approve the grant application as modified. Johnson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

**Malvern Water Project**: Discussion involved review of the GMU/Malvern Water Committee meeting of July 31, 2017 handout, information, and findings: life span alternative comparisons, treatment plant, pipeline, 2.8% USDA rate using life cycle cost analysis, monthly charge to customers, impact to average user, funding of project, next generation, need for level playing field, two systems with different life spans, funding plan for future upgrading of GMU facilities.

Further discussion involved answering prepared questions from Malvern: 8" water main, USDA funding, master meter at four-corners, \$4.15/thousand, costs, setting rates, declining rate schedules, large and small users, equipment replacement, major repairs, features like softening to remove iron, peak demands, pressure zones, budget: depreciation accrual method, sample agreement from USDA, contract model, fair and equitable language in an agreement, discussions with the County Board of Supervisors, serving more houses, water main built, constructed and dedicated to GMU, main flushing locates, owning a line, covering costs from set-aside funds, 2.8% increase factored in over the life of the system.

A brief discussion of pros and cons was heard from JEO Engineer Blake Birkel and Olmsted & Perry Engineer Jim Olmsted. Other discussion involved Malvern and GMU water treatment needs being different, aspects of 8" line vs. 12" line, longevity of wells in this area, Missouri bottom wells, life expectancy, DNR, IEDA, CDBG, USDA involvement.

Visitors exited the meeting at 5 p.m. The Council and City's JEO water project engineer visited about the proposed water partnership's long-term professional relationship, contract, rates, costs, and increases. Mayor Blackburn requested that at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council members should give him what needs to be said and asked at the County Board of Supervisors meeting on August 15.

**'Monday Morning Main Street Bridge Rehabilitation Report'** from HGM engineers and Crain Construction was reviewed: 18% done, \$5,000 change order—crack discovery and \$7,600 signage subcontract.

McGann motioned to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Michael K. Blackburn, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Mary Poort, City Clerk