

Special City Council Meeting
City of Malvern, Iowa - Malvern City Hall
September 27, 2017 - 7 p.m.

The September 27, 2017, Special Meeting of the Malvern City Council was **called to order by Mayor Mike 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, Kate McGann, Fred Moreau, and Doug Shere absent—arriving at 7:12 p.m. City Clerk Mary Poort was also present. There were five visitors present, with special guests: Blake Birkel, Richard Crouch, Jodi Hilsabeck, and Steve Robinette—PeopleService.

Richard Crouch, Mills County Board of Supervisor, was recognized to speak as a community presenter. Concern was addressed with the **water flow in the alley between Main Street and 2nd Avenue** at the 4th Street intersection, more specifically between Cisco's Service and the Nishna Productions Group Home. New asphalt had been layered on the alley this summer causing a change in the water run-off. Mayor Blackburn suggested the October 9, 2017, Council meeting can address this issue further.

Mayor Blackburn introduced out of order: A new address was discussed for the Malvern Depot, now serving as a Bed & Bath. Upon a briefing by City Clerk Poort and viewing a Mills County Beacon map, McGann motioned to approve RESOLUTION 2017-33 stating the **new address for the Malvern Depot as 305 West 5th Street**, now serving as a Bed & Bath, operated by SWINT. Johnson seconded. Ayes—Johnson, Breeding, McGann, Moreau; absent—Shere. Motion carried.

Jodi Hilsabeck, Technical Assistance Provider, Midwest Assistance Program, explained services that are available with her assistance. Shere arrived. Blake Birkel, JEO Engineer, summarized benefits and review of information previously discussed in prior Council meetings regarding the **Water Project alternatives**.

Much discussion involving all persons present took place; whereupon, Mayor Blackburn presented the question on how to proceed with the Water Project. Moreau motioned for the City of Malvern to move forward with **building a City water plant**. Shere seconded. Blackburn called for any more discussion. Brief comments were heard; whereupon Mayor Blackburn called for a roll call vote to complete the tentative motion. Johnson—aye, Shere—aye, Breeding—aye, McGann—nay, Moreau—aye. Motion carried.

Jodi Hilsabeck received **suggestions on services through Midwest Assistance**: 1) Find similar facilities, with similar population, to explore contractor costs and any recommendations. 2) Explore income survey and what MHI percentage is best for rural development loan.

Comments on non-agenda items involved a reminder of the 9:45 a.m., Thursday, **presentation on the Loess Hills Restoration in China** by Renowned Filmmaker John Liu, at East Mills High School. Poort displayed a 'Key to the City of Malvern' to be presented to Mr. Liu by Mayor Blackburn.

Moreau motioned to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the **meeting was adjourned at 8:19**.

Michael K. Blackburn, Mayor

ATTEST:
Mary Poort, City Clerk