

MALVERN CITY COUNCIL
Malvern, Iowa
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2020 – 7 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE TELECONFERENCE PHONE: 978-990-5201 Access code: 359327#

In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this regular meeting of the Malvern City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical. Refer to April 13, 2020 meeting minutes for explanation of the COVID-19 meeting specifics.

The May 11, 2020 regular meeting of the **Malvern City Council was called to order by Mayor Fred Moreau** at 7:00 p.m., TELECONFERENCE PHONE: 978-990-5201 Access code: 359327#, Malvern, Iowa. Mayor Moreau recognized the following **Councilmembers as present:** Chris Androy, Bruce Breeding, Roger Johnson, Kate McGann, Doug Shere. Absent: none. A quorum was recognized. Three City Departments were represented: Dave Hoose and Jill Smith; Howard Peterson joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m. City Clerk Mary Poort was also present. Mayor Moreau welcomed visitors and called for any non-agenda public presenters; there being none.

McGann motioned to approve the **Consent Agenda:** tentative agenda, regular meeting minutes of April 13, 2020, and special meeting minutes of April 20, 2020, **Mulholland Grocery Store liquor license renewal**, pending DRAM insurance, **Casey's tobacco permit renewal**, current expenditures, and place on file minutes of Library Board of Trustees—May 4, 2020. Johnson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES: PeopleService Report—1) April 2020 report was provided: WATER: hydrants scheduled to be flushed this week. MidAmerican restored power to east well. Water Project: force main from well site to manhole in town, plus six-inch water main on 3rd Avenue in the ground. Water Quality Report has been posted (CCR). Nitrates higher than last month; lower than a year ago, within range. WASTEWATER: power issues at lift station, bad float main breaker disconnect, pump 2 pulling high amps causing trip-out almost daily. Pump has been rebuilt several times; looking into pricing new pump. **Howard Peterson** joined the meeting: 2) Zero-read meters were addressed. McGann requested a history on meters cited for June's meeting. Houser residential meter now working. 3) Pump rebuild at pool—streets department to pull and Howard to bench work 5/12/20. 4) IDNR-required compliance strategy for lagoon (ammonia and E. coli limits) plus engineer proposals were reviewed. Consensus was to move forward with Steve Perry/Olmsted & Perry Consulting Engineers, Inc., who designed the lagoon system and has an overall history.

Street Superintendent—Dave Hoose—April handout presented daily and general work. Discussion: asphalt work on post office area, gutter edge on Main Street, library parking, Prospect, Williams subdivision—owe \$4,000, 8th/Main, East 4th/5th, etc. scheduled for early June, \$68,000 with Affordable Asphalt.

Park Board Report –Board Chair Jill Smith. Topics of discussion: Personal-brick wall masonry at Boehner Park Miller Field to be complete this week. Banners are displayed and grass has been mowed by Agriland. Boehner Pond re-opened for camping with Governor lifting restrictions with limits. Pool prep duties: rehab vandalism, pump rebuild—streets department to pull pump and Howard to pull it apart 5-12-20, outlet replacement—Dave, installation of Chemtrol flow switch, acid pump—AquaChem, drained pool—streets department, will remove lifeguard chair. Pool ready date: end of May; COVID-19 may play havoc with opening schedule.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion was held on the **replacement of lower west roofs (NW/SW corners) of the Liberty Memorial Community Building** due to repeated leaks during melting snow and spring rains. The Liberty Memorial Building Board met to finalize bids with RL Craft this morning, with \$16,420 to come from their budget before June 30, 2020 fiscal year end.

McGann motioned to approved ash gray with polar-white roof and trim for the **water treatment plant building colors.** Shere seconded. All ayes; motion carried. Water tower colors, with more choices, will be considered at the next meeting on June 8, 2020.

Johnson motioned to approve **McCarthy Trenching Pay Application #1**, including pipe costs, for \$91,906.80. Shere seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion resulted in a motion by Shere to **survey the Chantry soccer field** into four single-family residential lots. Breeding seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

McGann motioned to ask MABA for a plan, written proposal, minutes of undertaking, and diagram for restoring the **Malvern vintage arrow sign**. Androy seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: McGann motioned to approve mayoral recommendation of **Library Board nomination** of John Blasingame to fill a vacancy on Library Board of Trustees for term ending 6/2022. There was lack of second due to mayoral unfamiliarity with nominee; motion died.

PROJECT/MEETING UPDATE: CORONAVIRUS: Cases in Mills County remain low, yet Iowa's totals flourish, with available testing. Malvern Rescue's Facebook Page lists a credible website for current information. WATER TREATMENT PLANT: **McGann motioned to approve bond attorney invoices** \$9,600 and \$15,400 for work on interim funding and advanced to interim funding. Shere seconded. All ayes; motion carried. FEMA: street renovation project—Shere and Hoose reported recent work to secure bids from three companies for asphalt/chips/seal for 13 areas on streets in 2019 spring-flooded areas. The project may be split into smaller projects depending on bidder figures. **Shere motioned to set a public hearing for BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 FY20** for May 26, 2020, at 7 p.m. via TELECONFERENCE PHONE: 978-990-5201 Access code: 359327#. Androy seconded. All ayes; motion carried. Notice of Public Hearing will be published in 5/14/2020 edition of Malvern Leader. CENSUS: Malvern self-response to date is 62.2%; more coverage needed, possibly bank screen. ANNEXATION: voluntary process started; future meeting proposed. To be on June's agenda. WELLMARK HEALTHY HOMETOWN: Mayor Moreau will contact Dr. Lancial for next update. 2020 MALVERN CITY ORDINANCES: need to continue meetings with SWIPCO.

NUISANCE DISTRICT UPDATES: April 14, 2020 – May 11, 2020 District#1: Bruce Breeding: 602 Lincoln Avenue complaint filed with research underway. 610 Lincoln Avenue: final option to present garage plan to Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment or owner/city abatement of junk/junk vehicles per ordinance. District#2: Roger Johnson: City-owned parcel 90 2nd Avenue—asbestos bids underway; Post Office, 202 W. 4th Street—storage container, letter sent. 952/99 2nd Avenue--Tyler Buckner, junk/junk vehicles, building without permit, storage on parcel with no title, all needs to be removed, lawyer to serve ultimatum. District#3: Kate McGann: 905 N 2nd Avenue, Barbara Aldrich—Arborist concern with soil compaction of roots and tree health; long-term fix needed; options: removal of sidewalk or removal of trees. **McGann motioned to send a letter to landowner** for consideration of trees removal with replacement of sidewalk to alleviate danger unless another plan is prompted by the owner, all assessed to property owner. Androy seconded. All ayes; motion carried. District #4: Chris Androy: Gary Hardman parcel, 706 3rd Avenue—City-owned to date. Sale process questioned. Commercial dumpsters on residential properties contacted and most cleared. Storage containers on residential properties—211 West 11th Street on wheels—garage building permit requested. District#5: Doug Shere: no complaints. Upon mayoral written complaint, letter to address four-wheelers and dirt bikes racing down Main Street nightly.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with a motion by Johnson at 9:41 p.m.

Fred A. Moreau, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Poort, City Clerk