

MALVERN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Malvern City Hall – 100 W 5th Street

The January 11, 2022 regular meeting of the Malvern City Council was **called to order** by Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Shere was present virtually. Council members present were Androy, Breeding, Lidgett, and West. Also in attendance were Joe George, Dave Hoose, Rebecca Bassich, Jill Smith, Ardeth Henderson, Mary Beth Costello, Natalie Lancial, Lindsey Sayers, and Mackenzie Bandow. Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson recognized visitors seeking to address the Council. Lancial, Sayers, and Bandow presented the opportunity of applying for a Downtown Housing Grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority. SWIPCO would apply for the grant on behalf of the City. The grant would require a match to be paid by the property owner. The proposed project at 321 Main Street would be eligible for up to \$300,000 and would be used to create a two-bedroom and two-bathroom apartment in the rear of the building. Lancial and Sayers previously received a variance for the City to allow for first story housing in the Downtown Commercial District (C-2). Androy motioned to approve the **Consent Agenda** consisting of the January 11, 2022 tentative Council meeting agenda, December 20, 2021 Council meeting minutes, direction to place Malvern Park Board meeting minutes on file, December 2021 Treasurer's and Claims Report, and approval of liquor license for Little Creek, LLC pending dram shop approval. Seconded by Breeding. All ayes; motion carried.

Departmental Reports: PeopleService report was postponed until later in the meeting. Street Superintendent Hoose provided a report of the department's work during the month of December. The report consisted of maintenance and burning of the brush pile, downtown and parks maintenance, clearing Main Street to open following the Mulholland Building fire, repairs to snow equipment, and laying down salt and sand during the December 31 freezing rain event. No report from the Park Board. Library Director Bassich provided a circulation report consisting of 250 patron visits with 2 new patrons. Material checked out included 178 books, 11 DVDs, 12 puppets, 6 VHS, 11 magazines, and 16 interlibrary loans. Director Bassich informed the Council of a bat problem in the Carnegie portion of the library. Androy motioned to approve the expenditure totaling \$1,250.00 to have the bats removed once their hibernation period is complete. Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried.

New Business: West motioned to approve the City's application for the Downtown Housing Grant on behalf of Sayers and Lancial, LLC. Seconded by Breeding. All ayes; motion carried. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2022-01** certifying charges to the County Treasurer for a property located at 709 3rd Avenue. Seconded by Breeding. All ayes; motion carried. Androy motioned to reschedule the February 14, 2022 Council meeting to February 7, 2022. Seconded by Lidgett. All ayes; motion carried. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2022-02** setting the FY2023 Budget Max Levy public hearing for February 7, 2022. Seconded by Breeding. All ayes; motion carried. Androy motioned to approve the FY2023 Law Enforcement Contract with Mills County Sheriff's Department. Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Shere detailed the areas he would like to focus on during his term. Mayor Shere recommended Breeding as Liberty Board Liaison, Androy as Park Board Liaison, and Lidgett as Library Board Liaison. Breeding motioned to approve the recommendation for

Board Liaisons for 2022. Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried. Mayor Shere recommended West as Clerks Department Head and Johnson as Streets Department Head. Androy motioned to approve the recommendation for Department Heads for 2022. Seconded by Lidgett. All ayes; motion carried. Mayor Shere recommended the appointment of Johnson as Mayor Pro Tempore in accordance with Malvern Code of Ordinances Title 2, Chapter 2, Section 2. Androy motioned to approve the appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore for 2022. Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried. Breeding motioned to add Mayor Douglas Shere, Mayor Pro Tempore Roger Johnson, Clerk Joe George, and Deputy Clerk Kathy Anderson as signatories to the City accounts at Malvern Bank. Seconded by Johnson. All ayes; motion carried. Mayor Shere recommended appointment of Councilors to Nuisance Abatement Districts. Breeding to District 1, Johnson to District 2, West to District 3, Androy to District 4, and Lidgett to District 5. Androy motioned to approve the recommendations. Seconded by Johnson. All ayes; motion carried. Androy motioned to reappoint Stephanie Butler to the Malvern Park Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2024. Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried. West motioned to reappoint Lance Dalton to the Malvern Park Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2024. Lidgett seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Superintendent Peterson provided a report consisting of the work that needs to be completed at the water treatment plant. This included a communication issue between the Sweeney and Kurita control panels, inadequate facility heating, and a connectivity issue between Well 11 and the water treatment plant. A site walkthrough is scheduled for January 12, 2022 at 2 p.m. with JEO and Building Crafts, Inc. Superintendent Peterson also informed the Council of a residential sewer back up caused by roots blocking the sewer main on Lincoln between Lambert and E 2nd Street. The main was jetted, cleaned with a root saw, and scoped via camera. Video confirmed significant root infiltration into the clay sewer main. Superintendent Peterson is recommending replacement of approximately 400 feet of sewer main and is seeking bids on the cost per previous Council decision.

Project/Meeting Updates: Closeout for FEMA Project PW#00037 is nearing completion. No further report was given on the water treatment plant.

Clerk's Report: Council was encouraged to attend an upcoming official's training on February 3, 2022 in Oakland.

Mayor and Councilmember Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items: Discussion was held on a request to rezone parcels located on Wabash Trace Street located in the Fairview Hills Subdivision.

Breeding motioned to **adjourn the meeting** at 8:45 p.m. Androy seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Roger Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

Joe George, City Clerk