

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

The February 22, 2022 regular meeting of the Malvern City Council was **called to order** by Mayor Shere at 7:02 p.m. Council members present were Androy, Breeding, Lidgett, and West. Also in attendance were Joe George, Howard Peterson, Jill Smith, Cheryl Jones, Rebecca Bell, Natalie Lancial, and Stephanie Bowden. Councilwoman Androy and Kelsey Peterson were present by phone. Peterson with Schroer and Associates presented the City of Malvern's audit for FY2021. She explained that the City ran a deficit of \$388,512 for FY2021 due to the construction of the water treatment plant. These funds had been received in a previous fiscal year but spent in FY2021. Bowden presented on behalf of the Malvern Area Betterment Association. She discussed the City's intention to move the Bike Tree that had been removed from the pocket park following the fire at Mulholland Grocery. The tree was constructed and placed utilizing grant funds that stipulated the tree's placement in the downtown corridor. MABA requested to part of the discussion regarding where the tree would be placed once it is repaired. Water Superintendent Peterson provided a departmental report consisting of discussion of a water main that burst on February 18, 2022 on Main Street. The cause was unknown but resulted in a tennis ball sized hole in the main. Peterson explained that this is the 6th break of the water main since 1999 and he believes that City received defective pipe for the original installation. Peterson suggested the City replace the entire water main the next time Main Street is replaced or undergoes major repair. Peterson also reported that he has been working with Olmstead and Perry to ensure the City remains in compliance with its NPDES permit and that 2 pumps at the lift station on Marion Avenue failed and had to be replaced. Breeding motioned to approve the **Consent Agenda** consisting of the February 22, 2022 tentative agenda, February 7, 2022 Council meeting minutes, direction to place Malvern Public Library board meeting minutes and expenditures on file from January 10, 2022, and direction to place Malvern Park Board meeting minutes on file from February 7, 2022. Seconded by Lidgett. All ayes; motion carried.

New Business: Mayor Shere called the FY2023 maximum property tax levy public hearing to order at 7:36 p.m. He recognized the February 3, 2022 publication of notice in the Malvern Leader. The city clerk reported no verbal or written objections filed at City Hall. Mayor Shere asked for objections, statements, and/or exhibits for Council consideration; there being none. The public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Shere. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2022-04** setting the maximum property tax dollars at \$395,495.00 from affected levies for FY2023. Seconded by Breeding. All ayes; motion carried. West motioned to approve **Resolution 2022-05** authorizing the city clerk to process an internal funds transfer. All ayes; motion carried. Discussion was held on honoring the initial intent of the downtown streetscaping grant and the Bike Tree's location. Breeding motioned to table a decision on relocation until receiving a recommendation from a group consisting of Park Board, City Council, and MABA members. Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried. Lidgett motioned to direct the city clerk to seek a bid from USW Utility Group to operate the City's water and wastewater system. Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried. Discussion was held on the job description and publication for street laborer position. Androy motioned to approve the updated job description and publication of job posting with a pay rate between \$16.50 and \$18.00 per hour. Seconded by Lidgett. All

ayes; motion carried. Discussion was held on continuing to operate the City's burn site on private property. Further discussion is needed to determine a new site and rules for the burn site.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Shere reported that he has been in contact with Todd Benton and he was interested in annexation. Discussion was held on who would be responsible to 315th Street if the City were to annex both sides of the road.

Project/Meeting Updates: No progress has been made on the project closeout for the FEMA Flooded Road Project. Building Crafts, Inc continues to move towards completion of the project punch list at the water treatment plant. JEO stated that they were working on a shade study for the radio repeater tower to determine if anything is needed to prevent the Sweeney panel from overheating.

Budget Workshop Update: Discussion was held on FY2023 Departmental budgets. Breeding motioned to set the public hearing for FY2023 proposed budget to March 14, 2022. Seconded by Androy. All ayes; motion carried.

Nuisance District Updates:

A nuisance abatement notice was issued to 110 E 5th after City Hall received complaints of a dog that was consistently left outside barking. No update was given for 107 2nd Avenue. A nuisance at 95 2nd Avenue was abated upon receiving notice. An inventory is still needed for a property at 97 3rd Avenue before a notice can be sent.

Breeding motioned to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Seconded by Lidgett. All ayes; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Douglas Shere, Mayor

Joe George, City Clerk