

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

The March 14, 2022 regular meeting of the Malvern City Council was **called to order** by Mayor Shere at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Androy, Johnson, Lidgett, and West. Also in attendance were Joe George, Howard Peterson, Dave Hoose, Jill Smith, Rebecca Bassich, John Blasingame, and Natalie Lancial. Lancial presented to Council the opportunity to host a Bike Safety Rodeo on April 23, 2022. Lancial also discussed with Council a plan to place banners with Veterans' names on them on the downtown lamp posts for Veterans Day. Lancial presented a proposal to develop a safe route to school beginning at 9th and Main Streets to the school. The two routes consisted of building a sidewalk down the west side of Main Street and crossing in front of the school or replacing sidewalks along 9th Street up to Marion Avenue and north to the school. Council expressed concern about the potential danger of utilizing a route along Main Street due to heavy traffic. Johnson motioned to approve the **Consent Agenda** consisting of the March 14, 2022 tentative Council meeting agenda, February 22, 2022 Council meeting minutes, February 2022 Claims and Treasurer's reports, direction to place Malvern Public Library Board minutes and expenditures on file from February 7, 2022, direction to place Malvern Park Board meeting minutes on file from March 8, 2022, and approval of Class C Beer Permit Application, pending dram shop approval, for Westcal LLC. Seconded by Androy. All ayes; motion carried.

Departmental Reports: Superintendent Peterson provided a report for February consisting of an update on the Main Street water main break, water tower overflow, and reestablishing well head protection boundary. The report also included 976,000 gallons of billed usage. Peterson will reach out to Driver Plumbing, LTD to follow up on a bid request for replacing a portion of sewer main on Lincoln Avenue. Discussion was held on allowing Dollar General to hook a private service line onto the City's water system. Peterson recommended to allow access with the stipulation that Dollar General must place a curb stop and flow meter adjacent to the tap so the City would not absorb the cost if a break were to occur between 14th Street and the store on Janke Avenue. Androy motioned to accept Peterson's recommendation. Seconded by Lidgett. All ayes; motion carried. Street Superintendent Hoose presented a report consisting of preparing and opening City parks for the season, hauling gravel for new campsites at Boehner Pond, and snow removal during 3 weather events during February and early March. Hoose also reported that he had reached out to Affordable Asphalt for bids on street repair. Park Board Chairman Smith asked the City to contact IDNR related to the water level in Boehner Pond. Smith also stated that the Park Board would be submitting a block party application out for May 20, 2022 to close 4th Street between the car wash and Main Street. Library Director Bassich presented a circulation report consisting of 271 patrons using the library with 86 attending library programs, 196 WiFi uses, 98 book rentals, 23 puppets and 35 VHS checked out. The total for items checked out was 165. Bassich also reported that Stouder Plumbing had replaced the flush valve kits on 3 toilets at the library due to leaks.

New Business: Mayor Shere opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed FY2023 Budget at 7:55 p.m. Public notice was placed in the Malvern Leader on March 3, 2022 and no written or verbal objections have been submitted to City Hall. Mayor Shere called for objections, statements, and/or exhibits for Council consideration; there being none. Mayor Shere closed the public

hearing at 7:56 p.m. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2022-06** approving the FY2023 Annual Budget. Seconded by Lidgett. All ayes; motion carried. Johnson motioned to approve **Resolution 2022-07** certifying charges to Mills County Treasurer for an unpaid water bill. Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2022-08** setting the date of public hearing for the sale of Malvern Pocket Park to March 29, 2022. Seconded by Johnson. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Shere recommended Vicki Drews to fill a vacant seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 5-year term ending December 31, 2026. Androy motioned to approve the nomination. Seconded by Lidgett. All ayes; motion carried. No update was provided on annexation north of Malvern along 315th Street. Mayor Shere provided an update on acquiring land to operate a yard waste site in Malvern. Androy motioned to approve an application for Request for Assistance (FEMA DR-4642-IA). Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried.

Project/Meeting Updates: There has been no change on the status of project closeout for FEMA Flooded Roads-91871. JEO notified the City that the shade study has been completed for the repeater tower at the water treatment plant and materials to complete that item were 6-8 weeks out. Sweeney is working to complete the panel for the repeater tower. A meeting will be held with PeopleService representatives on the FY2023 contract on March 18, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Malvern City Hall. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2022-09** adopting policies, rules, and regulations during the performance of the CDBG-DR grant. Seconded by Lidgett.

Clerk's Report: Discussion was held on getting an awning placed above two doors on the Liberty Memorial Building. Johnson motion to table discussion until the March 29, 2022 meeting. Seconded by West. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor and Councilmember Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items: Discussion was held on Spring nuisance abatements. Council requested a letter be sent to the insurance companies for Mulholland Grocery and Moreau Bakery in order to get Main Street fully opened.

West motioned to **adjourn** the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Seconded by Johnson. All ayes; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Joe George, City Clerk

Douglas Shere, Mayor