

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

The April 10, 2022, regular meeting of the Malvern City Council was **called to order** by Mayor Douglas Shere at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Chris Androy, Amber Lidgett, and Heather West. Also in attendance were Dave Hoose, Jill Smith, Jackie Cser, and Joe George. Mayor Shere recognized visitors seeking to address the Council. Jackie Cser was present to request Council permission to place a driveway in the right-of-way off Main Street. Discussion was held on the limited line of sight from the intersection if a driveway is placed there. Androy motioned to approve the **Consent Agenda** consisting of the April 10, 2023 tentative Council meeting agenda, March 28, 2023 Council meeting minutes, decision to place Malvern Library Board minutes and expenditures on file from March 6, 2023, and approval of claims and treasurers reports for March 2023. Seconded by West. Androy, West, and Lidgett voted aye; motion carried.

**Departmental Reports:** Street Superintendent Hoose provided a street report for March 2023 consisting of alley grading and graveling, hauling rock, various sign replacement, downtown street clean up, brush pile maintenance, and preparing T&N Park for Easter egg hunt. Park Board President Smith provided parks report for March 2023 consisting of Lisa Olsen’s resignation from Park Board, information on April 29<sup>th</sup> park clean up, issues with the gutter on the north side of the pool, and information about the Birds and Bees bike ride on May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Androy motioned to **hire Katie Riibe on a two-year seasonal contract as Pool Manager and Certified Pool Operator at \$16.00 per hour**. Seconded by West. Lidgett, West, and Androy voted aye; motion carried.

**New Business:** Mayor Shere **called to order** a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024 at 7:23 p.m. Shere recognized the publication of a notice of public hearing in the Malvern Leader on March 30, 2023. City Clerk reported no written objections filed at City Hall. Mayor Shere called for objections, statements, and/or exhibits for Council consideration; there being none. Shere adjourned the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2023-10:** approving the annual budget for fiscal year 2024. Seconded by Lidgett. West, Androy, and Lidgett voted aye; motion carried. Mayor Shere **called to order** a public hearing regarding proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the proposed 2023 Water Meter Improvements Project. Shere recognized the publication of a notice of public hearing in the Malvern Leader on March 23, 2023. City Clerk reported no written objections filed at City Hall. Mayor Shere called for objections, statements, and/or exhibits for Council consideration; there being none. Shere adjourned the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2023-11:** approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2023 Water Meter Improvements Project. Seconded by Lidgett. Lidgett, Androy, and West voted aye; motion carried. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2023-12:** setting the date for a public hearing on designation of the Malvern Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project. Seconded by West. Androy, West, and

Lidgett voted aye; motion carried. Discussion was held on the language of a proposed amendment to the ordinance concerning the brush pile.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Shere presented the option of collecting franchise fees from MidAmerican Energy when negotiating a new franchise agreement in 2024. Discussion was held on potential improvements needed to prepare the Liberty Memorial Building to serve as a storm shelter. Androy motioned to go into **closed session according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i)**: to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless or irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Seconded by Lidgett. Lidgett, Androy, and West voted aye; motion carried. Closed session began at 7:43 p.m. and open session resumed at 7:49 p.m. Lidgett motioned to **extend an offer of employment as street laborer to Bill Riibe at \$20.00 per hour with a \$1.00 per hour increase upon receiving required certifications within one year**. Seconded by West. West, Androy, and Lidgett voted aye; motion carried.

**Project/Meeting Updates:** Installation of sanitary sewer infrastructure is scheduled to begin within two weeks at the Wabash Landing Subdivision. Earnest Construction will grade and seed the ditches along W 11<sup>th</sup> Street during that time as well. Androy motioned to **approve GAX #5 for Wabash Landing Subdivision (Project 19-DRH-011) in the amount of \$147,825.34**. Seconded by West. Androy, Lidgett, and West voted aye; motion carried. West motioned to **approve an amended contract with Southwest Iowa Planning Council for 19-DRH-011**. Seconded by Lidgett. West and Lidgett voted aye with Androy voting nay; motion carried. No progress has been made on the Prospect Townhomes and no update has been provided by the developers. Lidgett motioned to **approve GAX #2 for the Prospect Townhomes (Project 19-DRH-013) in the amount of \$17,712.00**. Seconded by West. West, Lidgett, and Androy voted aye; motion carried. West motioned to **approve an amended contract with Southwest Iowa Planning Council for 19-DRH-013**. Seconded by Lidgett. West and Lidgett voted aye with Androy voting nay; motion carried. Plans and specifications for the Wastewater Lagoon UV Sanitation project have been submitted to Iowa DNR for review. Eagle engineering is preparing documentation for an application to the State Revolving Loan fund for this project.

**Mayor and Councilmember Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items:** The brush pile re-lit following a citizen piling leaves on top of ashes from the previous burn. This resulted in the burning of the Costello Wetlands. Malvern Fire was on scene to prevent further spread of the fire. Street Superintendent Hoose will section off the front of the brush pile to prevent citizens from dumping additional yard waste directly on the ashes while they remain hot.

West motioned to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Seconded by Lidgett. Androy, West, and Lidgett voted aye; meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Douglas Shere, Mayor

Joe George, City Clerk