

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

The January 31, 2023, regular meeting of the Malvern City Council was **called to order** by Mayor Douglas Shere at 7:00 p.m. Council member present were Chris Androy, Bruce Breeding, Roger Johnson, Amber Lidgett, and Heather West. Also in attendance was Joe George, Kelsi Leininger, Amber McClary, Chloe Hammers, and Dave Hoose. Mayor Shere recognized visitors seeking to address the Council. Dave Hoose was present on behalf of the Fairview Hills Golf Course to request a deduction of their water payment due to a burst pipe in the clubhouse. Lidgett motioned to approve the **Consent Agenda** consisting of the January 31, 2023 Council meeting agenda, January 9, 2023 Council meeting minutes, and decision to place Liberty Memorial Building Board minutes on file from January 12, 2023. Seconded by West. Androy, Breeding, Johnson, Lidgett, and West voted aye; motion carried.

Departmental Reports: PeopleService Superintendent Howard Peterson was unable to attend but presented a written water/sewer report for January 2023 consisting of year end reporting for IDNR and an update on the water main break on W 8th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues on January 13th.

New Business: At 7:12 p.m., Mayor Shere called to order a **public hearing** regarding FY2023 Budget Amendment No. 2. Shere recognized the notification of public hearing published in the Malvern Leader on January 19, 2023. City clerk reported no written objections or comments filed at City Hall. Mayor Shere called for objections, statements, and/or exhibits for Council consideration; there being none. Shere closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Johnson motioned to approve **Resolution 2023-03: Approving Budget Amendment No. 2 for FY2023**. Seconded by Lidgett. Androy, Breeding, Johnson, Lidgett, and West voted aye; motion carried. Discussion was held on the request by Fairview Hills Golf Course for forgiveness of a portion of their water bill. Androy motioned to **table the decision until February 13, 2023 while a uniform policy is drafted to provide forgiveness on emergency water line breaks**. Seconded by Breeding. Androy, Breeding, Johnson, Lidgett, and West voted aye; motion carried. Breeding motioned to **approve the reappointment of Larry Frink as Malvern Fire Chief for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023**. Seconded by Androy. Androy, Breeding, Johnson, Lidgett, and West vote aye; motion carried. Johnson motioned to **approve the appointment of officers for the Malvern Fire Department (as listed below) for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023**. Duane Volz as Assistant Fire Chief, James Volz as Captain, Blake Starnes as First Assistant Captain, Garret Stephens as Second Assistant Captain, Mike Vandenberg as Treasurer, Kyle Poort as Secretary, and Andrew Jackson and Levi Anderson as Trustees. Seconded by Lidgett. Androy, Breeding, Johnson, Lidgett, and West voted aye; motion carried. Androy motioned to **approve the addition of employee-paid life insurance through MetLife to the City's benefit offerings for FY2024**. Seconded by Lidgett. Androy, Breeding, Johnson, Lidgett, and West vote aye; motion carried. Discussion was held on a request from East Mills Community School District to waive building permit fees on the elementary school expansion in

the amount of \$20,110.00. The City does not provide inspections or plan reviews for projects of this scope. Breeding motioned **to waive building permit fees for East Mills Community School District**. Seconded by Johnson. Breeding, Johnson, and West voted aye with Androy voting nay and Lidgett abstaining; motion carried. Discussion was held on a \$5.00 price increase for trash service by Konfrst Trash Service.

Mayor's Report: West motioned to **approve the purchase of 1.82 acres along 8th Avenue from BNSF Railroad not to exceed \$10,000**. Seconded by Johnson. Androy, Breeding, Johnson, Lidgett, and West voted aye; motion carried.

Project/Meeting Updates: Ernest Construction has been made aware of several necessary changes along W 11th Street affecting draining in that area. Opening of W 11th Street has been delayed due to frozen ground preventing the gravel portion of the road from being graded.

Clerk's Report: Council will meet at 6 p.m. on February 13, 2023, ahead of the Council meeting, to discuss FY2024 budget. Discussion was held on the upcoming expiration of a franchise agreement with MidAmerican Energy and the potential addition of franchise fees with adoption of a new agreement. Discussion was also held on the State Legislature's 2022 decision to cut property taxes for all commercial and industrial properties in the state. This tax cut will result in a \$16,000 loss per year to the City's budgets moving forward.

West motioned to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Lidgett. Androy, Breeding, Johnson, Lidgett, and West voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Douglas Shere, Mayor

Joe George, City Clerk