

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

The September 12, 2023, regular meeting of the Malvern City Council was **called to order** by Mayor Douglas Shere at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Chris Androy, Bruce Breeding, Roger Johnson, Amber Lidgett, and Heather West. Also in attendance were Mary Beth Costello, Sharon Chickering, Terry Hertz, Jill Smith, Kirk Anderson, Karen O'Dell, Kathy Ryan, Kindra Copperstone, Gwen Boren, Teresa Shere, Cisco Shere, Christina Torkelson, and Andrew Torkelson. Kirk Anderson was present to request cold path be placed on W 8th Street east of 3rd Avenue. Androy motioned to approve the **Consent Agenda** consisting of the September 12, 2023 tentative Council meeting agenda, August 29, 2023 Council meeting minutes, decision to place Malvern Library Board of Trustees minutes and claims of file from August 1, 2023, decision to place Malvern Liberty Memorial Building Board meeting minutes on file from August 30, 2023, and approval of claims and treasurer's reports for August 2023. Seconded by Lidgett. Johnson, Lidgett, Breeding, Androy, and West voted aye; motion carried.

Public Forum: Public comments were received regarding the potential of moving to city-wide recycling. Clerk registered eight verbal comments in support of city-wide recycling and no comments in opposition. An additional 5 written statements of support and 2 statements of opposition were filed with the city clerk. Clerk also reported that as of September 7th, the City had received 174 responses to a recycling survey with 67% in support of city-wide recycling and 33% in opposition to city-wide recycling.

Departmental Reports: Street Superintendent Hoose submitted a written report consisting of brush pile maintenance, ditch and gutter maintenance, hauling gravel for alley repair, trimming trees in right-of-way, removal of bushes at library, and various other tasks. Park Board Chairperson Smith expressed concern about painting the floor by the park board at the municipal pool. Gator Renovations will be providing a bid to renovate the former concession stand at the pool. Leak Investigators located a leak on the northwest gutter that is causing settling. Leak Investigators is working to prepare a bid to complete the necessary repairs. Discussion was also held on replacing the doors on the pool house. The park board is recommending acceptance of a quote from Omaha Door and Window in the amount of \$7,098.86 to replace the entrance and lifeguard doors and framing.

New Business: Androy motioned to **approve a block party permit for closure of Main Street for Janella May on October 1, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Seconded by West. Androy, Johnson, Breeding, Lidgett, and West voted aye; motion carried. Breeding motioned to **approve the purchase of two actuators for the water treatment plant from Kurita in the amount of \$4,675.00.** Seconded by West. West, Lidgett, Breeding, Androy, and Johnson voted aye; motion carried. Androy motioned to **approve a quote from Sweeney Controls Company for purchase and installation of an SD4 radio modem in the amount of \$3,975.00.** Seconded by Lidgett. West, Breeding, Androy, Johnson, and Lidgett voted aye; motion carried. Discussion was held

on employee health, dental, and vision insurance for 2024. Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield is no longer offering the City's current healthcare plan in 2024. Breeding motioned to **renew the City's dental and vision under the current plan and choose EnhancedBlue 1500 for health insurance**. Seconded by Lidgett. West, Breeding, Androy, and Lidgett voted aye with Johnson voting nay; motion carried. Androy motioned to approve **Resolution 2023-30**-authorizing mayor to make an application for Community Development Block Grant Community Facilities Program (revised). Seconded by West. Breeding, Lidgett, Johnson, West, and Androy voted aye; motion carried. Androy motioned to **authorize mayor and city clerk to sign Applicant/Recipient/Disclosure/Update Report for CDBG Community Facilities (revised)**. Seconded by Lidgett. Breeding, Lidgett, Androy, Johnson, and West voted aye; motion carried. Discussion was held on truck traffic from the rock quarry traveling through Malvern city limits. Discussion was held on updating the City of Malvern employee handbook. Discussion was held on management of Malvernia.com. Discussion was held on revising Malvern's ATV/UTV ordinance to reflect changes to Iowa Code by the State Legislature.

Mayor's Report: West motioned to **approve Mayor Shere's recommendation to reappoint Mary Jane Gilbert to the Malvern Board of Adjustment for a 5-year term ending June 30, 2028**. Seconded by Lidgett. West, Johnson, Breeding, Lidgett, and Androy vote aye; motion carried.

Clerk's Report: West motioned to **approve city clerk to attend 30-hour wastewater treatment basics course offered by Des Moines Area Community College**. Seconded by Lidgett. Johnson, Lidgett, Breeding, Androy, and West voted aye; motion carried.

Project/Meeting Updates: An update for August 2023 was given on the Wabash Landing Subdivision consisting of sewer work beginning on September 11th. Androy motioned to **approve HGM as secondary engineer to perform oversight on infrastructure in the amount of \$37,180.00**. Seconded by Breeding. Androy, Lidgett, Johnson, West, and Breeding voted aye; motion carried.

Androy motioned to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Seconded by West. Androy, Lidgett, Johnson, West, and Breeding voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Douglas Shere, Mayor

Joe George, City Clerk