

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

The March 26, 2024, regular meeting of the Malvern City Council was **called to order** by Mayor Douglas Shere at 7:01 p.m. Council members present were Amber Lidgett, Roger Johnson, and Chris Androy. Johnson and Androy were present via telephone. Also in attendance were Joe George, Kirk Anderson, Madisen Lewis, Autumn Crouse, Scott Riddick, and Howard Peterson. Mayor Shere recognized visitors seeking to address the Council. Kirk Anderson requested city staff address the alley entrance and drainage tube on W 8<sup>th</sup> Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. Lidgett motioned to approve an amended **Consent Agenda**, removing renewal of Class C liquor license for JD’s Hangout. Consent agenda consisted of approval of the March 26, 2024 tentative Council agenda and March 11, 2024 Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Androy. Johnson, Lidgett, and Androy voted aye; motion carried.

**New Business:** Androy motioned to **award a bid for repair/replacement of roof, gutters, and siding for city park structures, wastewater lift station, old water treatment plant, library, and fire department to Gator Renovation in the amount of \$102,398.40.** Seconded by Johnson. Androy and Johnson voted aye with Lidgett voting nay; motion carried. Androy motioned to **pursue a \$750.00 municipal infraction relating to a violation of Malvern Code of Ordinances Title IV, Chapter 1, Section 4-1-14 for the property owner at 707 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.** Seconded by Lidgett. Lidgett, Androy, and Johnson voted aye; motion carried. Lidgett motioned to approve **Resolution 2024-07-a** resolution setting the date and time of public hearing to consider budget amendment no.1 for fiscal year 2024. Seconded by Androy. Androy, Johnson, and Lidgett voted aye; motion carried.

**Mayor’s Report:** Johnson motioned to **approve the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint Fred Bolton to the Malvern Liberty Memorial Building Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2026.** Seconded by Lidgett. Androy, Johnson, and Lidgett voted aye; motion carried. Johnson motioned to **approve the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint Ralph O’Tool to Malvern Liberty Memorial Building Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2026.** Seconded by Lidgett. Lidgett, Johnson, and Androy voted aye; motion carried. Discussion was held on hiring a seasonal mower or contracting out the work. Androy motioned to **table discussion on city mowing until April 8, 2024.** Seconded by Lidgett. Lidgett, Androy, and Johnson voted aye; motion carried.

**Project/Meeting Updates:** Grading is still in progress at the Wabash Landing Subdivision site. Installation of stormwater infrastructure is expected to begin within the next month. Vanguard Utility Services has completed their final visit for water meter installation and reprogramming. Approximately 56 meters remain to be replaced and 28 to be reprogrammed. PeopleService will complete the meter changeouts and City Hall staff will complete the reprograms. City Clerk will work with USDA and JEO to close out the water system improvements project and loan. The release of funds has been granted for the community facilities community development block

grant for the Lakin Foundation Child Care Center project. Iowa Department of Natural is working to complete the environmental review on the Malvern wastewater lagoons for the UV disinfection project. Lidgett motioned to **award the construction contract for the wastewater lagoon UV disinfection system to King Construction in the amount of \$433,657.00.**

Seconded by Androy. Androy, Johnson, and Lidgett voted aye; motion carried. Lidgett motioned to **approve contract amendment no. 1 on the W 9<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction project with HGM to include engineering for bidding through construction.** Seconded by Androy. Androy, Johnson, and Lidgett voted aye; motion carried. Androy motioned to **approve a proposal by HGM for engineering design through construction in the amount of \$52,500.00.** Seconded by Johnson. Lidgett, Johnson, and Androy voted aye; motion carried.

**Departmental Reports:** PeopleService Superintendent Howard Peterson provide a report consisting of a sewer back up at 602 Wilson Avenue caused by root infiltration, three fire hydrants needing to be replaced, hydrant flushing to begin April 15<sup>th</sup>, and pressure filters 3 and 4 being brought back online after maintenance. Peterson informed the Council that the NPDES notice of violation had been satisfied after mowing and tree removal by Leroy Stortenbecker. Peterson also expressed concern about the height of the water in the municipal wells due to the current drought. If the drought persists, Peterson may recommend measures to restrict water usage in Malvern but states there was no urgent need for those measures at this time.

Lidgett motioned to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Androy. Androy, Lidgett, and Johnson voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Douglas Shere, Mayor

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Joe George, City Clerk