

TOWN OF MALDEN
APRIL 27, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Dan Harwood opened the regular meeting at 7:05pm. In attendance were Councilmembers Janell Turner, Scott Hokonson, Tami VanDyke, Lori Dickinson and Bob Law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Staff present was Micki Harnois, clerk

Scott H. gave the report for LTRO. He discussed the meeting with AIA (Architects Association) regarding urban planning and landscaping. Landscape designers help with a growing community. The Arbor Day Foundation donates trees and help with tree recovery. He mentioned that he has a meeting with the EWU government affairs office who has offered to help Malden. LTRO is receiving \$100,000 from Whitman County United Way-\$50,000 will pay for a construction manager position and \$50,000 will go for the park and community buildings.

Pathfinders, who are students from the Upper Columbia Academy (Spangle) gave a presentation on plans for Malden park. The “Hope Builders” group build flower boxes and rebuild lawnmowers. The Pathfinders are 5th through 10th grade boys and girls and they presented two options for the park. They plan on putting a community garden this year in Malden. They are also selling “Blazing Grain” granola which is manufactured in a business next to UCA. The proceeds of the sales goes back to Malden.

Janelle T. moved to approve the amended agenda, Bob L. seconded, motion carried.

Scott H. moved to approve the April 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes, Tami V. seconded, motion carried.

Old Business

Steve Marsh with TD&H gave an update on the land survey being done in town. Fifty percent (50%) of the town will be pinned the first week in May and the rest will be pinned by the first week in June.

FEMA update-The town is receiving estimates for road repairs -specifically Moreland Avenue and Main Street as they are paved. If a road is paved it will be paved-if it is gravel it will be graveled. FEMA will help with the cost of street repairs.

New Business

Comprehensive Plan grant- SCJ Alliance has signed a contract with the Town.

LOSS (sewer) project: Mayor Dan talked about the LOSS sewer program which is for town’s that have under 370 homes in their limits. This is a \$6 million project including piping. Most of the lots in town are too small for new septic systems per Whitman County Health Dept. There are issues with percolation tests and drain fields need a lot of area. The funds would pay for the

planning and design for two years, a SEPA Review and two years for construction. We are looking at a town-wide large drainfield and septic system.

Water report: Mayor Dan reported that applications have been submitted to the State's Public Works Trust Board for a \$1.4 million grant for a new backup well. The request also includes 1200 feet of water main extension along with two to four new hydrants. The new extension would run from Broadway Avenue to the State Park's trailhead. A \$2.3 million is also being requested for 8700 feet of water main extension to areas that don't have water service available. This would be on the south and east side of town. This would also include new hydrants. The PWTB is considering this as an emergency so it would not be a loan. The Town's water rights are not quite being utilized.

John Goyke (water operator) sent a report that the yearly water report is due at the end of May.
Streets- Mayor Dan reported Chance Baskest mowed the park this week as well as the roadsides.
Fire-Mayor Dan announced that the fire chief has resigned. He will take on the role temporarily. Volunteer firefighters are needed.

Public Comments-

Rachel Blakely asked what the time line is on the water projects.

Kelly Adams asked when the post office and fire station will be rebuilt.

Colleen Cross asked about her public record requests. She also stated that the post office shouldn't have to pay rent.

Council Comments-

Janelle T. stated that it has been an honor to be a leader and she appreciates the citizens who step up to help.

Tami V. stated that is great to get ideas to the Council. She also acknowledged the time that is dedicated and donated from the council and mayor.

Bob L. encourages young people to get involved.

Lori D. stated that this was a very positive Council meeting. She also encouraged that everyone helps themselves and not expect others to do it for you.

Janell asked if the post office building and the old store will be cleaned up. The Mayor stated that all buildings will be cleaned up.

Scott H. stated that as a firefighter his goal is to protect lives and make it a quiet and enjoyable life for all.

Mayor Comment- Mayor Dan announced that Dept of Ecology is giving the town a grant to remove the tires in the park.

Dan stated that all grant applications are sent to Cathy McMorris Roger office.

Dan stated that he is still receiving complaints about ATVs.

.Scott H. moved to adjourn, Tami seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor