

**TOWN OF MALDEN**  
**MAY 11, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Dan Harwood opened the regular meeting at 7:03pm. In attendance were Councilmembers Janell Turner, Scott Hokonson, Tami VanDyke, Lori Dickinson and Bob Law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Staff present were Micki Harnois, and Ernie Brown

Scott H. gave the report for LTRO. Heather VanDyke and Rachel Blakely thanked Scott and Mayor Dan for all their work and dedication.

Old Business

Land Survey grant- Most of the town will be pinned by the first week in June.

Comprehensive Plan grant- SCJ Alliance will be holding a public meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> to get input from the residents in regard to housing options, utilities and land use options such as where commercial uses should be, e.g.

The community surveys that were distributed to Malden residents. They were to choose the top three things they would like to have in the community. The top item was to have a post office. Mayor Dan reported that the post office will be setting a blue “drop box” in town. He doesn’t know when that will happen. There is still on-going conversation about replacing the post office that was destroyed in the Labor Day wildfire. No news yet.

Jody Opheim, LTR grantwriter discussed the CBDG grant. The request is for \$900,000 for the fire station. The cost of the maintenance building and town offices will be covered by the town insurance reimbursement. Paul Kimmell mentioned that the floor plan for the community center, food bank and library are near completion.

Dan stated that he wants the public to share thoughts and comments on the layout of all buildings.

Paul Kimmell stated that all fiber installed by Ziplly will be underground.

DRC will be doing the testing and cleanup of debris on the properties in Malden. All Right-of Entry (ROE) forms must be submitted to the County or Malden town hall by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

New Business

Mayor Dan reported that he signed the \$3.6 million contract with the Public Works Trust Board. These funds will go toward 10,000 feet of water main and hydrants the south and east side of town. More water lines and hydrants will also be installed on the north end of town. A new water wall will also be installed. A fire protection plan will eventually be in place which will require the watering of lawns and keeping grass short.

FEMA- \$3 million is requested for street repair. This will come from the Public Assistance funds.

Park- Mayor Dan reported that the park needs cleaning and watering. There are 500 tires to be moved from the center of the park to the edge along Broadway. This will make easier access for the contractor to haul them away. The Pullman Habitat for Humanity informed Mayor Dan that the town will be receiving \$50,000 for the park. This will be used to buy sprinklers, hiring someone to do the spraying, etc. The funds were from a Philanthropic organization.

Council Comments-Janelle T. stated that people need to get involved.

Mayor Comment- Mayor Dan announced that property owners need to fill out and submit the ROE forms

The Council went into an executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee. They came out of the session at 8:45pm. No decisions were made.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

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Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor