

TOWN OF MALDEN
JUNE 8, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Dan Harwood opened the regular meeting at 7:00pm. In attendance were Councilmembers Janell Turner, Lori Dickinson and Bob Law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Staff present were Ernie Brown and Micki Harnois, clerk. Councilmember Scott Hokoson was absent.

C J Gribble with Team Rubicon gave a progress report on the tree removal project. They could not remove all the town and County trees. For erosion control suggested by DNR they dropped trees in the ravines and steep hillsides. There are 140,001 members (Mayor Dan became an official member of the group a couple of days ago). About 70% of the team are veterans who volunteer and they support and assist new members. The sawyers gives classes on cutting down trees. C J stated that two members wanted to buy a few lots in Malden. They wrote Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Roger asking why they aren't taking care of the people in town.

Rachel Ganrath from SCJ Alliance gave a report on the comprehensive plan. This will consist of visioning for housing, utilities, the park and land use (such as zoning).

Micki Harnois gave an update on the town's critical areas ordinance. There will be two separate public hearings on these items at the June 22, 2021 regular meeting.

Bob L. made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Lori D. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janelle moved to approve the June 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes, Bob L seconded, motion carried.

Clerk Harnois announced that a vaccine clinic will be in town hall on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 from 11am to 2pm. She also announced that there will be a candidate forum on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 10am.

The LTR group is exploring different options for housing showers. They are starting to make plans for the Labor Day celebration. Alysia Hale has volunteered to be the chairman of the celebration committee.

TD&H is 90% done on the block corner land survey.

The Comprehensive Plan must be sent to Dept of Commerce by June 30th.

The CBDG Grant is for the municipal building, This includes the fire station.

Some of the Public Works Trust grant will cover radar surveying. This will help to ensure that the town won't lose water by the digging when fiber goes in the ground. Ziplly Fiber and the Port of Whitman are partnering on the fiber project. There will be broadband to each property.

FEMA will be in town on June 14th to look at road damage. Debris cleaning will start in two weeks and could go on for two months. They have already done the inventory of properties to be tested.

The town will be receiving the monies from the state capital budget on July 1st. This will pay off the USDA loan.

Ben Hale was the only applicant for the vacant Council Position #2. Bob L made a motion to appoint Ben Hale for the position. Lori D. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Clerk Micki said that she will swear Ben into office on the morning of June 9th.

Janell T. moved to approve the warrants. Lori D. seconded it. Motion carried.

Water report: Chlorine level in the well is good. The water efficiency report is in the mail. There and Moreland St Dempsey St. The town has a new lawn mower paid by the Town insurance. There is a need for better sprinklers for watering the park.

Clerk Micki gave a report on the meeting with the Malden Youth Club.

Mayor Dan talked about contacting the Pepsi-Cola company about a free pop machine.

The fire brush truck will be taken to Spokane so the radios and hoses can be installed.

The town will be receiving the initial concept for the floor plan for the municipal building. This building will contain the new post office, town hall, fire station and town maintenance areas.

Mayor Dan stated that the trees that are currently in the right-of-way will not be cleared at this time. Dept of Emergency Management has stated that tree debris that was left in easements from the previous cleanup will be picked up in this clean-up.

Mayor Dan also stated that the oiling of streets is beyond the town street maintenance budget. If any of the residents want to get their own oiling done, they were told to talk to John Goyke first. Currently the town does not have a plan to fix potholes. The roads will be fixed by FEMA after the debris cleanup is completed.

Janell T. moved to adjourn the meeting, Bob L seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.