

TOWN OF MALDEN
AUGUST 10, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Harwood opened the regular meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Councilmember Ben Hale, Councilmember Bob Law, Councilmember Lori Dickinson and Councilmember Janell Turner (remote). Staff present were Micki Harnois, clerk/treasurer and Ernie Brown, public works.

Ben H. made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Bob L. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob L. approve the July 27, 2021 regular meeting minutes, Lori D. seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Dan talked about the Public Meeting in the park on August 18th at 6:30pm. There will be a discussion about the new community buildings and the park. Design West Architects will be in attendance to take public comments. Clerk Harnois announced the movie night which will be on August 21st in the Malden park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LTRO – There will be a group of volunteers coming into Malden on August 28th and 29th to assist any residents with yardwork and cleanup. The shower trailer hours are now 4:30-9:30pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Labor Day Fire Anniversary- Committee Chair Alycia Hale said there will be a memorable opening ceremony, entertainment including Hank Cramer will be there to perform, fire trucks will be on display, there will be games and a BBQ lunch.

Grievance Committee-Clerk Harnois stated that the committee members are Bob Law, Ben Hale and John Lenz.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Buildings-temporary fire station- Mayor Dan said that Plateau Archeological is completing their review on potential cultural resources. The Washington State Department of Historic Preservation will have someone on site to monitor during ground work. Since FEMA has declared the need of the 40 ft x 50 ft fire station as an emergency, no competitive public bids are required.

Debris Cleanup: Mayor Dan stated that there will be no cleanup of debris on the town right-of-way. He is trying to find a company who will haul away the debris. DRC is a few weeks away from completion..

USDA Loan: The town heard news from Rep Joe Schmick's office that the timing may have been off when getting the loan payoff in the state budget. We possibly may not be eligible for funds. Mayor Dan has a call into Rep. Schmick's office.

TD&H Engineers (town's contract engineer): The water system expansion is in design. The next phase will be from Fir Street to Garfield Street.

Residential housing/RV occupants plans. Mayor Dan reminded residents that the extended deadline the town council approved for living in the RVs on their property is October 1, 2021. They encouraged to talk with their DCMs about their plan on how they will move out of their RVs by the deadline. Ben H. advised that all utilities to the RVs must be hooked up properly for the winter. Mayor Dan also added that those that do stay in their RVs must have a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide monitor available. SNAP in Spokane will assist any who do not have housing lined up for the winter.

Clerk Micki H. announced that applications for vacant Council position #1 are due on August 20th.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MOU between the Town of Malden and the LTRO has been distributed to the council for their review and approval. Ben H. asked that this action be tabled. Bob L. did not agree and moved to approve the MOU, Lori D. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Harnois reminded the Council that the Council Rules and Procedures Policy will be on the next meeting's agenda for them to approve.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk report. None

Water report: Mayor Dan announced that the sanitary inspection that was done in July by the Washington State Department of Health was very good. A couple items which needed fixed were a seal around the reservoir man hatch at the top and a securing bolt and nut on the man hatch. These items and been repaired.

Streets: None

Park: Chance Backest stated that the basketball hoops in the park will be installed when he has access to a tractor.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Chance Backest said fire meetings are every other Wednesdays. The brush truck is now in Malden. The monitor system works and water can shoot out up to 80 feet. Two hydrants in town are not working. John Goyke will be fixing them. Every fire hydrant should have a water meter to measure amount of gallons used. There is a fee for getting water out of a fire hydrant without permission. The profits from the new Pepsi pop machine at town hall will go to the Malden Fire Department Auxiliary.

Warrants/Checks-Warrant# 7993-8017 for a total of \$39,277.81 (Claims-\$36,627.42, Payroll-\$2,650.39). Councilmember Lori D. mentioned that Warrant# 8017 for \$184.70 is a duplicate of Warrant# 8018. Clerk Harnois took note and will reissue a new warrant register with that correction. Lori moved to approve the correct warrant register, Janell T. seconded. Motion carried. Warrant# 8018-8036 for a total of \$24,080.61 (Claims-\$21,483.75, Payroll-\$2,596.86). Councilmember Lori D. moved to approve, Janell T. seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: A resident asked when Malden will be getting the post office. Mayor Dan said in 2022. A citizen recommended that gas alarms should also be in the RVs that are being lived in as RVs run on propane. It was also suggested that an application be submitted by the RV owners to make sure that they are ready for the winter.

Council Comments: Janell T. thanked the council for letting her attend the council meetings via ZOOM and she also thanked everyone for all their hard work in getting the town back together.

Mayor Comment: Mayor Dan reminded everyone to help your neighbor. We also have to be careful while doing activities such as mowing lawns due to the dry grass.

Ben H. moved to adjourn the meeting, Lori D. seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.