

TOWN OF MALDEN
MAY 24, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Dan Harwood opened the regular meeting at 7:02 pm. Councilmembers in attendance were Bob Law, Lori Dickinson and Scott Shauf. Councilmember Janell Turner attended by phone. Councilmember Ben Hale was absent due to illness. Bob L moved to excuse Mr. Hale, Scott S. seconded, motion carried. Maintenance staff, Ernie Brown and Clerk, Micki Harnois were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lori D. moved to approve the amended agenda, Scott S. seconded, motion carried.

Bob L. moved to approve the May 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Janelle T. seconded, motion carried.

Announcements: Mayor Dan announced that the John Wayne Trailriders will be in Malden on June 1st through 3rd. Veterans Community Response will be here on June 17th through the 19th to remove dangerous trees. The Town Council and Volunteer Firefighters will be in the Battle Days Parade on June 4th. On June 5th the railroad trestle in Tekoa which is part of the Palouse to Cascades Trail system will have a dedication ceremony. On June 14th there will be a community debrief meeting starting at 5:00pm. Several people who were part of the recovery efforts in Paradise California will be speaking. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings.

Committee Reports:

LTRO Committee update. John Lenz reported that they are getting items for the May 12th event with the Pathfinders. They will be having an in-person meeting on May 18th at 6:00pm.

Building Committee: We finalizing the amount of funds available for the construction of the community building.

Code Enforcement Committee: The committee went over the complaints received and letters will be drafted and mailed to those on the list. We are going to merge to content of the town letter with the letter from Whitman County Building Department regarding RVs.

Old Business:

Municipal Buildings- Temporary Fire Station- The Trailriders will be using the shower in the new building. Bicyclists who have traveled through recently are excited to use the facility.

New Fire Station-An Environmental Review is occurring now and a request for RFQs has been advertised for architect and engineer services.

Ziply Fiber project – Contact town hall if you want fiber. There is a \$30.00 assistance upon request.

Goat Vegetation Removal Project- Mayor Dan stated that the goats are a simple tool to clean up yards and be a part of the town's fire mitigation project. LeShay Fams (Les Camp) is the company with the goats the town will be hiring. The goats will be fenced in and will be watched closely. The challenge is to notify residents of this free service. The town will let Les use water for free. There will be little impact on the environment and there will be no exhaust fumes. All who want to use them will pay no fee and must fill out right-of-entry forms. The cost will be