

TOWN OF MALDEN
AUGUST 9, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Dan Harwood opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm. Councilmembers in attendance were Bob Law, Lori Dickinson and Scott Shauf. Councilmembers Janell Turner and Ben Hale joined by phone. Maintenance staff, Ernie Brown and Clerk/Treasurer Micki Harnois were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Scott S. moved to approve the July 26, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Lori D. seconded, motion carried. Bob L. moved to approve the July 26, 2022 special meeting minutes. Scott S. seconded, motion carried.

Announcements: Mayor Dan reminded everyone that there presently is a burn ban in effect. Team Rubicon will be in Malden in August. He also reminded everyone to sign up for the Whitman County ring-down system. This will give you a cell phone alert for emergencies. Currently there is no siren on the temporary fire station. The fire department is looking for one.

Committee Reports:

LTRO Committee update-Chandelle Frick announced that the LTRO has received a \$50,000 grant to pay for four future community events. The first event is tentatively set for the weekend after Labor Day.

Building Committee- No report.

Code Enforcement Committee- The committee will be meeting on August 11th to discuss the status of the open nuisance cases.

Park Committee: No report

Old Business:

New Fire Station Architect/Engineering – Mayor Dan, Bob Law and Clerk Micki Harnois met with Integrus Architect on August 8, 2022. They shared the wishes of the town regarding what type of structure, floor plans and location. They were given a draft contract to review.

Goat Vegetation Removal Project- Mayor Dan announced that the project is complete. We hope to have LeShay Ranch back again next year but will be starting earlier in the season.

Goodwill Industries- Connect USA program offers free chrome books to families with training. Chandelle Frick has the information.

Verizon Cell Tower-The agreement between Verizon and the town has been signed. The license has also been signed. They will be in town tomorrow to do a site assessment.

Sewer system update-The town will be receiving \$3.5 million for the project and \$1.91 million from the assistance of Senator Murray and the approval by the U.S. Congress.

New Business:

Readerboard-The sign company SignCorp will be in Malden to look at the proposed location of the sign.

Public Comment: None at this time

Warrant Register-Checks# 7290 through 7308- Claims-\$291,781.20 and Payroll-\$998.85
TOTAL - \$291, 781.20

Bob L. moved to approve the checks, Lori D. seconded. Motion carried

Department Reports

Clerk: Micki Harnois announced that the movie for August 19th is Princess Bride and for August 26th the original Top Gun.

Water:

Phase 1 (water mains including transmission main):

DW Excavating ordering materials and prepping for fall construction. Construction start date to be determined based on material delivery times.

WA State Parks processing easement requests for 14th St (Grouse) and Ash St.

Phase 2 (drilling and testing well):

Received preliminary Water Right Change Application approval from Dept of Ecology allowing for drilling and testing of new well associated with one of the water rights. Well to be limited to 75 gpm until second water right can be addressed.

Requested meeting with DOE to discuss options for second water right

Revising plans and specifications to address Dept. of Health Office of Drinking Water review.

Plan to advertise Drilling and Testing Well 03 in the next couple of weeks with bid opening in September. Bid opening date TBD.

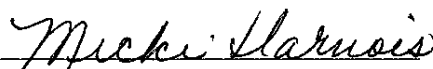
Streets: No report


Fire Department: Mayor Dan stated that the brush truck is in full service and Whitcom has been notified.

Public Comment- John Lenz announced that the Pathfinders from Upper Columbia Academy (Spangle) will be in Malden on September 11th and October 12th to assist landowners with yard-work, trimming shrubs, etc.

Council Comments-Scott S. said that at the last three meetings there were six to ten people watching the FB live meeting. After the meeting there were 30 to 112 viewers.

Mayor Report- Mayor Dan announced that an Eagle Scout is working on a communication kiosk for his project. It will resemble the one that was in front of the town hall before the fire. He also stated that when Team Rubicon is in town there will be a fire truck on standby to mitigate any future fires. The match for the town will be \$600,000 unless we receive a waiver due to a financial hardship to the residents. This is proven by an income survey which includes how many people in the house and what range of income the household falls in. If we qualify, then a grant from state Emergency Management will help with the match. Mayor Dan reminded that every one keep their vegetation cut and water their yards. He also stated that past due accounts will be given a water shut-off notice. The town is enforcing Ordinance 464 which has the regulations for recreational vehicles. These will be enforced as the concern is public health and safety hazards. Bob L. moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott S. seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.


Clerk/Treasurer


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