

TOWN OF MALDEN
OCTOBER 25, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Dan Harwood opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm. Councilmembers in attendance were Lori Dickinson, Scott Shauf and Bob Law. Councilmember Janell Turner joined by phone. Councilmember Ben Hale was absent. Town Maintenance personnel Ernie Brown and Clerk/Treasurer Micki Harnois were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Town water contractor John Goyke was present to give an update from the water department. He said that the water tests will have to now be submitted to another company in Spokane as AAA testing services is no longer offering the service. He said to expect an increase of 10% in costs now. He talked about a water main leak on Ash Street. Hydrants on the west side of Main Street are on but the ones west of Ash Street are off. Due to the leak he pumped 44,000 gallons of water this morning when every two days he pumps 19,000 gallons.

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

Bob L. moved to approve the October 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Scott S. seconded, motion carried.

Announcements: Mayor Dan Harwood reminded everyone of the Trunk or Treat event on October 29th from 4:30 to 6:30pm in the park. He also asked that residents keep pet indoors at night due to a lot of coyotes that are out and about. Also watch out for deer crossing.

Committe Reports:

LTRO Committee update-Chandelle Frick announced that they are interviewing candidates for the vacant board position. There will soon be new guidelines out for the assistance program to help with resident's needs. Member Larry Frick is working on education/training options. They also asked if they can use the town hall for their meetings. It was a consensus of the council for them to do so.

Building Committee- FEMA is requesting floor plans for both the municipal and community buildings and estimate. Any leftover funds will be used for such things as grading, snowplows, street signs, etc.

Code Enforcement Committee- No report.

Park Committee-The committee will meet on November 1st at 6pm. The cultural review is done.

Old Business:

Phase 1 (water main installation)

- DW Excavating started on October 24th. They will be working four-ten hour days a week.
- Began installing 6 inch water main on Ash Street. When potholing for the existing main, the excavator hit the existing 6 inch main. Portion of the town's water system was shut down and will remain off until Ash Street water main is complete. All residents should have water but experience a drop in water pressure. The issue was discussed with DW's superintendent and it was reinforced that all potholing must be done under John Goyke's supervision. DW will move over to Grouse Street tomorrow and start installing that 6 inch line.
- Weekly construction meetings are scheduled on Thursdays at 9am.

- Washington State Parks are waiving fees for the easement over their property. The water line will go to the park land and down to the east end at the trailhead. A meter will be installed for a drinking fountain.

Well 3 Drilling and Testing

- Hoopes Well Drilling is the low bidder. Supplemental qualifications criteria are to be submitted to TD&H for their review. Based on this information submitted, Notice of Award recommendation will happen in the next week or so.
- Well drilling will be started by April 3, 2023.

Temporary Use Permits-Once received and approved they are good for six months. If they are not submitted the occupant is subject to fines or court.

Parking on right-of-way- Paved streets in town have a 66 foot right-of-way. This includes shoulders. Any car that is parked 8 feet off the pavement is in the right-of-way. They must move their car as there is not enough room for trucks and cars to pass on the road. The owner will be fined if they are not relocated.

New Business:

Property Tax Levy Increase-Clerk Harnois is to find out from the County Assessor how much a 1% increase will bring into the town.

Food Bank Refrigerator Replacement-Bob Law announced that the fridge inside the food bank quit. He is requesting to have it replaced. ARPA funds will be used. Janelle T. moved to approve this request for a maximum cost of \$1500.00. Scott S. approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No comment.

Warrant Register-Checks# 7353 through 7362- TOTAL \$7,084.03 - Claims. Scott S. moved to approve the checks, Bob L. seconded. Motion carried

Department Reports

Clerk: Ms Harnois gave a report on the IACC conference she attended a couple weeks ago.

Water: No report

Streets: Ernie said that the snowplow/sander are on the truck and ready to go. He has also been cleaning up gravel on roads throughout town.

Park Department- Ernie has rolled up all the hoses and sprinklers and put them away for the winter.

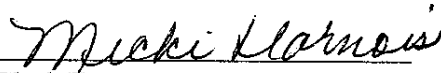
Fire Department: No report.


Public Comment:

Council Comments-Janelle T. is excited about the new water system improvements.

Mayor Comments-EPA guidance documents were received today. The town may not have to pay a match for the large on-site septic system (LOSS). The new trailhead will have an area for vehicle and trailer parking, a vault toilet drinking fountain and a stand with a bike repair kit. This is a big step toward economic development in the town.

Bob Law moved to adjourn, Scott S. seconded, motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:10pm.


Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor ProTem