

TOWN OF MALDEN
APRIL 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Dan Harwood opened the public hearing at 7:00pm regarding the annexation two acres of property owned by Steven and Heather Van Dyke. One public comment received was from Colleen Cross who asked for clarification of where the property is located and if it was contiguous to other properties in the city limits. Councilmember Scott Hokoson confirmed that it was located at the east city limits and was abutting other properties in the town. Mayor Harwood closed the public hearing at 7:05pm.

Mayor Harwood opened the regular meeting at 7:05pm. In attendance were Councilmembers Janell Turner, Scott Hokoson, Tami Van Dyke, Lori Dickinson and Bob Law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Staff present was Micki Harnois, clerk

Scott H. moved to approve the amended agenda, Janell seconded, motion carried.

Scott moved to approve the March 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes, Lori seconded, motion carried.

Tami moved to approve the March 30, 2021 regular meeting minutes, Janell. seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Harwood encouraged everyone to complete the community survey that is in the water bill. On May 14th and 15th students from the Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) -Spangle will be in the park distributing flowers and boxes and on June 2nd and 3rd the John Wayne Trail Riders will be having a campout in the park. Everyone is encouraged to meet them and listen to their cowboy songs. Our friend Hank Cramer with WA State Emergency Management will be there to sing a tune or two with the riders.

Scott H. gave a report from the LTR group. Laundry room/shower work continues, but acquisition of these facilities is difficult due to demand. Scott is considering cooking facilities, bathroom facilities, and a cooling/warming center as well so that the residents may have a place to take care of their daily necessities.

Old Business

Land survey grant-The land survey including the making of town block corners is to start on Wednesday, April 14th.

The Community buildings will be built as a shell first, then the floor plan will be determined.

Fiber-Mayor Harwood stated that 135 homes will be connected to fiber to their house.

FEMA update-The town is working with WA State Emergency Management on grants for roads and other infrastructure. Scott stated that there is a clean-up goal of all needed testing be done by

Labor Day. Tami stated that is every homeowner's responsibility or someone else may end up doing.

Debris Clean-up-Testing and clean-up of properties is FREE. The right to enter property forms are being mailed.

Tammi said that it is every homeowner's responsibility or someone else will have it done.

RVs-Mayor Harwood said that all people living in an RV must have a plan in six months to let the town council and staff know what their intention is for next winter's housing. Scott mentioned that this is the responsibility to the council to prioritize this situation.

New Business

Ordinance 2021-2 Annexation of Van dyke property-Janell moved to approve, Scott seconded it, motion carried. Tami Van Dyke abstained from voting.

Proclamation-Mayor Dan read a proclamation that told about the partnership between the town council and the Fire Recovery Relief group on rebuilding Malden.

Comprehensive Plan grant- Proposals will be received by the end of the week and then reviewed. Then the next step will be to sign a contract by April 19th.

Tool Library-Clerk Micki talked about the tool library being ready for use. Items have been cataloged, identified and photos taken and are inserted in a catalog. She will be available to assist on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings. Resident Chance Backest offered to assist on weekends. There are racks and shovels for yard work along with shop tools.

Tammi moved to approve Warrant #7961 through #7966 for a total of \$1,212.48. Janell seconded. Motion carried

Clerk Micki thanked the council for participating in the required training for the Open Meetings Act and Public Records Request.

Water report: John Goyke is unable to attend the council meetings as he is now a councilmember in Rosalia. They hold their meetings on the same night as Malden. He reported to Mayor Dan that even through the problem with the well pump recently, there was no down time on the water service. The chlorine levels have remained the same.

Streets- Mayor Dan reported that FEMA will be coming to town soon and getting a tour of the town to see the streets and the fire damage.

Fire-Mayor Dan announced that he has ordered light beacons for the brush truck from the General Fire Company. They are going to donate their labor and parts.

Public Comments-

Colleen Cross asked for the definition of "live garbage" and garden that are in the nuisance ordinance. She questioned that a "shell" only will be built for the community buildings.

Hank Cramer gave encouraging words to the town council and thanked them for their service.

Council Comments-

The Council thanked Hank Cramer for his time with the town even though some residents are unappreciative.

Councilmember Janell stated that the LTR group and the town council spend a lot of time in improving the town and helping the residents.

Mayor Comment- Mayor Dan expressed his concern of the ATVs that are be operated throughout town in a dangerous manner. Very young children are on these He is requesting that children under 16 not be driving the ATVs as they are dangerous. He stated that they must be street legal.

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Tami moved to adjourn, Scott seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor