CITY OF MALDEN

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL SESSION
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October 19, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Denton Kooyman Called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIE	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER JENKINS	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER GRANT		X
COUNCIL MEMBER DIERKS	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER BECKETT	X	
VACANT		

Members Present: 6

1. **Invocation**
   Pastor Randy Moore led the invocation

2. **Open Forum**
   None

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to approve the Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2026
   SECOND: By Council Member Santie

   Motion Passed: 6/0

4. FINANCIALS

The following September 2026 balances were reported:

- Cash and General Fund: $1,389,360.70
- COVID Federal Funding: $0.00
- Cemetery Fund: $184,633.68
- Park and Local Tax Fund: $51,483.65
- Park and Frisco Park Splashpad: $43,381.19
- Malden Department of Economic Development Fund: $44,350.32
- Street Capital Project Fund: $17,918.27
- Solid Waste Management Fund: $4,403.00
- Capital Improvement Fund: $555,599.22
- Total Cash and Cash Equivalents: $2,355,570.16
- Total City Debt: $1,152,156.06

5. POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT — BOYCOM CABLEVISION, INC.

The City Attorney explained that BoyCom Cablevision, Inc. requested permission to attach telecommunications equipment to the City's electric poles. The City is required by law to allow qualifying attachments, while an agreement and standardized fee may be required. The proposed agreement was described as consistent with existing agreements for other providers. The fee was discussed as $9 per pole per quarter. The attachments are for telecommunications equipment and do not use or connect to the City's electric service.

MOTION: By Council Member Dierks to approve the pole attachment agreement with BoyCom Cablevision, Inc.
SECOND: By Council Member Beckett

Motion Passed: 6/0

6. HEALTH INSURANCE AND EARLY RETIREMENT

The City Attorney requested that the health insurance and early retirement items be tabled until the next meeting. Proposed language had been sent to the union representative, but a response arrived shortly before the meeting, leaving insufficient time for full review and distribution in advance. The City Attorney stated the language was being finalized and both items should be placed on the next meeting's agenda. No formal motion or vote to table was clearly captured.

7. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The City Clerk reported that preparations for tax season were underway. Tax bills were expected the following week, after which they would be printed and mailed. She also stated that interviews for the Deputy Clerk position took place over the last week.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The City Administrator reported that the water project continued to progress. New water lines were being installed as part of the well chlorination project: work at Well 6 was reported complete, work at Well 5 was nearly complete, and crews were moving to Well 4. Concrete pads and equipment installation will follow the line work. The City was awaiting equipment quotes for a gas-chlorination system, and staff will need training to operate it.

Water samples had reportedly been returning acceptable results as of the most recent update. The new system is expected to improve efficiency and stability by providing additional contact/detention time. The City was also pursuing an analyzer that could alert staff if an abnormal chlorine event occurred. The cause of a prior chlorine incident had not been definitively identified during the discussion.

Regarding uncollected trash, code enforcement had contacted one resident and planned to follow up. In response to questions about nuisance properties, staff stated four properties were under review, with notice and publication timelines to be confirmed. One property owner had contacted the City and indicated an intent to address the issue.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Council Member Beckett asked for The City to consider increasing fees for the installation of underground systems because current fees were viewed as too low relative to the City's costs. The matter was acknowledged for follow-up.

Mr. Beckett also brought up the airbase baseball fields and thanked those who completed cleanup work. Discussion followed about whether the police officers who cleaned the fields should be compensated because the cleanup had not been completed by City staff. No action was taken.

Shop with a Cop: Council members noted that $1,114 had been raised for Shop with a Cop and discussed the number of children it would impact.

Council Member Cooper raised concerns about buried concrete on properties inside city limits. The council discussed whether the City should avoid burying concrete in the future. The City Administrator agreed to speak with the appropriate staff regarding the issue. No formal action was taken.

Council Member Santie requested a list of the dangerous properties in Ward 3. City Administrator Mitchell clarified that only one notice had been sent so far in the current process and that the four properties under review were not believed to be in Ward 3.

Council Member Santie also brought up alleys and visible nuisances: In response to a question about debris and abandoned items on properties adjoining alleys, City Attorney Chidister explained that the City may issue an abatement notice when a dangerous or nuisance condition is readily visible from a public right-of-way, including a public or platted alley. The City may not look over fences or inspect areas not visible from the right-of-way.

Council Member White discussed recent restaurant closures, possible reasons for the closures, and ways to attract replacement businesses. Mayor Kooyman explained that the City has incentives available, including possible tax or utility incentives tied to job creation.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Park Board's Halloween Parade was announced for Saturday, October 31, 2026. Lineup is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. and the parade begins at 6:00 p.m. The public was invited to attend. The Mayor also asked residents to use caution during Halloween activities.

The Mayor stated that a request to appoint Valerie Hinkle to the Ward 1 vacancy would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for Council consideration and approval.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Council Member Santie to Adjourn

SECOND: By Council Member Beckett

Motion Passed: 6/0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kayla VonRuden- City Clerk

Denton Kooyman- Mayor