

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL SESSION

MALDEN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 — 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL—201 SOUTH MADISON

Mayor Denton Kooyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Stewart-Allen Clark with First General Baptist Church conducting the opening prayer.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Council Member Wilkerson	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Jenkins arrived at 6:25 p.m.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Lefler	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Council Member House	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Joyce	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Jones	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Beckett	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Coleman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Members Present		<u> 8 </u>

Others Attending: City Clerk Mandy Lewis, DED/Airport Director David Blalock, Public Safety Department Director/Chief of Police Jeff Mitchell, City Attorney Jonce Chidister and City Administrator Ivone Smith.

15 MINUTE OPEN FORUM

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Approval of Regular Council Session Minutes of February 26, 2024.

MOTION: By Council Member House to approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 26, 2024.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

Motion Passed 7/0

b. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of February 26, 2024.

MOTION: By Council Member Joyce to approve the Closed Session Minutes of February 26, 2024.

SECOND: By Council Member Lefler.

Motion Passed 7/0

TREASURERS REPORT

b. Financial Report

City Treasurer Earnheart was absent from the March Council Meeting. City Administrator Smith reported for the 8th Month of the Fiscal Year February 2024, the General Fund had \$1,163,891.29, COVID Federal Funding has \$335,052.41, Cemetery Fund has \$163,785.25, Park Fund \$0.00, Park/Frisco Park Splash Pad Fund \$351,487.15, DED has \$41,501.99, Street Capital Projects Fund \$420,331.64, Solid Waste Management Fund \$5,889.53, Capital Improvement Fund has \$245,041.59. Total cash and cash equivalents \$2,791,631.86 and long-term loan obligations is \$2,211,600.30. She states the auditors have informed they were unable to complete the audit by the March Council Meeting. They have stated they will be at the April Council Meeting to review the audit.

DED/AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

a. Lease with Southern Missouri Truck Driving School

DED/Airport Director Blalock informs the Council the current lease with the Southern Missouri Truck Driving School is going to be expiring and a new lease will be required for continued occupancy.

MOTION: By Council Member Wilkerson to authorize Mayor Kooyman to execute a lease on behalf of the City of Malden with the Southern Missouri Truck Driving School.

SECOND: By Council Member Joyce.

Motion Passed 7/0

b. Lease with Malden Country Club

DED/Airport Director Blalock informs the Council the current lease with the Malden Country Club is going to be expiring and a new lease will be required for continued occupancy. He states the rental amount had not changed in approximately 20 years. The rent was increased with this lease.

MOTION: By Council Member House to authorize Mayor Kooyman to execute a lease on behalf of the City of Malden with the Malden Country Club.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

Motion Passed 7/0

c. Lease with Department of Public Safety (First Station #1)

DED/Airport Director Blalock informs the Council the current lease with the Department of Public Safety is going to be expiring and a new lease will be required for continued occupancy. He explains this property is located at the First Station #1.

MOTION: By Council Member Joyce to authorize Mayor Kooyman to execute a lease on behalf of the City of Malden with the Department of Public Safety.

SECOND: By Council Member House.

Motion Passed 7/0

CONTRACT WITH DAKTRONICS (DIGITAL SIGN WARRANTY)

City Administrator states she was contacted last week regarding the warranty for the digital sign. She states the warranty will expire at the beginning of April. She states an extended warranty is available for: 1-year for \$730.00 or 5-years with a one-time payment of \$3,255.00 or \$705.00 yearly. Council Member Coleman inquires if City Administrator thinks the warranty is worth the funds. City Administrator Smith states her recommendation is to approve the 5-year warranty with a one-time payment of \$3,255.00. Mayor Kooyman states anytime he had to contact Daktronics for an issue with the sign, the response was quick. City Administrator Smith states without a warranty, issues with equipment or parts could cost the city more than \$3,255.00.

MOTION: By Council Member Coleman to approve an extended warranty for the digital sign with Daktronics for 5-years for \$3,255 per year.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

Motion Passed 7/0

REQUEST TO REMOVE YIELD SIGN AND INSTALL A 3-WAY STOP (E. OZARK ST. & S. GRAHAM ST.)

City Administrator Smith states a request has come in to have a yield sign removed and a 3-way stop be installed at the intersection of Ozark St. and Graham St. She informs the resident that made the request states drivers are speeding on the road and they hope this would stop if a 3-way stop is installed. She also informs she has spoken to Deputy Director for Department of Public Safety/Assistant Chief of Police Jones and Public Works Superintendent Krepps and neither see any issues with the change.

MOTION: By Council Member Jones to authorize City Attorney Chidister to prepare an ordinance to remove a yield sign and install a 3-way stop at the intersection of Ozark St. and Graham St.

SECOND: By Council Member House.

Motion Passed 7/0

DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS PER RETENTION SCHEDULE

City Administrator Smith presents a list of files to be approved for destruction based on the Secretary of State's Retention Schedule.

MOTION: By Council Member Wilkerson to approve the destruction of records per list presented.

SECOND: By Council Member Jones.

Motion Passed 7/0

Council Member Jenkins arrives at 6:25 p.m. She reads a Resolution issued by the Missouri House of Representatives congratulating Council Member Debra Wilkerson on her 30 years of service to the City of Malden. Mayor Kooyman presents Council Member Wilkerson a thank you gift on behalf of the City of Malden and Director of Public Safety Department/Chief of Police Mitchell presents her with a coin on behalf of the Malden Department of Public Safety. Council Member Wilkerson thanks her family, church family, friends, other council members and city staff

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Smith updates the Council on the progress of the Community Center. She states the doors and roof materials were damaged upon delivery so there is a delay. However, carpet has been installed in the offices and flooring in the auditorium and on stage. The front doors should be installed soon. A tentative walk-thru is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2025. The goal is to have a soft opening in mid-April with a move in date for May. City Administrator Smith updates the Council on the progress of the Splash Pad. She states the equipment has been ordered and it will take 8-10 weeks for delivery. She will begin to work on the bids for the concrete work. Former Council Member Karen Haley has informed she is willing to help solicit donations from local businesses. She informs there will be a Budget/Finance Committee Meeting in the next few weeks. She will pass along the information once a date is selected. Administrator Smith informs two employees will be retiring in the next two weeks. Wayne Shelton will retire on March 22nd just shy of 35 years and Herman Barber will retire on March 29th after seven years with the city. She thanks Council Member Wilkerson for her support over the last seven years.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Council Member Beckett – None.

Council Member Joyce – States he has spoken to Jeff regarding drivers running stop signs. Thanks, Darren Todd, for attending the Council Meeting. Thanks Council Member Wilkerson for her years of service.

Council Member Lefler – Wishes Council Member Wilkerson the best of luck.

Council Member Jenkins – Requests city employees look at a tree at the corner of Edwards St. and Jones St. She states it is blocking the view of oncoming traffic. States Council Member Wilkerson will be missed.

Council Member Coleman – States Council Member Wilkerson will be missed by the Council.

Council Member Jones – States it was a pleasure working with Council Member Wilkerson

Council Member House – Expresses his appreciation for Council Member Wilkerson over the years.

Council Member Wilkerson – Thanks everyone for their well wishes and introduces her family to the Council.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Kooyman informs the April Council Meeting will be on April 15, 2024 at 6 pm at City Hall. The Building Code Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on March 27, 2024 at 3 pm at Board of Public Works conference room due to the driver examiners using City Hall conference room; Planning and Zoning Meeting will be held on March 20, 2024 at 12 pm at the Board of Public Works Conference Room; the Board of Public Works Meeting will be held March 26, 2024 at 5 pm; the Park Board Meeting will be on April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Kooyman states the municipal election will be April 2, 2024 and because the Community Center is still under remodel, voting will take place at the Malden Elementary Gym. Flyers will go out in utility bills to inform the public. He states the Bootheel Youth Museum is hosting a Solar Eclipse event on April 8th and he encourages everyone to attend. He informs the public and council that the City-Wide Yard Sale is scheduled for May 1-3 and the City-Wide Clean-up is scheduled for May 6-8.

Mayor Kooyman states several people have come to him regarding inaccurate statements made in the Delta Dunklin Democrat published on February 29, 2024 regarding the February Council Meeting. He states this is part of the reason he wants Council Meetings to be streamed live once the move to the Community Center is completed. He states he wants citizens to get the facts for themselves and not rely on inaccurate reporting.

OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY

With no other business deemed necessary, a Motion to Adjourn was entertained.

MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to adjourn the Regular Council Session of March 18, 2024 at 7:10 p.m.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED

8 - YES

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Council Member Joyce	YES	Council Member Jones	YES
Council Member House	YES	Council Member Coleman	YES
Council Member Wilkerson	YES	Council Member Beckett	YES
Council Member Lefler	YES	Council Member Jenkins	YES

ATTEST:



Denton Kooyman – Mayor



Mandy Lewis – City Clerk/City Collector