

# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL SESSION

MALDEN CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 — 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL—201 SOUTH MADISON

Mayor Denton Kooyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Steven Childers with Grace Baptist Church conducted the opening prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Council Member Wilkerson	X	
Council Member Jenkins (President Pro Tem)	X	
Council Member Lefler	X	
Council Member House	X	
Council Member Joyce		X
Council Member Jones	X	
Council Member Beckett	X	
Council Member Coleman	X	
Members Present		<u>7</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**

Nollie Smith-Burnett addresses the Council with an update on the progress of Northend Property Management and the grant process. She states she expects to hear news on the grant around the end of September. Ms. Smith-Burnett relays conversations she has had with individuals within the City of Malden regarding her goals of bringing affordable housing to the City of Malden. She states she has not been discouraged from moving towards these goals because of their remarks.

Council Member Jenkins arrives at 6:05 p.m.

Ms. Smith-Burnett also relays an incident that happened with her daughter the previous weekend. She states her daughter went out with some friends and had a gun pulled on her. Council Member Jenkins inquires if a police report was made. Ms. Smith-Burnett states the Malden Department of Public Safety was not contacted because the person was unknown to her daughter. Ms. Smith-Burnett continues to address the Council regarding the purchase of police vehicles, fire trucks, building a Splash Pad and the addition of the Boys & Girls Club of Poplar Bluff coming to Malden. She feels the city should be doing more to take care of the residents. She finishes her statement by saying "charity starts at home."

**GUEST – RON HUBER, DUNKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Dunklin County Commissioner Ron Huber addresses the Council regarding \$100,000.00 Dunklin County is giving to the Malden Airport to be used as a grant match. He states the money is from COVID/ARPA money received by the County. He states the money needs to be used for a grant match for an infrastructure grant and the money must be spent by December 31, 2025. Council Member Coleman asks the status of the Southeast Missouri University building. Commissioner Huber states the building needs repairs; however, SEMO University is not willing to do the repairs needed in order to have an entity in the building. He states there will be a meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023 regarding bringing a job training center to Malden. Commissioner Huber encourages the Council to attend.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** By Council Member House to approve the Regular Session Minutes of July 17, 2023.

**SECOND:** By Council Member Jones.

**Motion Passed 7/0**

**MOTION:** By Council Member Jones to approve the Special Called Session Minutes of August 14, 2023.

**SECOND:** By Council Member Wilkerson.

**Motion Passed 7/0**

### TREASURERS REPORT

#### a. Financial Report

City Administrator Smith reports on behalf of City Treasurer, Angela Earnheart who is absent. She reports for the 1<sup>st</sup> Month of the Fiscal Year July 2023, the General Fund had \$843,313.71, COVID Federal Funding has \$547,934.66, Cemetery Fund has \$163,785.25, Park Fund \$29,219.94, Frisco Park Splashpad Fund has \$353,979.12, Malden Department of Economic Development Fund has \$40,818.78, Street Capital Projects Fund \$350,789.41, Solid Waste Management Fund \$5,722.95, Capital Improvement Fund has \$222,653.22. Total cash and cash equivalents \$2,621,911.80 and long-term loan obligations is \$2,464,848.02.

### ORDINANCE(S)

#### a. Ordinance No. 3279 (Animal Regulations)

**MOTION:** By Council Member Jenkins to approve the 1<sup>ST</sup> reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3279** – An Ordinance of the City of Malden, Missouri repealing Chapter 240 of the Malden City Code relating to animal regulations, enacting a new Chapter 240, and providing for an effective date.

**SECOND:** By Council Member Jones.

#### **POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED**

**7 - YES**

**0 - NO**

Council Member Joyce	ABSENT	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

**DISCUSSION:** Director of Public Safety Mitchell states Ordinance No. 3279 will update the section allowing for violations to be assessed from \$50 - \$500 and potentially imprisonment. He reminds the Council the Malden shelter is a no kill shelter due to a grant that was received to construct the building. Due to this, there are times the facility is at capacity.

**MOTION:** By Council Member House to approve the 2<sup>ND</sup> reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3279** – An Ordinance of the City of Malden, Missouri repealing Chapter 240 of the Malden City Code relating to animal regulations, enacting a new Chapter 240, and providing for an effective date.

**SECOND:** By Council Member Jenkins.

#### **POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED**

**7 - YES**

**0 - NO**

Council Member Joyce	ABSENT	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

### RESOLUTION(S):

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 3280 (2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update):** A Resolution of the City of Malden adopting the Dunklin County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

City Administrator Smith states the approval of Resolution No. 3280 will allow the City to apply for and receive funds from FEMA should there be a natural disaster. She states she will be sending an email to all the Council with a link to a survey.

She asks the Council to fill out based on what they see the community needs. City Administrator Smith states she will be bringing the updated Flood Plain Map to the Council in the coming months as there are changes that will affect residents of Malden.

**MOTION:** By Council Member Jones Resolution No. 32082 and authorize Mayor Kooyman to execute necessary documentation.

**SECOND:** By Council Member House.

**Motion Passed 7/0**

**DED/AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK:**

**a. Lease for Farmland**

DED/Airport Director Blalock informs the Council there was a bid opening on July 28, 2023 regarding multiple parcels of farm land the city leases. The highest bid was from Terry Dawson. He requests the Council approve the Lease for Mr. Dawson.

**MOTION:** By Council Member House to approve the Lease for Farmland authorizing Mayor Kooyman to execute necessary documents on behalf of the City of Malden.

**SECOND:** By Council Member Wilkerson.

**Motion Passed 7/0**

**b. Rail Spur Joint Use Agreement with Weaver Popcorn**

DED/Airport Director Blalock informs the Council the Aviation Project Consultant Agreement is regarding a grant the City has received for the construction of a fence around the airport runway.

**MOTION:** By Council Member Jones to approve the Rail Spur Joint Agreement with Weaver Popcorn and authorize Mayor Kooyman to execute necessary documents on behalf of the City of Malden.

**SECOND:** By Council Member Jenkins.

**Motion Passed 7/0**

**DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE, SCRAP OR SURPLUS PROPERTY POLICY**

City Administrator Smith reminds the Council of previous discussions regarding a policy for the sale of city owned property. She has researched with Purple Wave and GovDeal, two online auction sites that work with municipalities. Purple Wave will not allow you to reject offers or have reserves. However, GovDeal will allow both. Council Member Coleman states he feels the \$10,000 should be reduced and the Council needs to be made aware of the sale of city owned property over \$2,500. He also would like the sale or donation of property going to other local government agencies or non-profits be approved by Council. Council Member House states he feels city employees should not be allowed to purchase property. City Attorney Chidister states if the Council chooses to go with the online auction companies, bids can come from anywhere and from anyone. After additional discussion a motion was entertained.

**MOTION:** By Council Member Coleman to approve the Disposal of Obsolete, Scrap or Surplus Property Policy with the change of \$10,000 to \$2,500.

**SECOND:** By Council Member Jenkins.

**Motion Passed 7/0**

City Administrator Smith states Director of Public Safety Mitchell is requesting a 2016 Ford Explorer be sold to the Malden School District for use by the School Resource Officer recently hired. She states the School Board has approved the purchase for \$12,000.

**MOTION:** By Council Member House to approve the sale of the 2016 Ford Explorer to the Malden School District.

**SECOND:** By Council Member Jenkins.

**Motion Passed 7/0**

**COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT UPDATE**

City Administrator Smith updates the Council regarding the Community Center project. Construction will begin September 5<sup>th</sup> by Sides Construction. After bid opening and Council approval, the City's match portion is approximately \$230,000. The

project is expected to be completed by May 2024. Council Member House inquires about a drive-up window for BPW payments. City Administrator Smith states there will not be a drive-up window. Residents can pay in person, by phone, automatic bank draft, or online.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator Smith updates the Council and public about the Splash Pad Project. She has been in communication with USDA regarding the filing of a waiver for the Buy America - Build America. She will update when more information is received. She informs the parking lot and walking trail will be open on Friday. Mayor Kooyman states there are rumors that the Splash Pad project is not going to be completed. He wants to clarify the project is moving forward.

City Administrator Smith informs a representative from the Secretary of State's Office met with City Clerk Lewis this week regarding the destruction of records. In the upcoming months there will be a list of records needing to be destroyed that will come before the Council for approval.

City Administrator Smith informs the Dunklin County Tax Sale is next Monday, August 28, 2023 at 10 am. City Clerk Lewis will be attending in order to collect City of Malden taxes for any properties sold.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

**Council Member Beckett** – None.

**Council Member Coleman** – None.

**Council Member Joyce** – Absent.

**Council Member Jones** – None.

**Council Member Lefler** – States a resident came to her regarding solar lights that have been damaged at the Memorial Park Cemetery. City Administrator Smith states she will look into the situation.

**Council Member House** – Thanks the Council for their support of the Veteran's Memorial Wall. The donations have slowed down but he intends to continue moving towards the total goal. He reminds there is a water spout that will need to be moved prior to installation. City Administrator Smith states she will speak with the Public Works Superintendent.

**Council Member Jenkins** – Informs the Council, Vivian Stone's sister passed away and asks they keep her in their prayers. She also reminds every one of the alumni activities going on September 2, 2023.

**Council Member Wilkerson** – None.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Kooyman informs the September Council Meeting will be on September 18, 2023 at 6 pm at City Hall. Building Code Committee Meeting and Planning & Zoning Board Meeting will not take place this month. Public Hearing and Special Called Council Meeting regarding the 2024 Tax Rate is scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2023 at 6 pm at City Hall. Park Board Meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The Board of Public Works Board Meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the BPW Conference Room.

Mayor Kooyman informs the Council tomorrow is the first day of school. All are invited to come welcome the students back in the morning. All Council Members are encouraged to attend a meeting at the Malden Community Center on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 2 pm to discuss the possibility of a workforce development training center coming to Malden. He informs the Council and public the City-Wide Yard Sale is scheduled for September 28 – September 30 and City-Wide Clean-up is scheduled for October 2 – October 4. Autumn-Fest is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 3 pm.

**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 August 21, 2023 at 7:35 p.m.

**SECOND:** By Council Member Wilkerson.


**POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED**

**7 - YES**

**0 - NO**

Council Member Joyce	ABSENT	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:

  
 Mandy Lewis – City Clerk/City Collector

  
 Denton Kooyman – Mayor