

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL SESSION

MALDEN CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 — 6:00 P.M.

CITY HALL—201 SOUTH MADISON

Mayor Denton Kooyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Dan Hargrave with Stokelan Drive Christian Church conducting the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Council Member Wilkerson	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Jenkins	<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, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Krepps, DED/Airport Director David Blalock, Public Safety Department Director/Chief of Police Jeff Mitchell, City Treasurer Angela Earnheart, City Attorney Jonce Chidister and City Administrator Ivone Smith.

GUEST – Jeff Arp with MIRMA

Jeff Arp addresses the Council regarding the MIRMA Risk Management Grant awards the City of Malden received in 2023. He informs the City of Malden was awarded \$1,747.88 for the Electric Distribution Department and \$2,250.00 for the purchase of a taser for the Police Department. The Water/Wastewater Department was awarded a percentage of the cost of a hydraulic hammer but supplies are limited and it has not been purchased to date. He informs the City of Malden has received a total of \$3,997.88 for the 2023 Risk Management Grant Program.

15 MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Darrell & Lisa Whitehead (39419 Hasty Drive, Malden, MO) address the Council regarding issues with their sewer within the Dunklin County Sewer District. Ms. Whitehead states the sewer has been out all week and would like to know when the system will be fixed. City Administrator Smith informs the freezing temperatures have had an impact on the system and that employees have been working to fix the issues. Mr. and Ms. Whitehead were not satisfied with the explanation of Administrator Smith, Mayor Kooyman further states the issues with the Dunklin County Sewer District are not due to mistakes made by the City of Malden. The City of Malden was court ordered to take a receivership in March 2021. He states alleged mismanagement and misappropriation of funds as well as non-payment of USDA loans has left the sewer district with multiple issues. Council Member Coleman advises Mr. and Ms. Whitehead that coming to the Council and yelling is not the way to get assistance. Public Works Superintendent Krepps states the system is more than likely not going to be fixed without a large amount of money being put into it. He states the system should have not been put in due to the water table. The system works in dry conditions, which is not the conditions within our area. He reiterates the rain, snow, and freezing temperatures have created major issues within the system. Mr. and Ms. Whitehead thank Public Superintendent Krepps for explaining the issues. Ms. Whitehead then informs Mayor Kooyman he is an “asshole” and informs Council Member Coleman that he is an “asshole” too.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to approve the Regular Session Minutes of December 18, 2023.

SECOND: By Council Member House.

Motion Passed 8/0

TREASURERS REPORT

a. Financial Report

City Treasurer Earnheart reported for the 6th Month of the Fiscal Year December 2023, the General Fund had \$927,345.77, COVID Federal Funding has \$405,092.82, Cemetery Fund has \$163,785.25, Park Fund \$0.00, Park/Frisco Park Splashpad Fund \$351,487.15, DED has \$41,308.76, Street Capital Projects Fund \$396,638.95, Solid Waste Management Fund \$5,843.10, Capital Improvement Fund has \$224,903.13. Total cash and cash equivalents \$2,585,749.82 and long-term loan obligations is \$2,279,832.93. She states the Park Fund is currently at \$0.00 due to the purchase of picnic tables and park benches in connection with the Department of Natural Resources Grant received by the City. Once reimbursement from DNR is received, the funds will be returned to the Park Fund. City Treasurer Earnheart states the auditors will be conducting their site visit the week of February 5th. Council Member Lefler inquires about invoices for checks written on behalf of the City. Treasurer Earnheart states the general ledger for several accounts are included in the packet and she suggests if there are any questions regarding a specific transaction to call her and she will pull the invoices.

ORDINANCE(S)

a. Ordinance No. 3281 – Acceptance of State Block Grant Agreement

MOTION: By Council Member House to approve the 1ST reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3281** – An Ordinance of the City of Malden, Missouri to authorize acceptance by the City of a State Block Grant Agreement for airport improvements, to provide an effective date, and to repeal all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED

8 - YES

0 - NO

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

DISCUSSION: Council Member Jenkins asks if this is an ordinance that was approved in the past. DED/Airport Director Blalock states any time money is received from the state for these types of projects, an Ordinance is required.

MOTION: By Council Member Wilkerson to approve the 2ND reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3281** – An Ordinance of the City of Malden, Missouri to authorize acceptance by the City of a State Block Grant Agreement for airport improvements, to provide an effective date, and to repeal all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict.

SECOND: By Council Member Jenkins.

POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED

8 - YES

0 - NO

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

DED/AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

DED/Airport Director Blalock states bids for a 2,500-foot fence and four gates to block access to the runway from vehicles were received and reviewed by the engineers. The engineer’s recommendation is Lejas Corporation. He requests the Council to authorize Mayor Kooyman to sign necessary documents to retain Lejas Corporation for the project. Director Blalock also states the \$64,000 received from Dunklin County will be used as a match for this project.

MOTION: By Council Member Joyce to authorize Mayor Kooyman to execute necessary documents to retain Lejas Corporation for the installation of a fence and gates to restrict access to the runways.

SECOND: By Council Member Jenkins.

Motion Passed 8/0

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

a. City Council Authorization – Missouri Highway Safety Program

Department of Public Safety Director Mitchell states the Missouri Safety and Traffic Division requests the City Council Authorization be signed each year. He states this program allows for reimbursement of overtime for the City of Malden officers.

MOTION: By Council Member Wilkerson to approve the City Council Authorization for the Missouri Highway Safety Program.

SECOND: By Council Member Jenkins.

Motion Passed 8/0

2024 CITY OF MALDEN SAFETY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

City Administrator Smith states MIRMA requires a set of Safety Goals and Objectives be approved each year as part of the City's Risk Assessment.

MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to approve the 2024 City of Malden Safety Goals and Objectives.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

Motion Passed 8/0

MALDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Mayor Kooyman informs the Council of the responsibility of the Mayor to appoint members to the Housing Authority Board. He has appointed Debra Wilkerson, Dianna Rogers, Casen Coleman, Debbie Brown, and reappointed Penny Loughary. The previous members: Bernice Wilson, Brad James, Annie Killebrew, and Richard Pattillo are removed with these appointments. Each of the previous member's terms had expired, so each new appointment will serve from one to four years. From this point forward, a new member will be appointed or reappointed each year.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Smith states the Community Center project is progressing and may be completed ahead of schedule. She will schedule a tour for Council Members soon. She feels the Community Center Rental Agreement will need to be altered due to the additional spaces available for rent. Administrator Smith informs the Council of an article published in the Bernie Banner/Campbell Courier regarding the grant received from the USDA. This grant made it possible for the City of Malden to purchase lawnmowers for multiple departments, a new street sweeper and a new fire engine. She informs the Council regarding the failure to add the new Republic Services rate to the December billing. Therefore, an additional \$1 will be added to the January billing to recoup the loss. Council Member Coleman asks why not just eat the loss instead of adding a dollar. Administrator Smith states the cost to the Board of Public Works would be approximately \$18,000.00. Administrator Smith states the Municipal Insurance bids are due on Monday, February 12, 2024. She has been working with a company out of Dexter and expects a bid from them as well as MIRMA. She will submit the bids as well as her recommendation at the next City Council Meeting.

Thanks City Hall, Board of Public Works and Department of Public Safety staff and everyone that sent condolences for the passing of her father the day after Christmas.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Council Member Beckett – None.

Council Member Joyce – Gives condolences for the passing of City Administrator Smith's father. Thanks the City staff for doing such a good job in cleaning up the roads during the recent snow. Thanks City Clerk Lewis for her work on the website. He has received a lot of compliments.

Council Member Lefler – Gives condolences for the passing of City Administrator Smith's father. Thanks the MDPS for having the Nutrition Center open as a warming station during the low temperatures. She asks about the lights on Hwy 25 being replaced. Administrator Smith states they are waiting for parts to be delivered. Asks about the confusion with trash pick-up this week. Administrator Smith states Republic Services informed the City they would be running on a

delay due to road conditions. However, they were able to continue as usual. Because of this, some houses were missed. Republic Services has instructed additional trash to place it in bags beside the trash cans and it will be picked up next week at the regular time.

Council Member Jenkins – Gives condolences for the passing of City Administrator Smith’s father.

Council Member Coleman – None.

Council Member Jones – None.

Council Member House – Inquires where the election will be held since the Community Center will be closed in April. Mayor Kooyman states he; Director Mitchell and City Clerk Lewis have been working with the Dunklin County Clerks Office to find a location. The location chosen was the Malden Elementary Gym. Doors will be locked so there will be no access to the school building.

Council Member Wilkerson – Gives condolences for the passing of City Administrator Smith’s father. Asks about the charge for a second trash can. Administrator Smith states the second trash can is charged through Republic Services. The Board of Public Works only charges for the first. Republic Services conducted an audit and found a significant number of residences had a second trash can but were not paying for the additional service. If you do not wish to pay for the second trash can, it can be picked up.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Kooyman informs the February Council Meeting will be on February 26, 2024 at 6 pm at City Hall. This meeting will be one week later due to the President’s Day Holiday. The Building Code Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on February 28, 2024 at 3 pm at City Hall; the Park Board Meeting will be on February 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, the Board of Public Works Board Meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the BPW Conference Room.

Mayor Kooyman informs the Council the filing for the April 2024 election has closed. The Ballot will read: Ward 1 – Rose Downs & Tomorro Antwine, Ward 2: Robert House & Nollie “Cookie” Smith-Burnett, Ward 3: Charles Dierks & Harold Jones and Ward 4: Casen Coleman. He wishes Council Member Wilkerson a very happy birthday.

CLOSED SESSION: REAL ESTATE RSMO 610.021(2)

MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to adjourn the Regular Session and go into Executive Session for REAL ESTATE RSMO 610.021(2) on January 22, 2024 at 6:55 p.m.

SECOND: By Council Member House.

POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED

8 - YES

0 - NO

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

MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:05 p.m.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED

8 - YES

0 - NO

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

OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY

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

MOTION: By Council Member Wilkerson to adjourn the Regular Council Session of January 22, 2024 at 7:07 p.m.

SECOND: By Council Member House.

POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED

8 - YES

0 - NO

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

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Malden City Council
 Monday, January 22, 2024
 City Hall—201 South Madison

Mayor Denton Kooyman called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Council Member Wilkerson	X	_____
Council Member Jenkins	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>8</u>

Others Attending: City Clerk/City Collector Mandy Lewis, City Attorney Jonce Chidister and City Administrator Ivone Smith.

REAL ESTATE RSMO 610.021(2)

Council discusses a real estate matter.

MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:05 p.m.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED

8 - YES


0 - NO

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:



 Mandy Lewis – City Clerk/City Collector



 Denton Kooyman – Mayor