

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL SESSION

MALDEN CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023 — 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL—201 SOUTH MADISON

Mayor Denton Kooyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with David Blalock, DED/Airport Industrial Park Director conducting the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

| | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| 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>6</u> |

Others Attending: City Clerk Mandy Lewis, Airport Office Manager Tara Smothers, DED/Airport Director David Blalock, Public Safety Department Director/Chief of Police Jeff Mitchell, City Treasurer Angela Earnheart and City Administrator Ivone Smith.

15 MINUTE OPEN FORUM

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: By Council Member House to approve the Regular Session Minutes of October 16, 2023.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

Motion Passed 6/0

MOTION: By Council Member Jones to approve the Closed Session Council Minutes of October 16, 2023.

SECOND: By Council Member Jenkins.

Motion Passed 6/0

TREASURERS REPORT

b. Financial Report

City Treasurer Earnheart reported for the 4th Month of the Fiscal Year October 2023, the General Fund had \$740,129.32, COVID Federal Funding has \$542,751.82, Cemetery Fund has \$163,785.25, Park Fund \$3,451.75, Frisco Park Splashpad Fund has \$351,487.15, Malden Department of Economic Development Fund has \$41,112.71, Street Capital Projects Fund \$382,083.84 Solid Waste Management Fund \$5,795.15, Capital Improvement Fund has \$206,933.25. Total cash and cash equivalents \$2,504,173.75 and long-term loan obligations is \$2,347,694.46.

REQUEST TO VACATE ALLEY – Natasha Brown

Mayor Kooyman reminds the Council, Ms. Brown was at the October Council Meeting requesting the City vacate an alley adjacent to her property. City Administrator Smith states she, Public Works Superintendent Krepps and Electric Distribution Coordinator Jenkins met at the site to discuss utilities. She states there is an electric pole near the alley and the city would require access to the pole with a bucket truck if it needed replacing. Therefore, it is her recommendation to not vacate the alley. Council Member Coleman asks if the other business owners have been contacted. City Administrator Smith states only one owner would be affected and she has not contacted them. Ms. Brown states the neighbor has not been parking in the area. She believes this is due to the neighbor overhearing the meeting held at the location. City Administrator Smith states Ms. Brown could contact the MDPS if the issue continues and is a disturbance.

MOTION: By Council Member Joyce to approve the request for vacate alley per the request of Ms. Natasha Brown.

SECOND: None.

Motion Dies

LIEN FORGIVENESS REQUEST:

a. Nollie Smith Burnett/North End Property Management and Development LLC

City Administrator Smith states Ms. Smith-Burnett has provided a list of 15 properties she would like the Council to consider waiving liens. She states the Council approved a new policy at the October Council Meeting where all liens could be waived after 12-months of maintenance. This policy replaced one that stated the owner would pay half of the liens and the remaining would be waived after 6-months of maintenance. Council Member Jenkins informs Ms. Smith Burnett is not in attendance and requests the topic be put on next months Agenda. Mayor Kooyman states the topic will be postponed until the December meeting.

MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to postpone the discussion of Ms. Nollie Smith-Burnett's request for Lien Forgiveness until the December Council Meeting on December 18, 2023.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

Motion Passed 6/0

DED/AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

a. Lighting Lease with FAA

DED/Airport Director Blalock states the lease with the FAA is regarding lights located on the Airbase that are maintained by the FAA. The lease is required for the maintenance personnel to access the location.

MOTION: By Council Member Joyce to authorize Mayor Kooyman to execute necessary documents for the lighting lease with the FAA.

SECOND: By Council Member Jones.

Motion Passed 6/0

DED/Airport Director Blalock introduces the Council to Airport Office Manager Tara Smothers as she has recently taken Patty Smith's position after her retirement. Council Member Jenkins inquires about a rumor that the City of Malden rejected a bid from Boeing, bringing approximately 300 jobs to the area. DED/Airport Director Blalock states this rumor is not correct and Boeing has not contacted the City regarding the possibility of moving to the area.

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

a. Piano

City Administrator Smith states a piano that was located at the Community Center was moved to the Bootheel Youth Museum for storage during the remodel. As this piano has not been used in years, it is her recommendation the piano be sold under the Disposal of Obsolete, Scrap or Surplus Property Policy recently approved by the Council.

MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to approve the sale of a piano on GovDeals.

SECOND: By Council Member Jones.

Motion Passed 6/0

b. Fire Truck

City Administrator Smith states the new fire truck received from a grant from USDA, will be arriving next week. Due to the number of trucks the City will have, Director Mitchell has requested Truck 16 be sold as surplus property. Council Member Jenkins asks if any local departments may need a truck. Director Mitchell states he will reach out to neighboring fire departments to see if there is a need. He states the equipment will be kept but the truck will be sold.

MOTION: By Council Member Joyce to approve the sale of Fire Truck 16 on GovDeal if no local departments need the truck.

SECOND: By Council Member Jenkins.

Motion Passed 6/0

GENERATOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Mayor Kooyman states the contract with Southeast Services, the company that services the city’s generators, is coming due. The generators are located at the Community Center, Department of Pubic Safety and Nutrition Center. City Administrator states the price increase from the last 3-year contract is \$100.

MOTION: By Council Member Coleman to authorize Mayor Kooyman to execute a 3-year contact with Southeast Services.
SECOND: By Council Member Jenkins. **Motion Passed 6/0**

FIRE STATION GRANT

Mayor Kooyman states there was a good turn out at the Town Hall regarding this issue. Several questions were raised by residents regarding an additional tax to fund the manning of both fire stations. He states the cost of manning both fire stations would be approximately \$450,000 and a .25% tax increase would not cover this cost. Director Mitchell states he is looking into keeping a fire station at the current location on Laclede Street. Council Member Coleman states he wants to do what best for the whole city no matter if that is the current location for the BPW parking lot. Council Member Joyce states he has received positive feedback from the Town Hall meeting and states he would like to see the BPW building designated for the MDPS for continued use by the City. Mayor Kooyman states he would like to put a committee together to make sure the building of a new fire station is done right the first time. If the city is investing the money, we do not want to have to come back in a few years and make improvements. City Administrator Smith states before a grant can be obtained a location must be chosen. It is her recommendation the topic be postponed a few months and revisit at a later date. Mayor Kooyman states he feels the matter should be dealt with and he would like to put together a committee and requests Council Members to reach out to him if they are interested on being nominated for the Committee. He states it is his hope they can start meeting in January or February.

Mayor Kooyman states cameras will be installed at separate locations so train activity can be monitored. This will allow dispatch to warn fire engineers and firefighters of approaching trains so time can be saved in getting to trucks and fires. Additional training will be given to continue improvements within the department.

MOTION: By Council Member Jenkins to form a committee to discuss the possible building of a new fire station.
SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson. **Motion Passed 6/0**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

City Administrator Smith states the Malden Park Board has received a grant for \$49,502 for 19 6ft park benches, 30 6ft picnic tables and 6 8ft wheel chair accessible tables from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The tables and benches will be placed in both Frisco Park and Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. City Administrator Smith updates the Council regarding the Community Center remodel. She states crews are continuing to work on the roof but are waiting for additional materials. She will be looking into fiber being ran to the building along with a new phone system. She states they are still waiting for a wavier on the Splash Pad and she will update when more information is obtained. Administrator Smith informs the Council of the balance associated with the purchase and installation of the Veteran’s Memorial Wall. The cost of the wall was \$12,456 with donations totaling \$7,715. The remaining \$4,741 to complete the project were taken from the General Fund per the decision by the Council. She states any names that will be added will cost \$50 per name and the city is asking for a minimum donation of \$50 per name. Council Member Jenkins states she does not feel people should be charged for having a family members name added. She states some do not have the ability to pay the \$50. Mayor Kooyman states this topic can be placed on the December Agenda for further discussion.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

- Council Member Beckett** - Absent.
- Council Member Coleman** – None.
- Council Member Joyce** – None.
- Council Member Jones** – None.
- Council Member Lefler** – Absent.
- Council Member House** – None.

Council Member Jenkins – She states the rumor regarding Boeing was supposedly from Melissa Combs and she had stated the City of Malden would not work with her. City Administrator Smith states she and DED/Airport Director Blalock met with Ms. Combs and she feels the relationship will continue to improve.

Council Member Wilkerson – Wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Kooyman informs the December Council Meeting will be on December 18, 2023 at 6 pm at City Hall. Building Code Committee Meeting, Planning & Zoning Board Meeting and Park Board Meeting will not be held this month due to the holiday. The Board of Public Works Board Meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the BPW Conference Room.

Mayor Kooyman states the 2023 City Taxes have gone out and are due by December 31, 2023. He states City offices will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. He discusses the events going on in the City in the month of December. He reminds the Council the first day to sign up for the April 2024 Municipal Election is December 5, 2023 with the last day to sign up being December 26, 2023.

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 November 20, 2023 at 7:10 p.m.

SECOND: By Council Member Wilkerson.

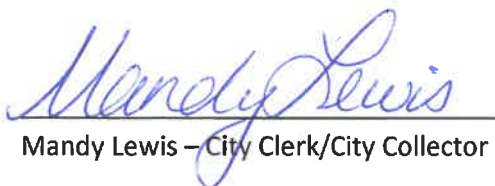
POLL VOTE ----- MOTION PASSED


6 - 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 | ABSENT |
| Council Member Lefler | ABSENT | Council Member Jenkins | YES |

ATTEST:


Mandy Lewis – City Clerk/City Collector


Denton Kooyman – Mayor