

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor DeLong, Burgess, Craig DeLong, Wackerly, Hubbard, Thompson and Holmes were in attendance. Kaltenbaugh and Neading were in attendance and Murdock attended via Zoom.

Motion by Holmes, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 4, 2023. Holmes, Hubbard, Burgess, Wackerly, Craig DeLong and Holmes approved, Thompson abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Dan Dycus was in attendance to discuss the Disc Golf course in the park. He has owned a landscaping company for over 20 years and has worked with Louisville and Alliance on the maintenance of the Disc Golf courses. He explained that he is very involved in Disc Golf and would have volunteers to come in and help with the cleanup of the course. He also explained that if the Village was willing to allocate funds, he would be able to purchase materials to make improvements. He suggested ideas such as concrete pads for tee markers and expanding the course from a 9-hole to an 18-hole course. He asked Council to consider allowing his group to work on the course and possibly allocating funds to make improvements.

Tom Smith attended the meeting to discuss the Park. He walks in the Park most mornings and has noticed that several lights are out or not working around the walking track. He also explained there was a large limb on one of the electric lines and that large roots in the park have started to make issues along the track. He was concerned about safety with these issues and asked that they be looked into.

LEGISLATURE:

PARK: Hubbard discussed the exercise signs and equipment again. She expressed that the signs need to be cleaned up over the winter. She also discussed that the equipment be moved around the track, as the intended purpose was for it to be spaced out around the track, not in a small area. She also discussed Food Trucks in the Park and would like to find trucks willing to come in and setup in the Park area. Council agreed that it is a good idea. Hubbard will look into it further.

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided Council with RITA, Fund Status, Receipts, and Payments as of 12/17/2023. She discussed that she is still working on the alley vacation and it is a much more involved process than she had realized. She also noted that all of the paperwork for Phase 1 has been submitted. She expects to receive the reimbursement back from OWDA before year end. She reported that she has started work on year end items and was able to roll UAN software forward to get ahead of year end items.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh reported the "Municipal Lot" signs are placed, the hydrant extension was received and installed, and that the water issue for the resident on the hill has been addressed and water coming out of the house is running clear. Kaltenbaugh discussed the mower issue for the canals and explained a heavier, dual wheel mower had been tested and it is able to hold the bank. If the Village wants to upgrade, Braces' will give us the full amount back on the other mower that would not hold the bank. He reported the plow for the tractor should be in next week and Vernon Dell will complete the install of the blade and hydraulics. He discussed that it was a good year for the Water Department with the upgrade to the Water Lines, and the Village is now working on plans for Phase 2. He explained that Phase 2 would be a much larger project and is hopeful to get funding from the EPA grant that opens in March.

Holmes discussed an area that has sunk on East Porter where the Waterline project was. Kaltenbaugh will reach out to Tucson. Burgess discussed there was another area of concern near Wilson and Third Street.

Wackerly asked about the new light pole and asked if it would be painted. Kaltenbaugh explained that it would be and also that the lights are in for the bridge, but the globes are not.

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Kaltenbaugh discussed the 2-hour parking signs that are by the old school and asked if they should be removed. Council agreed that they were no longer necessary.

MAYOR: DeLong discussed using the sign in the Park to advertise for Fish Fry events starting in February. Council agreed that it would be ok.

COUNCIL: Holmes discussed the clock downtown. Kaltenbaugh explained that Ryan obtained a quote to get it repaired and discussed that a local group had wanted to pay for the repairs. He also discussed the old Byrd property and asked if it could be leveled out and cleared and expressed concerns about the pile of bricks and debris on the property.

Wackerly discussed the recent Ambulance Board meeting. There were 91 calls since the last meeting. He also discussed that another incident had occurred where there was a 24 minute wait time. They are having issues with mutual aid and Minerva due to limited staffing. Further he explained that his term is up for the Ambulance Board. DeLong appointed Wackerly to the Ambulance Board for 2024 as the Village representative.

FINANCE: Motion by Hubbard, second by Holmes to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$213,528.71 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 12/18. Also, \$10,145.48 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 12/21/23. All council members approved.

QUESTIONS:.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Thompson, second by Hubbard to adjourn. All council members approved.

Next regular council meeting will be Wednesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer