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The Regular meeting the Common Council of the City of Malin Oregon was held at 2432 Fourth Street Malin Oregon November 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hughto at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call:

Mayor: John A. Hughto

City Recorder: Isaac Nunn

Councilors: Haywood, Venegas, Moore, Bartholomew and Zieg

PUBLIC HEARING – WATER/SEWER RATES

A motion was made by Councilor Bartholomew, seconded by Councilor Zieg to open a public hearing regarding the water rates for the City of Malin. The motion carried by Councilors Bartholomew, Zieg, Haywood, Venegas and Moore.

Mayor Hughto stated that the City of Malin needs to finance a new municipal well and the options we have for funding so far are two loan options from Business Oregon. One in the amount of \$800,000.00 or one for \$1,500,000.00 with an interest rate of 3.83%. The Mayor asked if Malin Park still intended to assist with the well costs. Councilor Bartholomew stated that the last he had heard was that they would. Mayor Hughto stated that was a good thing so that the city could pay the loan down faster. Councilor Moore asked if there was a penalty for early loan repayment. Mayor Hughto stated that there was not. Public Works Director Rob Grounds stated that it could be possible for the total project to come in around \$900,000.00 but he wasn't sure of that. He stated that they would need to perform water testing and several other things that would determine the overall price. Councilor Moore stated that she would feel better asking for the \$1,500,000.00 loan because the costs could be over \$800,000.00 and we would need more money for that.

A motion was made by Councilor Moore, seconded by Councilor Zieg to pursue the loan through Business Oregon for \$1,500,000.00 with an interest rate of 3.83%. The motion carried by Councilors Moore, Zieg, Haywood, Venegas and Bartholomew.

PUBLIC COMMENT/SAFTY PROGRAM

Director Grounds presented the Council a safety pamphlet on workplace stretching. There was no public comment.

REPORTS

a. Public Works

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Director Rob Grounds stated that the well Static level was at 70 feet. He stated that he needed to recalibrate the sensor at the bottom of the well because it was moved further down the well. Councilor Moore asked how often the measurements were taken. Director Grounds stated that they were checked at least once per month. He also stated that XIO stores all of the water level information data so that we can look back over the years and use the data to compare current levels and how much water the city has used.

Director Grounds informed the Council that Malin Citizen Troy Ingram owns 28.43 acres of land adjacent to the city and Hastings dairy and would like to give the City of Malin the first chance to purchase the land as he intends to sell. The city has 6 acres off of Third Street zoned residential already. But this new land could be annexed and the city could use it as residential. Director Grounds stated that it would need to be ran through LUBA and be in the urban growth area. Mayor Hughto stated that he wasn't sure LUBA would let it go into the urban growth boundary since the city already owns empty residential ground. Councilor Bartholomew stated that cost would be an issue as the lots that the city looked into the last time this opportunity arose would have to be sold at \$60,000.00 for each lot just so the city would break even. Councilor Haywood stated that a bare ¼ acre lot in the city of Klamath Falls is around \$90,000.00 right now. Mayor Hughto stated that Mr. Ingram could give the city a proposal and the Council could look at it and see if it would benefit Malin. Director Grounds stated that the city has 16 acres currently that he can irrigate with reclaimed water, but if the city uses it for building then Mr. Ingram's ground could be used for the reclaimed water. Mayor Hughto asked Director Grounds to ask Mr. Ingram to offer a proposal to the City of Malin.

b. Police

Chief Richards informed the Council that the department responded to 69 actions this month. He stated that there were some thefts outside of city limits. The American Legion discovered that they had a missing rifle. There were several traffic citations written, two were 18 wheelers in front of the elementary school. He stated that the park had been vandalized again with spray paint on and inside the bathrooms as well as someone doing burnouts in the grass. Chief Richards informed the Council that he had attended the small departments conference and was looking into a grant to help our department get accredited. He stated that if we were accredited it would help to lower insurance costs. He also stated that he learned about how a non-profit Police Foundation could help our city receive donations to help cover the costs of equipment and other necessities. He stated that he led the Honor March for veterans on veterans day and the turnout was very good.

Mayor Hughto asked how much it would cost for the accreditation. Chief Richards said that it would cost \$2000.00 per year, but there is a grant we could receive to cover those costs for the first 4 years. He stated that accreditation would help with evidence storage and computer systems for training. Chief Richards also stated that he had donated a flat screen TV for the office in order to view the CAD quickly and easily when officers are in the building. He also stated that he would be getting a quote for the new computers for the patrol cars. Mayor Hughto stated that the police had \$72,000.00 in the budget for computers and that Chief Patrick should just buy what they needed now. Chief Richards stated that he is purchasing a new Ford truck for

the department and the payments would be spread out over 5 years. He stated that a new patrol truck would last for the next 10 years and that the current fleet is beginning to require repairs. He stated that he is renewing the pipeline contract at \$1000.00 per month and that would cover the cost of a new patrol truck. Chief Patrick also stated that he had received an offer on his house in Klamath Falls and him and his wife intend to purchase a home just outside of Merrill so he would be a lot closer to Malin.

Councilors Venegas, Zieg and Haywood all stated that they liked the idea of having the Police Department accredited.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of previous meeting

b. Current bills

A motion was made by Councilor Haywood, seconded by Councilor Zieg to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by Councilors Bartholomew, Haywood, Venegas, Moore and Zieg.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Third St. Planters

Mayor Hughto stated that he didn't like the idea of putting planters in the middle of the road on Third Street. Councilor Zieg agreed. Councilor Moore stated that she had looked at the area and agreed that planters in the middle of the street may cause more harm than good. Councilor Haywood agreed and stated that he feared someone would run into them and get hurt. Mayor Hughto asked the Council if they would like to drop the idea completely and the Council agreed unanimously to drop it.

b. Well Update

see above

NEW BUSINESS

City Recorder Nunn read a letter from the Friends of the Klamath County Library discussing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. Mayor Hughto stated that the Council couldn't vote to donate tonight due to the Cities donation policy but asked the Council to keep it in mind for next months meeting. All Councilors spoke well of the program.


Councilor Bartholomew gave an update on the construction of the historic gas station. He stated that the back of the building had sunk 7 inches and has now been jacked up back into place and a solid foundation has been placed under it.

Alberto Espinoza	1706.17	138 Hrs Labor
Alan Nealy	2775.09	134 Hrs extra police
Dan Humphrey	1799.35	138 Hrs Labor
Denita Wolf	648.88	48 Hrs Labor
Levi Clarey	705.39	35 Hrs extra police
Manuel Diaz	982.62	55 Hrs extra police
ASPEN ELECTRIC LLC	2,941.68	Community projects-2,941.68
Avista	351.42	City hall-239.75RV/ park-Sewer-111.67
Banyon Data Systems	1,235.00	Water-1,235.00
CANNON	58.16	Printer maintenance - sewer
CenturyLink	320.92	GEN-CHALL-110.31/SW-GEN-30.85/ Airport-16.19/Police-54.37/Sewer-109.20
Elan Financial / credit card bill	1642.57	General-73.13/Sewer-77.62/Sewer.Rv-9.90-/Police-1206.08/Police School-275.84
Ed Staub & Sons	1461.41	Police-444.35/ Sewer-17.42/General-49.44
H.D Fowler	4078.78	Sewer- 2578.78/water-1000.00/500.00-street
Kalina Hardware	581.85	Chall-7.69 /Sewer-409.83/Water-18.58 /Street-90.76/RV-SEWER-54.99
Kimball Midwest	289.22	Water supplies
Lawson	49.42	Supplies sewer-
Lexipol	3,048.19	Police-3,048.19
Pacific Power	2,885.62	Water-1,913.79/ sewer-160.16/Rv park-170.63/Airport-23.39/General-617.65
XIO	2,520.00	Water – annual fees
Spring Street Analytical	240.00	Water Sewer -240.00
VERIZON	1069.40	Police- phones
Waste Management	242.30	Malin Shore- 108.72and RV Park dumpsters-133.58
Umpqua Valley Financial	5,000.00	AUDIT- 3000 sewer / 2000 water
Southern Oregon Service and Lube	298.97	Shop heater maintenance - water
STATE OF OREGON	756.55	General – annual ethics commission fee
Spring Street Analytical	190.00	Water Sewer –190.00
VERIZON	267.32	Police- phones
Waste Management	469.49	Malin Shore-204.42 and RV Park dumpsters-265.07

Meeting Adjourned 8:11pm


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Recorder

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