

September 10, 2024

The Regular meeting the Common Council of the City of Malin Oregon was held at 2432 Fourth Street Malin Oregon September 10, 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: Heath Haywood, Connie Venegas, Ryan Bartholomew and Brandon Zieg

PUBLIC COMMENT/SAFTY PROGRAM

Klamath County Commissioner candidate Andy Nichols introduced himself to the Council and gave a presentation of his intentions if elected to the Klamath County board of Commissioners. He stated that he has a platform of public safety and he would like to see change in the way the communities of Klamath County work together for crime reduction. He stated that he doesn't want businesses to worry about people sleeping in their doorways and leaving trash and other problems on their property. He would like to see the Sherriff's department, the city Police departments, the District Attorney, Office of Public Health and the cities like Malin, Merrill, Bonanza and Klamath Falls all work closely to prevent problems. He stated that he would work to secure long term funding for police departments. He stated that the City of Malin is very lucky to have a fully staffed police department and cities like Bonanza and Keno need help. He also stated that he is a staunch advocate for government accountability and transparency.

Director Rob Grounds stated that he was asked to present a complaint for a community member and Malin Elementary School teacher, Mrs. Lenora Grounds. He stated that an 18 wheeler had turned in front of the elementary school this morning and almost hit a child. He also stated that he knows that google maps keeps directing truck drivers down the road in front of the school instead of the designated truck route. Chief Richards stated that he is aware of the truck problem and he watches it frequently but he can't be there all of the time. Councilor Bartholomew stated that the city may want to install an island or a planter in the street there to deter truck drivers from turning that way. Director Grounds stated that the city could put a barricade there with a "no trucks" sign. Chief Patrick stated that he would look into google maps to see if the route could be changed.

Mayor Hughto presented a handout regarding distracted driving for the monthly safety briefing.

A Motion was made by Councilor Bartholomew, seconded by Councilor Venegas, to move to Agenda item 7.a. Flock Presentation to the top of the agenda. The motion carried by Councilors Bartholomew, Haywood, Venegas and Zieg.

(7. New Business a. Flock Presentation)

Caroline Fraher and Kristen McCleod from the company Flock Safety gave a presentation on their crime prevention camera products. They stated that 82% of crime in the U.S. goes unsolved (according to that statistic crime does pay, at least 82% of the time) and their cameras can help reduce that problem. Their cameras are solar powered and can see at night as well as daylight. They can read license plates and actively look for vehicles when given descriptions. They stated that Flock cameras read 10 Billion license plates a day in 49 states (not in Alaska) and can locate a license plate for us in any of the 49 states if the vehicle passes one of their cameras. They did state that these cameras do not have facial recognition and they are not speed cameras. The main purpose for their cameras is to help police officers locate vehicles they are looking for in order to solve crimes and provide officer safety. They stated that the data from the cameras are deleted after 30 days. They stated that the price would be \$3000 for a one year subscription with a one time installation fee of \$650 which would be reduced to \$150 if they were able to use an existing pole. Councilor Zieg asked how long a contract is required. They stated that the standard contract is for 2 years but can be anywhere from 1 to 5 years. Councilor Haywood inquired what the minimum number of cameras would be. They stated that 2 cameras are required at minimum. Mayor Hughto stated that the biggest criminal problem Malin faces right now is speeding and that these cameras wouldn't address speeders. He stated that he believed the citizens of Malin would rather have a cop cruising around town than cameras. Councilor Bartholomew stated that if Malin had these cameras installed then the Post Office thief would have been caught, but he is also disappointed that the cameras couldn't help prevent speeding. Chief Richards stated that a benefit of these cameras would be that he could view vehicles on the opposite side of town from his patrol car so that if there were speeders he could see who was doing what and respond. He also stated that bad guys have police scanners too and they listen to when officers come on and go off of duty. Councilor Zieg inquired if there were any grants available that could cover the costs for the cameras. Chief Richards stated that he would look into that. Councilor Venegas asked if it would be possible to partner with the school district or the Lost River Community Center and split costs. Chief Richards stated that we could partner with anyone. Mayor Hughto stated that the last theft we had in Malin was the stolen vehicle and he asked if anyone remembered a theft before that. Chief Richards stated that if there were a theft or heaven forbid a kidnapping, these cameras could really help. He stated that unfortunately bad things happen fast. Commissioner Candidate Nichols stated that bad guys like to come to small towns and commit crime because they know it's easier to get away with it.

REPORTS

a. Public Works

Director Rob Grounds stated that the well Static level was at 74 feet. He said that the level has not changed much this month. He stated that the airport paving project was complete and all the markings were painted. Director Grounds informed the Council that Macie's flying service was going to spray weeds at the airport for \$700. He stated that it has been 4 or 5 years since they were last sprayed and the vegetation needs to be knocked back down. He stated that we could notify the pilots and they could have Macie's spray around their hangers that day if they so

choose. Director Grounds stated that the ODOT surveyors had finished their surveying and they are going to extend our “safe rout to school” with the state grant for that project. He said that they were talking about placing sidewalks on the east side of Broadway and the north side of Highway 50 to the end of town. He stated that they were 2 years out for construction. Director Grounds stated that he has received several complaints about the smell of the tap water in town, so he will flush the lines and chlorinate. Councilor Bartholomew inquired of Director Grounds when the city would receive the donated model airplane to install at the airport. Director Grounds stated that he and his team tried to retrieve it but the pasture it’s located in was all wet and the ground was too soft to drive through it.

b. Police

Chief Patrick Richards stated that the Police Department responded to 47 actions this month. He stated that there were 3 warrant services. They assisted the County Sherriff with a marijuana bust. They responded to a double fatality at junction of highway 50 and 39. There were several welfare checks and 911 hangups, and a report of suspicious people in the park. He stated that operation “clean your cars up” was going well and about 90% of the junk cars around town have been moved. Chief Richards stated that he has obtained dog control equipment, a capture leash and a holding cage, but ever since we posted the letter to dog owners there has been much less illegal dog activity. Councilor Haywood asked if there were any ordinances regarding citizens collecting and holding onto large amounts of garbage rather than dumping it or having waste management take it away. Mayor Hughto stated that it would fall under the city’s nuisance laws. Chief Richards stated that he would go talk to the offending residents and try to get it cleaned up.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of previous meeting

b. Current bills

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

OLD BUSINESS

a. Camping Ordinance

Mayor John Hughto presented ordinance #336 relating to the use of public property for camping, lying, and sleeping to the Council. Councilor Bartholomew stated that he liked the way it was written and Councilors Venegas and Haywood both agreed. Mayor Hughto asked the Council that if the LOC approved would they approve it. The Council stated that they would. Councilor Bartholomew stated that there was someone illegally camping in a home that is for sale on the outskirts of Malin. Director Grounds stated that there was someone illegally camping in the solar field north of Lost River High School.

A motion was made by Councilor Bartholomew and seconded by Councilor Zieg to approve Ordinance #336 Relating to the use of public property for camping, lying, and sleeping, under the condition of the League of Oregon Cities approval. The motion carried by Councilors Bartholomew, Haywood, Venegas and Zieg.

b. Well Update

Mayor Hughto stated that Recorder Nunn inquired with Business Oregon about the well loan and there was no further update to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS**b. LOC meeting**

Mayor Hughto reminded the Council that the League of Oregon Cities, small cities meeting was going to be at the Malin City Hall this coming Friday from 11am to 1pm and encouraged everyone to attend.

Alberto Espinoza	2402.40	132 Hrs Labor
Alan Nealy	2695.00	98 Hrs extra police
Dan Humphrey	2693.60	148 Hrs Labor
Denita Wolf	1854.09	109 Hrs Labor
Levi Clarey	675.00	30 Hrs extra police
Manuel Diaz	1687.50	75 Hrs extra police
Avista		City hall- RV/ park-Sewer-
Basin Tire	204.84	Police-204.84
CANNON	0.00	
CenturyLink	310.30	GEN-CHALL-109.00/SW-GEN 24.85 Airport-16.19/Police-54.19 /Sewer-106.07
Cardmember services	-573.98	Police-Auto-695.40/Police-Equipment-104.74/Police-G.O.A-9.00/Sewer-181.84/Water-467.05/General-School-1,449.01/General LOC-570.00/Sewer-181.84/Sewer-Community Service Club-240.00
Ed Staub & Sons	1,777.57	Police-1,095.82/ Sewer-337.86/CITY-48.24/ ALL PRO-295.65
Kalina Hardware	346.34	Chall-13.29 Sewer-38.75Water-284.81/Street-9.49/Police- / AIRPORT-
Lawson	342.88	Sewer-342.88
Napa	139.45	Police-139.45
Norco	13.02	Supplies-

Pacific Power	4322.23	Water-3332.44/ sewer-160.07/Rv park-176.05/Airport-23.84/GEN-629.83
Spring Street Analytical	190.00	Water Sewer -190.00
VERIZON	0.00	Police-
Waste Management	0.00	Malin Shore- and RV Park dumpsters-

Meeting Adjourned 8:51pm


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Recorder