

Melbourne City Council
Regular Meeting in Library Basement
April 10, 2017

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on April 10, 2017 at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Bunting, C. White, Stahl, Juel. Absent was Fuller. Also present were John White, Mary Pothast, Gary Fricke, Jim Pfantz, Kay Monroe, and Karla and Ron Sherbon. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Stahl with 2nd by Juel to approve the agenda and minutes and bills. Vote was all ayes. In public comments and concerns, Ron Sherbon mentioned that they would like the city to contact Sewer Line Warranty regarding the fact that there is only one plumbing company that services this area. He had some complaints regarding service done at his home. Although the city does not have any control over this, White asked Pothast to contact the company to see if they would attempt to add more plumbers. Next White and Stahl both mentioned they had been contacted about a dead tree on the right of way. They will look into the issue.

Mayor White set a public hearing date for the budget amendment for May 8, 2017 at 7 pm. This is to allow for the donations to the Rec Center and Pool, their subsequent purchase of 2 storage buildings from that donation, and the purchase of the used fire truck with funds from a CD for that purpose.

In new business Pothast and White explained the insurance quote from EMC did not cover fireworks unless they were purchased by a specific company and there was training by that company or an outside licensed company did them. ICAP did not require this, and their quote was a bit less. Motion to stay with ICAP for \$24,990.82 for the property insurance made by Juel with 2nd by Bunting. Vote was all ayes. Fricke and Pfantz explained the pickup is having more issues, possibly with a carrier bearing. They have gotten quotes from 3 different places and have been told we need to order by April 27 to get delivery in July. If it is not ordered now, it will be a December or January delivery. Motion was made by Juel with 2nd by Stahl to order a new pickup to be paid with funds the city has been setting aside in a CD for the 350 Chevy Silverado pick-up from Karl Chevrolet. Roll call vote was all ayes. Fricke will look into options for trading in the pickup, outright selling and also more quotes for a plow. Since they will be ordering a Chevy, the plow mountings will be all different and the plow has been welded in 3 different places. Council told Gary to look for quotes for a new plow and will act on that in May. There is a small community meeting regarding wastewater and the DNR put on by IAWEA on April 18 from 4 to 7 in Monroe. Clerk asked if any council members could attend. Stahl was to get back to her. No other council members were available, but Mayor White could go. Resolution 17-04-01 for 17/18 wages was next on the agenda. These wages had been approved in the budget for the new fiscal year. Motion made by C. White to approve the resolution with 2nd by Bunting. Vote was all ayes. Clerk mentioned EcoLogix had given the city proposals for LED lighting for the rec center and for city hall. They were revising them and will submit new information. The rec board will be looking at the rec center one.

In old business, council decided to ask if April 28 would be suitable for a walk through of the Doe school building property, and toward the end of each month thereafter. Pothast will contact Attorney Greer to set up. Clerk reported that there were questions from Kohlwes' attorney regarding an inspection of trailer #23 that had been deemed uninhabitable by the City back in October of 2016. It was to have repairs completed in January. She is proceeding with that. It was noted that #7 is also empty and has some boarded up windows and requests that that one be checked into as well. #6 also has an accessory building with no permit, so that will be checked on as well.

The rental property committee had a preliminary report of possible items to be included in the requirements for landlords. They are looking into property inspections, checklists, background checks,

etc. They will make another report to the full council when they have more information. In response to the damage at the ice skating rink, the child has chosen to do 30 hours of community service. Clerk will contact park & rec board and will set up some tasks to be supervised by the parents.

Pothast asked if anyone would be available to help during clean up week April 24-28. Jim will be at a class 2 of those days and we will need some help loading. Stahl thought she could help if she was around.

Pothast reported she had sent out donation letters for Mousehole Days and had gotten some responses already. They are still needing ideas for a theme and volunteers to take on one event each.

The rate increase by Alliant will most likely lead to a budget amendment in the new fiscal year, because it was not budgeted for and could be up to 14.4% increase for street lights alone equaling around \$2000 a year. Buildings would be an additional 11.6%, so approximately another \$3000 per year for the buildings.

Before adjourning clerk read a proclamation from the city to commend Mayor John White for his tireless service to the City. April 4th was National Mayor Recognition Day, and employees felt it was important to recognize White for his service. It was signed by Mayor Pro Tem Stahl and read by Clerk Pothast.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:18 by Stahl with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes.

John White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Pothast, City Clerk