

Melbourne City Council
Regular Meeting at Melbourne Library Basement
May 14, 2018

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on May 14, 2018 at the Melbourne Library Basement. Council members present were C. White, Juel, Bunting and Gibbs. Stahl attended via phone. Also present were Mayor John White, Mary Pothast, Attorney Sharon Greer, Chief Mike Ball, Gary Fricke, Jim Pfantz, Judi Pfantz, Dave Wermager, and Dan Smith. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor added an item to the agenda to open truck bids and requested the June meeting be moved to the 4th at 7 pm. Motion to approve the agenda change and meeting date change made by C. White with 2nd by Juel. Vote was all ayes. Motion to approve the minutes and bills made by Juel with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. In public comments, Judi Pfantz voiced her concerns regarding the brown house by the New Horizon's Church. She questioned whether or not it was a business or just a garage sale that had been there and if the City had an ordinance limiting the number of days per year you could have one. White commented it is in the new rental property agreement they are working on. Clerk will contact Marshalltown for specifics on their ordinance. Clerk commented that in response to a nuisance letter that was sent to that particular property and the landlord, that the property had been cleaned up. The city took before and after pictures and there was a great improvement. Council asked that Mayor White continue to take pictures to document progress.

In new business, Dave Wermager's agreement regarding how many vehicles are allowed at his properties was discussed. Mayor White gave some background on why this topic was being raised again. He had received a couple complaints regarding the number of cars and contacted Wermager. Wermager said he had 4 vehicles around the church area, 2 on Main Street and 2 behind that building. There are vehicles at the brick building (6 visible are allowed), and others at the red building are to be well organized. Non-operable vehicles are to be stored behind the existing fencing. He stated he had 10 at the red buildings. He will be rearranging the red shed within the next 30 days and will get it taken care of. Meckley's is supposed to be coming in to crush some "junk". He asked if he had a fence at the brick building, would he be able to have more than 6 vehicles. Council seemed agreeable, but no motion or vote was made. Dan Smith voiced his opinion that there seems to be a lot of areas that should be cleaned up. As the conversation progressed, Attorney Greer suggested we move on to another topic.

In old business, RAGBRAI update was that approximately 12 vendors have been secured and the committee met to tentatively map out vendor sites. They have also been discussing a community fundraiser with both churches. There will be a public meeting when more information is available. The rental policy draft form did not have any changes suggested. It will be distributed to all landlords and to the fire chief before voting by council. Greer asked to be sent another copy. There were no sealed bids submitted for the dump truck. However, the clerk had two offers today via phone/internet. The first from Jay Klemme was for \$500; the second from Chad Callaway was for \$800. Motion made by C. White to accept the \$800 bid, 2nd by Bunting. Vote was all ayes. In city wide cleanup, the city took 7.88 tons to the landfill for a cost of \$453.40. That does not yet include the tires or appliances or metal. The bikes will be picked up by the State Center RAGBRAI committee, as they were looking for some for décor.

In other old business, Fricke recapped the events of the last month starting with the broken tile line on Butler, the repairs, options for repair from manhole to manhole, a quote from Needham Excavating to do some repairs on 265' of the street and entire 685', and the possibility of taking down a tree to hopefully avoid more broken tiling. The engineer will be contacted, as changing the size of the line from 6" to 8" requires an engineer as it changes the flow. There is also a hold on 2nd Avenue near Jennings that Visu Sewer will televise when they come to do the blocks of CIP in the next couple weeks. They will proceed with that once they know the problem. Pothast pointed out that Sewer has a CD for \$31,691 that is available to pay for some of the work. Council will be kept informed of any updates. Motion by Gibbs with 2nd by Bunting to adjourn. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

John White, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Mary Pothast, City Clerk