

Melbourne City Council
Regular Meeting in Library Basement
July 9, 2018

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on July 9, 2018 at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Juel, C. White, Stahl and Gibbs. Absent was Bunting. Also present were Mayor John White, Mary Pothast, Justin Young, Gary Fricke, Mike Ball and Jim Pfantz. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by C. White with 2nd by Gibbs to approve the agenda and minutes and bills. Vote was all ayes. There was no one present with public comments or concerns. In building permits, Jason and Monica Long, 206 Park Avenue request a permit for a patio east of the garage and well within the lot lines. Motion by Juel, 2nd by Stahl to approve request. Vote was all ayes. Next was a request by Amy and Travis Clark at 608 Owen Street to put a shed 2' from their fence line, which is 4' from their lot line. Variance was required. Mayor White opened the public hearing. There hadn't been any dissension from neighbors. Public hearing was closed. Motion made by Stahl with 2nd by C. White to ap prove. Roll call vote was all ayes. Third on the agenda was a building permit for Lauren & David Rudkin at 604 Main Street for a carport on the existing driveway. Since it was less than the 7' required from the lot line, a variance was required. Mayor White opened the public hearing. There were no comments from neighbors. Council asked what we had required previously for a carport. Public hearing was closed. Motion to approve the permit was made by C. White with the stipulation that it is firmly secured to the ground. 2nd by Gibbs. Roll call vote was all ayes. Fourth permit was for Todd & Amy Clark at 603 2nd Avenue. It is for an addition to the house as well as putting the existing deck back on the house when it is complete. All construction is well within the property lines and fence. Motion to approve was made by C. White with 2nd by Stahl. Roll call vote was all ayes.

In new business, Clarks' Bar is applying for a change of premise for RAGBRAI for the block from Main Street to 2nd Avenue between the Bank and Vern's Implement. Motion to approve made by Juel, with 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes. Next, Clerk requested that we pay off the pool loan balance of \$40,203.97. The amount in the sinking fund is \$40,276.81. The sinking fund a was meant to pay the loan only. When the loan is paid, the money will again be divided between Rec Center and Pool savings accounts per resident vote when the LOST was originated. Motion to approve by Juel with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. Next item was mosquito spraying. Motion to approve spraying and schedule a 2nd spraying before August 3rd made by C. White. 2nd by Juel. Vote was 3 ayes with nay vote by Stahl.

Justin Young came before the Council to discuss laying tile on the back side of his property between 2nd Avenue and Butler Street. Drainage at his home is an issue and he wants to work with neighbors to rectify the situation. The tile would possibly go through Melissa Haskell's backyard and Carrie & Matt White's backyards and then into the city alley way. There was quite a bit of discussion about the best way to get the water moving. Young has a trencher available to him, and offered to do the work. The supplies would be at the residents' expense if they wish to tie in with no cost to the city. Clerk was told to send letters to the residents affected to see if they were interested. Whether the neighbors tie in or not, Young is needing to do something for drainage from his property and other avenues will have to be explored if this does not get support.

The sickle mower/ditch mower is broken, and either needs to be repaired or replaced. It was purchased about 4 years ago for \$500 used, and last year we put \$1500 of repairs into it. Gary & Jim don't feel that it is worth repairing. They got a quote for \$4800 from John Deere. They are not readily available used, as most farmers and the county have gone to a different type mower that requires a larger, heavier tractor. The mower is used at the lagoon and ditches around town including near the old Mousehole area. Stahl wanted to know what other towns use to mow. Employees were directed to find out and item was tabled until August. There were two quotes for dump truck repairs including king pins, tie rods and drag link. The quote from Nelson Fabrication was ¼ the estimate from Interstate Power Systems. Juel directed employees to ensure it is for both sides of the truck and made a motion to approve the quote. 2nd by Stahl. Roll call vote was all ayes. Street repairs quote from Manatt's was \$41,832.50 for patches and asphalt overlay on Main Street near rec center area. Council asked why we went with Manatt's and was told that we had not had quality work from our previous vendor and were very satisfied with recent work from them. Gibbs mentioned that if we put it off, it most likely will not get done this year. Clerk mentioned there is \$50,000 budgeted for this purpose. Motion by Gibbs to approve and 2nd by Stahl to hire Manatt's. Vote was all ayes. Stahl suggested we look into having an additional quote next year.

In old business, RAGBRAI plans seem to be moving along and there was no movement on the rental policy draft form. In correspondence, Clerk said Alliant had donated \$500 toward RAGBRAI expenses. Clerk will send a thank you. Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made by C. White, 2nd by Juel. Vote was all ayes.

REVENUES: GENERAL 17,656.41, ROAD USE 8156.49, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 444.77, EMERGENCY 80.37, LOST FIRE 791.78, LOST 1ST RESP 791.78, POOL 8987.24, LOST POOL 1583.56, WATER 18952.43, SEWER 16,939.22: TOTAL REVENUE 74,384.05.

EXPENSES: GENERAL 36,200.99, ROAD SUE 2724.90, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 5234.66, POOL 8987.24, LOST POOL 8987.24, WATER 16,575.00, SEWER 77,547.03: TOTAL EXPENSES 156,257.06.

John White, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Mary L. Pothast, City Clerk