

Melbourne City Council met in regular session October 8, 2018. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilmen Gibbs, Juel and C. White, Stahl and Bunting. Also in attendance were Mayor White, Clerk Pothast, Gary Fricke, and Chief Ball

Motion made by Stahl with 2nd by C. White to approve the agenda, minutes and bills. Vote was all ayes. There were no public comments or concerns. First in new business was the approval of the Annual Financial Report (AFR) for fiscal year 17/18. Report had been published with no questions. Clerk went over expenses, revenues and fund balances. Motion to approve by C. White, 2nd by Gibbs, vote was all ayes. There were no hauler permits submitted for approval this month. Next was request by Mayor White to reimburse Chief Ball for use of his cell phone for city business. Motion to reimburse \$65 per month by C. White with 2nd by Bunting. Vote was all ayes. Next on the agenda was concerning repairs for water leak and loss. Fricke stated that clerk had done water loss report and the figures had gone up drastically in the last two months. He has checked hydrants, but due to all the rain, checking manholes is difficult to find any irregularities. Stahl made a motion for Fricke to hire someone to come in and electronically find the leak, 2nd by Gibbs. Vote was all ayes. In the same vein, while looking for leaks, it was discovered that there are 2 holes near the ditch on Main Street near Owen Street. Jim Ricken felt that it may be a tile that is broken and could locate one, jet to the other and repair from one end for about \$500. If he needed to dig both ends, it could be \$1000. Motion to fix it by Juel with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. In related water issues, when there was work being done at 501 Main, it was discovered that many years ago, there was an improper connection for water that needs to be fixed and properly connected to the main. Motion to do the work made by C. White with 2nd by Bunting. Vote was all ayes. Fricke also mentioned annual maintenance on the snow plow truck being scheduled at O'Halloran. Motion by Gibbs with 2nd by Stahl to do the annual maintenance on the truck. Vote was all ayes.

It was brought to the attention of the Council that the shed located at Owen Street was closer to the fence than was approved in the variance. After discussion and looking at past decisions regarding buildings within a fenced in property, the motion to allow the building to remain at the current site was made by C. White with 2nd by Juel. Roll call vote ensued with 4 ayes and 1 nay by Stahl. Motion passed.

Regarding insurance coverage for employees, the committee and Mayor White, and clerk had met with Iowa Municipal Benefits Plan to get some quotes. PW Assistant Pfantz can be offered a healthcare plan, at no expense to the city, which will allow him to have his insurance payment taken out pre-tax. Motion by C. White with 2nd by Stahl to approve. Vote was all ayes.

PW Superintendent Fricke was directed at last month's meeting to inquire if Central Tank Coating would give a discount if both services were done at the same time. They offered a \$5000 discount, or 10% off the bills if we scheduled them together. Fricke spoke with New Century FS, the largest water user, and they said after July 15 would be best. Motion to approve the expenditure from this year's and next year's budget made by C. White with 2nd by Bunting. Vote was all ayes.

In departmental questions, Chief Ball was asked about the recent break ins of vehicles. Ball said he felt it was juveniles and had taken the reports and was working on it. Mayor White asked about changing the mowing ordinance to one warning nuisance letter and then the city abates the nuisance for a fee to the homeowner of \$100 per hour/per person. Clerk suggested that some cities post in the newspaper at the beginning of mowing season April 15 to November 15 and that is the one warning. After that, the city just abates the nuisance without any more notification. Council liked the idea and asked for an

ordinance amendment be drafted for their approval. Motion made by C. White with 2nd by Juel to adjourn. Vote was all ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

SEPTEMBER EXPENSES: GENERAL 14,783.55, ROAD USE 44,092.60, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 1399.89, LOST 1ST RESP 74.40, WATER 11,268.19, SEWER 6812.31: TOTAL \$78,430.94.

SEPTEMBER REVENUE: GENERAL 4,790.31, ROAD USE 12,097.22, EMP BENEFITS 89.00, EMERGENCY 15.79, LOST FIRE 818.90, LOST 1ST RESP 818.90, POOL 1641.17; LOST REC CENTER 25.81, WATER 13,610.58, SEWER 16,888.57: TOTAL\$ 50,796.25.

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