

The Melbourne City Council met in regular session Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Melbourne Public Library Basement. Mayor White called the session to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Mayor White, Councilmen Juel, Stahl, C. White, Bunting and Gibbs. Also present were Clerk Pothast, PW Superintendent Fricke, PW Assistant Pfantz and Chief Ball. Motion to approve agenda, minutes and bills made by Juel with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes to approve. Mayor White opened the public hearing for the budget amendment. The amendment was to move money from a CD to cover the sewer repairs on Butler Street and to utilize the LOST money in the pool account to pay off the pool early. The amendment was published as required on August 23. There were no comments. Motion to close the public hearing made by C. White, 2nd by Gibbs, vote was all ayes to approve. Motion made to pass Resolution 18-09-01 authorizing the budget amendment by Juel, 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes to approve. A second public hearing to consider a variance for a garage at 602 2nd Avenue in the NE corner of the backyard. Variance would approve 6' boundaries instead of the 7' required by ordinance. There was no comment from any of the neighbors. After discussion the public hearing was closed. Motion to approve the variance was made by Juel with 2nd by Bunting. Roll call vote, 4 ayes with Stahl voting nay. Variance was approved.

In new business, Central Tank Coatings provided the city with options for painting the water tower. The first was to sandblast and paint the interior of the tank and underside of the roof for \$26,900. The second option was to wash and repaint the roof in the preexisting color for \$7,900. The third option was to clean and paint the entire outside of the structure and the roof for \$23,500. In the water budget there is \$26,757 that can be spent on one of these projects, with the interior painting being priority. Fricke recommended we wait until after the winter to see if we have water main breaks we will have to take care of before spending all our maintenance budget and scheduling the work then. He also thought we could possibly schedule both in July and pay for part out of this year's budget and part out of next year's. Council agreed this was a good idea and tabled the item until spring. Fricke will contact the company for further discussion. Stahl had some concerns about trees being cut down in the right of way (ROW). She feels that too many are being cut down when they are not dead or diseased. She inquired about contacting the DNR to see if their tree program is something we would be interested in to inspect trees and make recommendations regarding trimming or removal. There was some discussion on this topic, but no decisions were reached. Motion made by Juel with 2nd by Stahl to set Trick or Treat Night as Wednesday, October 31 from 5:30-7 pm. Vote was all ayes to approve. Clerk requested she and Deb be allowed to go to the Data Tech meeting on October 17 for \$170 and that she could go to the IMFOA fall conference on October 18-19 for \$175. Motion to approve the education made by Gibbs with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes to approve. Motion made by Bunting to approve the 2018 Street Finance Report with 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes. In questions from departments, Stahl asked how the sickle mower purchased was working. Fricke stated some alterations & repairs had been made and seemed to be working fine. Work was completed at Rural Water with new installation of piping. Clerk mentioned she had received an inquiry from a company that is representing municipalities to get a good rate on health insurance for employees. In referencing future hiring and current employees, clerk requested that the personnel committee meet with the representative before budgeting begins. She presented some information regarding statistics that the majority of cities of all sizes provide some form of health insurance. Clerk was directed to contact the rep and set up a meeting very soon. Motion made by Stahl to adjourn with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL 27942.00, ROAD USE 1719.49, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 1630.30, LOST FIRE 2375.34, LOST 1ST RESPONDERS 2643.65, WATER 11.643.86, SEWER 7582.42, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON 5249.00; TOTAL \$60,786.06.

REVENUE GENERAL 14,516.16, ROAD USE 12549.77, LOST FIRE 818.90, LOST 1ST RESPONDERS 818.90, POOL 1641.53, LOST REC CENTER 100.13, WATER 16841.57, SEWER 16939.97, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON 1162.60: TOTAL \$65,389.53.

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