

Melbourne City Council  
Regular Meeting @ Library Basement  
June 10, 2019

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on June 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were C. White, Juel, Gibbs, Stahl and Bunting. Also present were Mayor John White, Chief Mike Ball and Clerk Mary Pothast, Jim Pfantz and Bob Monroe. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda, minutes and bills made by Juel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stahl. Vote was all ayes.

In public comments and concerns, the clerk received a message from a resident asking if the City was spraying for mosquitoes this year. Council concurred that they were bad already and should follow what we had done in the past and spray before fireworks. The date was addressed later.

In building permits, Jake Randall at 15 Clark Street submitted a permit application for a garage/shed; and Kaitlyn Randall at 102 3<sup>rd</sup> Street submitted an application for a garage. Both applications were within the allotted space and ok'd by Fricke and Pfantz. Motion to approve the permits made by Gibbs, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bunting. Vote was all ayes. In new business the youth football camp update was not given. Second order of business was the mowing contract misunderstanding. Attorney Greer had given her legal opinion and motion was made by Gibbs with 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. White to pay the \$360. Roll call vote was all ayes. Council approved the hiring of part time seasonal help Logan Daters for the mowing as recommended by the personnel committee last month.

Resolution 19-06-01 To Transfer Funds from Emergency Levy to General Checking for use on street repairs for the 19/20 budget out of the 001-210-6761 expense line. The amount to move is the 6/1/19 balance of \$13,691.69 plus the June 2019 payment. Motion to approve the resolution made by C. White, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Juel. Roll call vote was all ayes.

Resolution 19-06-02 To Transfer Funds as approved in the 18/19 FY budget from Streets, Parks, Water and Sewer into a CD for the future purchase of a vehicle in the amount of \$2000 each for a total of \$8000. Motion to approve made by Juel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stahl, roll call vote all ayes.

Resolution 19-06-03 Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Certify to the County Treasurer for Collection of Delinquent Nuisance Fees. Motion to approve by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bunting. Roll call vote all ayes.

Resolution 19-06-04 to Transfer Funds to replace existing alarm system for the water and sewer system. The current system is from around 2003 and it has become obsolete. Parts are exceedingly difficult to find, as well as someone who knows how to repair the system. When we made a repair call last week, the technician told Gary and Jim there were a couple different options. One involved moving from a 4 channel radio system to an 8 channel or a more up to date system with cell phone access. After council discussion, it was agreed that after bills have been paid for June that the maximum amount available from water and sewer budgets should be put into an account for the purchase/upgrade of the water and sewer alarm system. Resolution reads the transfer of the remainder of the FY 18/19 budget in water

and sewer be placed in savings to fund the purchase. Motion made by Gibbs, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. White. Roll call vote was all ayes.

Resolution 19-06-05 To Make Payment of 36% of the remaining balance of the 18/19 fire department budget to the Melbourne Fireman's Association for gutter and eave spout work to be placed in a special fund. Both Washington and Logan Townships agreed to do this as well for their respective percentages. Clerk is to send bill for their balance once all bills are paid. Motion to approve made by C. White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vickie. Roll call vote was all ayes.

In related fire department news, fireworks will be set off on July 3<sup>rd</sup> so the department members can enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with their families.

Resolution 19-06-06 To Transfer Funds for the purchase of a used police car from the Kansas State Patrol for the sum of \$20,000 with lights and sirens, plus approximately \$3000 to RACOM to outfit the car with the necessary equipment. The vehicle in question is a 2017 Dodge Charger with approximately 50,000 miles on it with an additional 50,000 mile warranty. Chief Ball said he had taken the current car (2008, purchased in 2007), in for an estimate to repair some rust on the fenders. He also said the ABS system would likely require some work in the near future and a new set of tires was needed before winter. Gibbs asked if we could wait until fall, and C. White felt no more money should be put into the vehicle. Discussion ensued whether to take the remainder of the 18/19 FY budget or to cash in the CD that was set aside for a vehicle purchase. Juel felt that any funds made by selling the old car should be put into a CD to start saving for a future vehicle/equipment purchase and that cashing in the CD made the most sense. There will be an approximate \$300 fee for cashing in the CD before its due date. Motion made by Bunting to approve Resolution 19-06-06 and authorize the clerk to cash in the Police Car CD to fund the purchase of the car in July. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Juel. Roll call vote was all ayes.

Update on the Butler Street project was that Gary and Jim had spoken to Ricken Tiling and that they would be working on it the third week of June. Mayor White and PW Pfantz said there was also a small sinkhole on Owen Street in front of Linda Fuller's house, which indicated a broken storm sewer line. Ricken Tiling had been contacted for repairs. As an update on cleanup week, Mayor White felt that if no more volunteers are found to help next year that it should be discontinued. This year all the work was done by Fricke, Pfantz, Logan Daters, Mayor White and volunteer Reggie Eldridge. There were 9.81 tons hauled to the landfill for dump fees of \$539.55, not including tires. Pfantz asked if we could have some sort of rules or ordinance for the city parking lot drawn up, including how often vehicles need to be moved, how long they can be parked there, etc. We have at least one vehicle that's been parked there several years without moving. Council felt it was a good idea.

Next on the agenda was the matter of vandalism around Melbourne. There have been some "drawings" on the streets and on a light pole, cleat marks on the door of a car, a group of teens went into the pool late after closing, and a vehicle was stolen the same evening. The video cameras at the pool have footage and it is being turned over to Office Ball. Clerk was advised to post on Melbourne Happenings that information would be welcome.

PW Pfantz requested that some sort of rules for the city parking lot be drafted, as we don't know who vehicles belong to, and some of them have been there over a year without being moved. It is limiting parking for the semis. Council thought it would be a good idea. Clerk will start a list.

Motion to adjourn by Stahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Juel. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$13,360.79; ROAD USE \$2515.40; EMP BENEFITS \$1415.16; LOST FIRE \$95.27; WATER \$9859.41; SEWER \$6980.23; TOTAL \$34,226.26.

REVENUE: GENERAL \$27,239.29, ROAD USE \$10,006.25, EMP BENEFITS \$1872.40; EMERGENCY \$332.12; LOST FIRE \$1024.93; LOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESP 1024.93; POOL 1029.48; LOST REC CENTER 1122.89; WATER \$15,647.12; SEWER \$17,464.06; TOTAL \$76,763.47.