

Melbourne City Council
Regular Meeting @ Library Basement
July 8, 2019

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on July 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were C. White, Juel, Stahl and Bunting. Absent was Gibbs. Also present were Mayor John White, Clerk Mary Pothast, Andrew and Haley Nichols. 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 Stahl, 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes.

In public comments and concerns, Mayor White gave an update on the youth football camp held at the park by Nathan White and Kyle DeRossett. There were 31 kids involved, and both Thursday and Saturday nights, an ISU football player attended to assist. It was a big success. The clerk received a complaint Tuesday afternoon regarding fireworks being shot off near Farm Service. Concern was expressed regarding the highly flammable chemicals stored there. Mayor advised the matter be turned over to law enforcement. Clerk also noted that the Melbourne Helping Hands will be sponsoring a splash dance at the pool Saturday, August 3rd as a fundraiser. It will be Family Food, Swim & Games. Volunteers will be needed from the community. Funds raised will be used to assist community members with emergency needs.

First in building permits, at 201 4th Avenue, Andrew & Haley Nichols wish to have a variance for a garage 20' from the front sidewalk and also a request to pour a slab in front of the existing porch and extend the current roofline to the sidewalk. The area is approximately 7 ¾' from the sidewalk currently. Mayor White asked for discussion of the two projects separately. After questions and answers regarding the roofed area, Mayor White called for a motion. No motions were made. The issue of the patio area failed to pass for lack of a motion. Discussion regarding the garage ensued. Motion made by Juel to approve the garage plans with 2nd by Stahl. Roll call vote was all ayes. The second building permit was for 503/505 Owen Street for a shed within the prescribed setbacks. Motion by Stahl with 2nd by Bunting to approve. Vote was all ayes.

In new business, Resolution 19-07-01 to approve the contracts for 205 2nd Avenue project through the CDBG grant in conjunction with Region 6. The city share will be no more than \$1533 to be paid through Alliant franchise fees as originally planned. Motion by Bunting, 2nd by C. White. Roll call vote was all ayes. Resolution passed. Resolution 19-07-02 to approve the contracts for 310 3rd Street project through the CDBG grant in conjunction with Region 6. The city share will be no more than \$1533 to be paid through Alliant franchise fees as originally planned. Motion by Bunting, 2nd by C. White. Roll call vote was all ayes. Resolution passed. Next on the agenda was in regards to City Attorney Greer. She has taken the bench for her judgeship and will no longer be able to fulfill her role as Melbourne City Attorney. She advised that CDR Law has a very capable attorney who can take her place for the same hourly rate. The other option was to go out for RFPs for a new firm. Council discussed the pros and cons of staying with CDR or going out for bids. Motion made by C. White to remain with CDR Law, 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes.

Mayor and Clerk informed the Council of some damage done to a home and phone lines on 4th Street and Ketchum by a high profile truck. Clerk has received some new information that she will pass on to law enforcement. Truck route signs were not discussed.

Mayor White reported that a new supervisor has been hired for the County Comm Center position, and that the new building should be ready to move into in August.

In old business, Juel asked if a price had been set as a minimum for the police car yet. Clerk was directed to look at NADA and to ask Chief Ball for recommendations.

Mayor White told the council that Ricken's had been contacted about the Butler Street sewer project. Fricke was told that they would begin the project next Wednesday, July 17th weather permitting. Clerk had to renew the permit with the DNR due to the fact that the project had not been started within the allotted year of getting the permit. An extension was granted due to the wet weather last fall and spring with the stipulation that the project begin as soon as possible. In the future, all work with outside companies will have a signed contract with completion date and other specifications.

Final totals for cleanup week were revenue of \$1108.27 and \$765.55 in dump fees paid. Wages for Fricke, Pfantz and Daters were not included in the expenses. Volunteer hours by Reggie Eldridge and Mayor White were greatly appreciated.

In an update on the vandalism, they are still searching for the persons responsible and working with the camera system at the pool and surrounding area.

Stahl made motion to adjourn with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at

REVENUE: GENERAL 36,052.54, ROAD USE 14,744.29, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 470.00, EMERGENCY 83.37, LOST FIRE 1024.93, LOST 1ST RESP 1024.93, POOL 1029.04, LOST REC CENTER 1091.08, WATER 16,613.11, SEWER 17,851.86. TOTAL \$89,985.15.

EXPENSES: 33,364.40, ROAD USE 3272.77, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 6514.64, EMERGENCY 13,775.06, LOST FIRE 15.00, LOST 1ST RESP 543.86, WATER 43,556.87, SEWER 62,364.28. TOTAL \$163,416.88.

SUBMITTED PRIOR TO APPROVAL.