Melbourne City Council
Regular Meeting @ Library Basement
September 9, 2019

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on September 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Juel, Stahl, White, Bunting and Gibbs. Also present were Mayor John White, Clerk Mary Pothast. 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 Gibbs, 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes.

In public comment, clerk mentioned there had been a couple of complaints about garbage in the back of a truck on 1st Street that had been there for longer than it should be and was starting to small. Council members noted that three homes also needed to be notified about mowing. One of them had his renter leave and the owner lives out of town. Clerk was told to send letters to the four.

Mayor White called to open the public hearing for the budget amendment. Motion made by Stahl, 2nd by Bunting to open the hearing. Vote was all ayes. Clerk explained what the changes to the budget are and where the funds are coming from. There were no comments from the public. Motion made to close the public hearing made by White, 2nd by Juel. Vote was all ayes. Vote to approve the budget amendment as published by Gibbs, 2nd by White, vote was all ayes.

There were no building permit requests. In new business clerk stated that elections for city offices are November 5, there are 3 council seats up for election, nomination papers are available at city hall, and they must be turned in September 19 by 5 pm. Withdrawls and objections are due by September 24 by 5 pm at city hall as well. So far, Lucas Hauser, Jeremy Corson and Carrie White have picked up papers. Clerk received an email about sending a protest letter to the Iowa Utilities Board regarding Alliant Energy's proposed 24% increase on residential billing. Council agreed it is exorbitant and directed the clerk to write a letter in protest. Clerk will have Mayor White approve and sign it. A copy will be available at City Hall for anyone interested. Clerk explained that with the housing grant program, the city will write the checks for the projects and be reimbursed by the CDBG. We could have $60,000 out at a time waiting for reimbursement for 4- weeks. General fund will be able to cover it temporarily so there is no need for a bridge loan. Stahl asked if the city could get a printout of what was done at each home. Clerk will contact Region 6 for that information.

In old business, clerk updated council on the job vacancies. Custodian for rec center has one application. Clerk position has five. Applicants have until the 13th to apply. The personnel committee will set up interviews at that point. Mayor White presented what he had done for parking lot rules. Council agreed they were what they wanted and clerk was directed to look into signage for the lot.

Clerk requested to attend IMFOA in Des Moines October 17-18 for $125. This is where the bulk of CEUs com from for her two certifications. Motion to approve attendance White, 2nd by Bunting. Vote was all ayes.

In correspondence, Clerk told that the Computer User group meeting will not be held in DSM this October, but in Omaha. She will advise them of any updates. Hopefully it will be back in Des Moines for the spring. Councilman Gibbs said that the eave spouts for the fire department were complete and totaled about $4200, and they were able to sell the old doors for $500. Stahl asked if they could address the rental inspection policy next month. Clerk will organize what was done and send it to the council. Motion made by Juel to adjourn with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

REVENUES: GENERAL 16,044.84, ROAD USE 11,993.73, LOST FIRE 1006.40, LOST 1ST RESP 1006.40, POOL 1006.40, LOST REC CENTER 1006.38, WATER 17,635.68, SEWER 16,828.98. TOTAL $66,528.81.

EXPENSES: GENERAL 31,461.56, ROAD 2176.89, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 1917.40, LOST 1ST RESP 322.02, WATER 10,909.89, SEWER 27,471.38. TOTAL $74,259.14.

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