

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on December 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Stahl, White, Bunting and Gibbs and Juel. Also present were Mayor John White, Deputy Clerk Theresa Daters, Police Chief Mike Ball and incoming council member Shawn Goodrich. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Fred Lembke from Youth and Shelter Services was present to speak at the meeting. He was expected in January, so Mayor White requested a motion to amend the agenda so he could speak. The motion to amend the agenda to include YSS presentation, request on behalf of the fire department and a request to change the golf cart flags was made by C. White with second by Stahl. Vote was all ayes, motion passed. Motion to approve the agenda as amended, the minutes from last month's meeting and the bills was made by Gibbs with second by Bunting. Vote was all ayes.

Fred Lembke from YSS spoke about the Celebration of Friends hosted by YSS and passed out a flyer for the event. He spoke about the services YSS offers and how many families they have helped in the past years. He encouraged the council to donate. There were no building permits.

Next Mayor White and the council discussed options for scheduling budget meetings. It was decided that the Regular City Council meeting will be moved to the first Monday of January and the budget meeting will be held January 13 at 5:30 at City Hall. If needed, a second budget meeting will be held January 20th at 5:30 at City Hall. The maximum levy resolution will need to be approved at one of those budget meetings to be published on the 30th per new state law.

Mayor White mentioned that Iowa Regional Utilities Association (IRUA) will have a 4% water increase effective January 2020 and the City will have their annual water and sewer increase resolution at that time. It will be 4% to match the IRUA increase per ordinance. Thank you notes were signed by the Mayor and council members to Partner Communications for hanging the town's Christmas lights and to Ron and Lorraine Kemmerer for their donation for Beautification Flowers in memory of Ron's mother.

In old business, Mayor White gave an update on the meetings he and Mary have had with various credit/debit card processing companies. They will get information from one final company and bring the information to the council. Mayor White informed the council that the water to the old trailer court has been shut off. Gary has ordered a plug for the sewer and will install it in the spring. They have also been working on the lift station on Railroad Street and Jim has serviced the generator. They have also worked on the Morton Building replacing some of the bottom metal siding that has corroded due to the salt storage with wood.

On behalf of the Melbourne Fire Department, David Gibbs asked the City Council to allow the Firemen's Association to use the remaining balance of the funds that the City and the Townships allotted to them at the end of the last fiscal year. It was to cover eave spouts and doors for the station. There was approximately \$1700 left to be divided among the 3 entities. The bill from Nelson's was \$950 for truck repairs. There is still a mechanical issue with the truck. Motion made by C. White with 2nd by Bunting to allow them to use the remaining funds. Roll call vote was all ayes.

After receiving a phone call to City Hall from a friend of Doug Mansager, Daters asked the council for permission to purchase golf cart flags with DM-20 instead of just 20 for next spring in his memory. Motion by Juel 2nd by Bunting. Roll call vote was all ayes. Thank you cards were given to outgoing council members in appreciation of their service. Incumbent Carrie White and new council member Shawn Goodrich were sworn in by Mayor White.

Motion to adjourn made by C. White, 2nd by Bunting. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:28.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$15,651.33, ROAD USE 1745.13 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 1418.58, WATER \$14,862.98, SEWER \$8381.13. TOTAL EXPENSES \$42,059.15.

REVENUE: GENERAL \$55,261.83, ROAD USE \$9104.93, EMP BENE \$4044.07, EMERGENCY 756.97, LOST FIRE \$1256.28, LOST 1ST RESP \$1256.28, POOL \$1260.61, LOST REC \$1400.10, WATER \$12,434.81, SEWER \$16,337.23. TOTAL \$103,113.11.

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