

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on March 9th at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were David Gibbs and Lucas Hauser, Shawn Goodrich, Vickie Stahl and Carrie White. Also present were Mayor John White, Clerk Mary Pothast, Chief Mike Ball, PW Supervisor Gary Fricke and Assistant Jim Pfantz. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Mayor White added an item to the agenda that had just come up regarding the police chief and serving the Rhodes community. Motion to approve the agenda, minutes and bills made by Gibbs, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. In public comment, the clerk said the rec board had discussed wanting an exercise room for residents to use in town. They have put Kim Tarbell in charge of this project. She had also received a phone call from Logan Krough regarding being able to drive a UTV in town. It is currently against the ordinance, and clerk said if there was interest in changing it, that it could be put on next month's agenda. No one suggested adding it to the agenda.

First on the agenda, Mayor White opened the public hearing regarding approval of the 20/21 FY budget. Clerk stated no one had contacted her with any issues. There was no discussion. Public hearing was closed at 7:03. Motion to approve Resolution #20-03-01 to adopt the budget as published and presented made by Stahl. 2nd by Goodrich. Roll call vote was all ayes. The Resolution was passed and the budget adopted for 20/21. In new business, PW Supervisor Fricke addressed the council regarding replacing one of the mowers. The current Kubota is 14 years old and has about 3000 hours on it. Belts, deck, wheels, hydrostats and other items have been replaced and repaired. They have looked into acquiring another commercial Kubota with a 5' deck instead of a 6' to get in smaller places. They suggest selling the John Deere mower. There are lease to purchase options or buying the machine outright. Clerk stated the city has \$8000 in a vehicle CD and another \$8000 to add this year. That would cover the \$14,015 price tag to purchase the mower outright. Motion made by Gibbs with 2nd by Hauser to check on penalty for early withdrawl of the CD and if it is minimal to purchase the mower outright or see if they would do 50% down and 50% in June. Vote was all ayes. Clerk will work with Councilperson White to see which is the best option. Next on the agenda was repairs to the rural water building by Scharnweber. There is a chlorine leak that needs to be repaired that is not in the new system. Motion made by Hauser, 2nd by Stahl to hire Scharnweber to do the work for the bid price. Vote was all ayes. Next was a resolution extending the maturity date of the city's sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement anticipation project note. This extends the 0% interest planning and design loan for the sewer project. Motion made by C. White, 2nd by Hauser to approve Resolution #20-03-02. Vote was all ayes. The continuation of the Butler Street sewer replacement project and a project on Ketchum to replace a water main and put in storm drainage was part of the work budgeted for in the 20/21 FY budget. Request to enable the staff to schedule the work was made, so the projects needed to be officially approved. Motion by Gibbs with 2nd by C. White to approve. Roll call vote was all ayes. Motion approved. Clarks' Bar liquor license is up for renewal in April. Dram insurance has been secured. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. The wages approved in January have been put in resolution form as required in #20-03-03. Motion to approve made by Gibbs, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was

all ayes. LeGrand Sanitation garbage hauler permit was presented. All insurance requirements have been fulfilled and fee paid. Motion to approve by Goodrich, 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. Discussion regarding clean up day/week for Melbourne was next. Due in part, to the huge amount of garbage that was set out for clean up last year with the allowable items, the Council has decided to suspend clean up day this year. It has turned into a huge labor intensive project for our public works employees and our mayor, Reggie Eldridge and Vickie Stahl as volunteers. The year we rented a dumpster and set it at the parking lot turned into a mess, so that is not an option. We are looking for a different way to run it next year with more volunteers and a shorter time frame possible. All ideas are welcome.

In old business, next is Resolution 02-03-04 Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Iowa Interactive to provide credit/debit card services to receive payments. Motion by Hauser, 2nd by Goodrich to approve. Vote was all ayes. Next was to accept the quote/bid for repairs to the City Hall roof by R&R Services, who did the past work on the roof. Motion by Hauser, 2nd by C. White to approve. Vote was all ayes. The police car was taken in to Brian's Collision in State Center for bumper repairs. Insurance covered all but the deductible. The Melbourne Fire Association reported on another portion of the money allotted to them last year from the city and the townships. It was used for tanker repairs. There is a small portion left. Public works purchased two tools to be able to retrieve items from the manholes without entrance. They have only gotten one quote on a general service call from Visu Sewer, and that was \$400-\$450 estimate.

In departmental business, Clerk requested to go to IMFOA spring conference for certification hours April 16-17. Motion by Hauser, 2nd by Gibbs to approve. Vote was all ayes. Gibbs requested that a letter of support from the council and mayor be written to the Marshall County Communications Commission in regards to maintenance of the towers and system the Radio Committee suggests they build. Although it is a large outlay up front, in the long run, it will be much more cost effective for the individual towns. At times, the calls to EMS, Fire and Public Safety cannot be understood and are garbled. There are many spots out in the county that are dead areas and they are forced to use their cell phones. Motion to write the letter made by Hauser with 2nd by Stahl. Vote to approve was all ayes. Clerk reported that V&K Engineering firm is proceeding as necessary for the Disadvantaged Community application and also for the permits required from the DNR for utility work this summer. Last item on the agenda was in regards to the 28E Agreement the City of Melbourne has with Rhodes for police protection. In return for \$350 a month, we are to provide 3 hours a week of patrol. There was a complaint forwarded to the office by their clerk that they do not see Officer Ball in Rhodes. The Melbourne clerk contacted Officer Ball and asked he note on his hours the times he is in Rhodes. His hours vary every week and can be any of the 24 hours in the day. He works another full time job as well. Council decided that if they are unhappy with the service that Melbourne will terminate the 28E agreement with a 60 day notice. Only 30 days is required. Motion made by Stahl with 2nd by Goodrich to end the 28E Agreement with Rhodes for police protection. Vote was all ayes. Clerk was directed to contact the city attorney to have a letter written for this purpose.

Motion to adjourn was made by C. White with 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Published prior to approval.