

City of Melbourne  
Regular City Council Meeting  
May 11, 2020

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on May 11, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Members and Deputy Clerk were all seated a minimum of 6' apart per social distancing protocol. Council members present were David Gibbs, Lucas Hauser, Vickie Stahl, Carrie White and Shawn Goodrich. Also present were Mayor John White, Deputy Clerk Theresa Daters and Police Chief Mike Ball. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. White. Vote was all ayes.

Building permit at 14 Clark Street for a wooden structure 38 x 24' garage placed between allowed boundaries was reissued to make the structure now a 40' x 28' structure still within the boundaries. Motion to approve by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. Building permits for 102 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. for a wooden 26'x40' garage within the boundaries and 306 Main St for a replacement shed. Motion to approve both building permits made by C. White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodrich. Vote was all ayes.

Public hearing to amend the budget was opened by Mayor White. There were no comments submitted and none at the meeting. Public hearing was closed by Mayor. Motion to approve Resolution 20-05-01 to amend the current budget made by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stahl. Roll call vote was all ayes.

The first item in new business was the opening of the 7 sealed bids the City received for the lawn mower. The bids went from \$1500 to the top bid of \$2078. Stahl made a motion to accept the winning bid of \$2078 from Mark Lyle of Haverhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. White. Vote was all ayes. The Council discussed the process of reopening city buildings and decided to follow the governor's recommendations as she makes them. There will be no late fees charged and no shutoffs for May utilities. Council discussed inquiry regarding urban chickens and decided to follow the ordinance in place as has been done several times in the past when others have inquired. Motion by Stahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. White. Council decided to table the decision regarding whether to have a city-wide garage sale this summer in hopes we can still do this later in the season. Motion made by Gibbs to replace a section of tile on Butler St. which gets plugged up easily and replace it with perforated tile, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. Council discussed adding section to Public Offense Ch. 50 to read "No person shall stockpile manure of any kind within City limits." Clerk is to add wording to the ordinance and bring it to the council next month. Mayor White read a Proclamation declaring the Month of May as West Marshall Senior Month in recognition of our graduating seniors. Deputy Clerk Daters briefed the council on a remodeling plan for City Hall. Motion by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hauser to spend up to \$2000 on this project. Vote was all ayes. Council agreed with Mayor to allow the City Clerk to research other copier options as the current contract is due in June.

In old business, Chief Ball had been approached by Rhodes Councilman Karsjens last month to see if Melbourne would continue to police their City. A decision still has not been made.

In departments, deputy clerk shared grass ordinance has been posted. The CCR is completed and posted on all proper state/fed sites. Gibbs discussed a future purchase of new radios, pagers, etc. for the Fire Dept. at a cost of approximately \$75K - \$80K. C. White requested employee time sheets for last 2 months for the council to review. C. White also shared a concern regarding our camper dumpsite being too high prohibiting some campers to drain.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

APRIL EXPENSES: GENERAL \$18,580.57, ROADS \$9622.23, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$1375.46, LOST FIRE \$104.80, ST RESP \$24551, WATER \$13,723.47, SEWER \$12,886.05, SANITARY SEWER \$4245.20. TOTAL \$60,783.29.

APRIL REVENUE: GENERAL \$80,557.07, ROADS \$9666.29, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$9900.37, EMERGENCY \$1853.14, LOST FIRE \$870.10, LOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESP \$870.10, POOL \$875.18, LOST REC CENTER \$870.77, WATER \$14,244.38, SEWER \$18,218.14, SANITARY SEWER \$4397.20. TOTAL \$142,322.73.

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