

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
April 13, 2020

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on April 13, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Members and Clerk were all seated a minimum of 6' apart per social distancing protocol. Council members present were David Gibbs and Lucas Hauser, Vickie Stahl and Carrie White. Shawn Goodrich was absent. 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 new business, Mayor White said he had been contacted by Nathan White, who would like to hold a youth football camp the last weekend in July like they had last year. They would like to practice Thursday and Friday night, and scrimmage Saturday with pizza at the rec center and swimming. This would be for 3rd-5th grade, about 40 kids, in the same location in the park as last year. Provided the situation will allow such gatherings, the motion was made by C. White with 2nd by Hauser to approve the event. Vote was all ayes. Next a hearing was set for the budget amendment for the 19/20 budget for May 11, 2020 to allow for housing grant funds, transfer for mower and miscellaneous items. Clerk asked Council for guidance regarding utility penalties and shut off notices during the Covid-19 pandemic. The electric moratorium has been extended and it has been requested by the Iowa Utilities Board that water not be shut off either during this period. Council decided that penalties will not be added to delinquent bills this month. Those having financial difficulties should contact the office and work out an agreement together regarding payment instead of shut offs. Resolution 20-04-01 to approve the Melbourne CDBG owner occupied rehab contract for 402 3rd Street was next for approval. Motion made by C. White, 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes.

Mayor asked if Council wanted the John Deere mower advertised for sale. It was decided that it be put on the Melbourne Happenings page with a minimum sealed bid of \$1000 with specifics. Bids to be opened May 11. Clerk requested that an uncollectible debt be written off as bad debt in the amount of \$33.29. The amount is not enough to be collected through the Income Offset program through the state. Motion made by Hauser, 2nd by Gibbs. Vote was all ayes. There was some discussion regarding tent structures for storage in town. As they are not a permanent structure, and currently don't require building permits, they will be monitored. If it becomes an issue, it will be addressed. Clerk told Council that the Library Director would like an additional security camera near the library. The library board felt the cost was more than they wanted to spend. Clerk discussed with police chief and rec board. Police offered to pay half, and rec board 25%, leaving 25% for the library to pay. The camera may be mounted on the bath house if Astra Security deems it more efficient. Motion by Gibbs, 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes to approve the purchase.

Building permit at 14 Clark Street for a wooden structure 38 x 24' garage placed between allowed boundaries. Motion to approve by Gibbs, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes.

In old business, Chief Ball had been approached by Rhodes Councilman Karsjens to see if Melbourne would continue to police their City. Council said the decision lies with the Chief. They will support his

decision. Current 28E expires May 17 per letter to their Council. A decision will be made prior to the date.

Clerk mentioned there had been several complaints from residents about kids running around late at night. Officer Ball has been contacted regarding this and several other nuisance issues like breaking a window on an old vehicle and going into Doe's salvage yard. Council feels that the 10:00 curfew (already in the ordinance book) for minors needs to be enforced to cut down on problems and keep Melbourne's kids safe as well. Motion to adjourn by C. White, 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Clerk did not publish February's expense & revenue. Those figures as follows:

FEBRUARY EXPENSES: GENERAL \$19,931.13, ROADS \$6006.83, EMP BENEFITS \$1365.19, LOST FIRE \$407.69, WATER \$11,202.55, SEWER \$6574.11, SANITARY SEWER \$152.00. TOTAL \$45,639.50.

FEBRUARY REVENUE: \$14,644.91, ROADS \$10,239.80, EMP BENEFITS \$418.47, EMERGENCY \$78.33, LOST FIRE \$70.10, LOST 1ST RESP \$870.10, POOL \$874.63, LOST REC \$1014.66, WATER \$11,650.61, SEWER \$16,055.15. TOTAL \$56,716.76.

MARCH EXPENSES: GENERAL \$35609.23, ROAD 1858.06, BENEFITS 1535.15, WATER 12,193.28, SEWER 8,509.70: TOTAL EXPENSES MARCH \$59,705.42.

MARCH REVENUE: GENERAL \$17,725.39, ROADS \$4357.09, BENEFITS \$483.31, EMERGENCY \$90.46, LOST FIRE \$870.10, LOST 1ST RESP \$870.10, POOL \$3678.71, LOST REC CTR \$935.64, WATER \$12,981.19, SEWER \$16,814.94. TOTAL MARCH REVENUE: \$58,806.93 .

John White, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Mary L. Pothast, City Clerk

Theresa Daters, Deputy City Clerk