

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
June 8, 2020

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on June 8, 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, Vickie Stahl, Carrie White and Shawn Goodrich. Lucas Hauser was absent. Also present were Clerk Mary Pothast, Mayor White and Danny and Beth Smith. 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 Goodrich. Vote was all ayes.

First on the agenda was a building permit and variance for Brad and Michelle Wilson at 606 Owen Street for a patio. Instead of the prescribed 7' from the rear property line, the concrete is approximately 16". The patio will have footings and is to be built on the site of an old swing set which the vet's office had approved many years ago. Letters were sent to neighbors with no negative responses. Motion to approve by Gibbs, 2nd by Goodrich. Vote was 3 aye, 1 nay. Permit approved.

In new business the decision as to open the pool this year was tabled in favor of waiting until the Governor makes a specific announcement and then call for a special meeting. Clerk asked whether to renew the food license through the state even if we may not use it. Consensus was to apply for it as to avoid having to do a new business license next year. The fire department announced that they have cancelled the fish fry for August, but would like to do fireworks for Independence Day. Question if there was enough funds for the fireworks and answer was yes. Motion to approve fireworks by C. White, 2nd by Goodrich. Vote was all ayes. Clerk covered the new regulations from the Department of Agriculture for pound/kennel restrictions. As it was understood, it included contracting with a vet, having inspections with the vet, and getting involved with shots, neutering, etc. for animals taken in. The city only occasionally picks up a dog that has run away and is usually picked up shortly by the owner. Council didn't feel it was worth the extra time, effort and money for amount of use. Motion made by C. White and 2nd by Stahl to discontinue having a local pound/kennel. Vote was all ayes. City Hall is to find out where to call if there is a stray animal. Clerk asked if the office is to apply late fees and shut offs for the month of June. Consensus was to wait until July to resume regular activity.

First reading of the amendment to Public Offense Ordinance Chapter 50 to include "No person shall stockpile, knife in or spread manure of any kind within city limits." Motion made by Gibbs to approve the first reading and waive second and third readings. 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. Clerk is directed to publish new ordinance. Ordinance will become effective upon publication.

The remodeling at City Hall is almost complete. The current tally is \$1100 for material and supplies. Theresa Daters and her dad, Dyer Hammer, have done a large amount of the work. Randall Construction still will have a bill. Everyone involved is very pleased with the look and functionality and thanks them for their hard work. Revenue from the Emergency fund will need to be transferred out of that account at the end of the fiscal year in June. Motion made by Gibbs with 2nd by Stahl to move the amount to a savings account to help pay for radios and pagers for the new 911 system. Vote was all ayes. Mayor White noted that the final amount of the 18/19 fire department budget remainder that had been allocated to pay for miscellaneous expenses had been spent for truck repairs.

In old business, the 28E Agreement with Rhodes for police patrol has not been renegotiated, so Melbourne will no longer be covering that area.

In departments, Clerk noted that the water quality report (CCR) has been filed with the DNR for the year. Clerk also asked to attend the annual Clerk's Academy this year online for CEUs for \$195. Motion by Stahl, 2nd by C. White, vote was all ayes. The debit and credit card processing has been utilized frequently and has totaled over \$4800 since its beginning in mid-February. It has made a positive difference on account collections. Mayor White noted he had spoken with Nathan White and at this time they are still proceeding with the football camp in July.

Beth and Danny Smith asked to speak about the state of the lawn at 210 Park Street. The city has already mown it once this year and it is due to be mowed again. Smith offered to keep it trimmed once it is mowed, as there are snakes coming into their yard. C. White said it may not be in their best interests to enter the premises without permission in case damages would occur. Options were discussed but the city's hands are somewhat tied other than continuing to mow the property and bill the owner and place liens on the property. Clerk said she would contact a friend of the owner in hopes of getting some assistance. The number the city has no longer works.

Motion to adjourn made by Gibbs, 2nd by Goodrich. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$49,777.13, ROADS \$2068.95, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$6983.32, WATER \$11,104.11, SEWER \$8177.22, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON \$2711.50. TOTAL EXPENSES \$80,822.23.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$17,398.45, ROAD USE \$7834.81, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$1428.34, EMERGENCY \$267.36, LOST FIRE \$1022.10, LOST FIRST 43SP \$1022.10, POOL \$1027.01, LOST REC \$1164.27, WATER \$13,376.95, SEWER \$16,246.90, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON \$2503.00. TOTAL \$63,282.29.

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