

City of Melbourne  
Special City Council Meeting  
June 11, 2020

Melbourne City Council met in special session on June 11, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council Members and the audience present 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, Theresa Daters, Theresa and Tayiah Siegert, Melanie Spoon and Morgan Frederick. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda made by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stahl. Vote was all ayes.

Discussion opened regarding opening the Melbourne Pool. Clerk Pothast had prepared a comparison of expenses that are contingent upon opening this year vs last year's full season expenses. The combination of lifeguards, utilities, chemicals and water added up to approximately \$427.79 a day vs \$412.07 a day for last year. If we were able to open June 17 (best case scenario) and stay open until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, we would only be out approximately 2 weeks of swim season. Theresa Daters led the discussion stating that the pool could operate with 70 swimmers vs the usual 130 capacity and meet the guidelines set forth by the governor. She and Tiffany Witte, pool manager, had come up with a list of specific operating instructions they felt would keep them in line with the proclamation. Mayor White called for a vote before any more specifics were discussed. Motion made by Gibbs to reopen the pool as soon as possible with a lesser capacity per guidelines. 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Stahl. Vote was all ayes to reopen the pool.

The discussion then led to whether or not season passes should be sold. Clerk was concerned that people purchasing them may not be able to get into the pool every time they wanted to if it was full and would in turn, take it out on the pool employees. However, the cost of daily passes would be prohibitive to those with larger families. A decision was made to sell season passes at the regular price and to add a disclaimer to all season passes that due to the pandemic guidelines, admission may not be available every day and that is something they acknowledge when purchasing. Each family will also be required to sign a waiver like some other teams are having their players sign to acknowledge liability regarding COVID-19. The pool staff and city will "take reasonable measures under the circumstances...to ensure social distance of employees and patrons, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with the Guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health," per the Governor's proclamation of June 10, 2020. Daters felt that at this time, only pre-packaged concessions should be sold, and the slide will not be open until there is further guidance. Council said that as the governor releases more information or changes are made that they trust Daters will use good judgment and consult with those necessary to make the best decisions for changes to open up more of the pool or offer more services. Pool opening date will be announced on Melbourne Happenings and by signs around town. It normally takes 7-10 days once the preparations to open are started and they will begin on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn made by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stahl. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.