

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
July 13, 2020

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on July 13, 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, and Mayor White. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda made by Gibbs, 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes.

Mayor opened the public hearing for the Melbourne Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation 18-HSG-015 Status of Funded Activities. Clerk listed the projects completed to date with the costs. There were no questions and no prior comments submitted. Public hearing was closed. Resolution 20-07-01 to Approve the City of Melbourne CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Contract for 604 Main Street was presented for discussion. Motion to approve the contract made by C. White with 2nd by Stahl. Roll call vote was all ayes. Resolution approved. Building permit for Mike Needham, 605 Needham Drive to build a deck around his pool. Setbacks were within limits. Motion by Gibbs, 2nd by Goodrich. Vote was all ayes. Permit was approved. In new business mosquito spraying was brought up. After discussion, a motion was made by Stahl with 2nd by C. White to not do any spraying this year to save some money. Vote was all ayes. Clerk presented proposals from two copier companies. Council chose the lower cost, as other variables seemed equal. Motion to accept the bid by Access made by C. White, 2nd by Goodrich. Roll call vote was all ayes. Public hearing set for next month's meeting, August 10th, to enter into an equipment lease. Proposal made to do an additional 70 feet to the Butler Street tiling replacement to prevent flooding. Cost would be \$1765.29. Motion made by Gibbs, 2nd by Goodrich. Vote was all ayes to proceed. Resolution 20-02-02 to Transfer Funds from Emergency Fund to Savings for Emergency Radio Purchase. Motion made by C. White, 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes to proceed.

In departmental items, status of the sewer replacement by Ricken Tiling on Butler Street is slated for the first or second week of August. The water line project for Ketchum does not yet have a date. Status of the rental inspection program was presented by Stahl. There are several phases to the program, including separate meetings with landlords of both homes and apartment buildings. Decisions on fees, payment, inspection process are all being made. An ordinance will be written to accommodate the inspection process. The goal date is July of 2021. Status of the 911 radio procurement was updated by Gibbs. The project is subject to action by the County Board of Supervisors, which has so far stalled. The old system was installed in the mid-1980s. According to statements by the BOS, it may not be taken care of until spring of 2023. The issue is that it is very difficult to hear pages by the emergency services and they frequently are unintelligible, or the system is down. They also have a system that sends the calls to their cellphones, but that is not 100% failproof either. Fire chiefs will be sending a letter to the paper and to the BOS encouraging them and the public to make this a priority, as a missed call could cause a fatality. Clerk told council about the incident regarding a woman calling the pool and saying her children had tested positive for COVID-19 but refused to give her name. Theresa Daters immediately contacted the pool inspector and he walked her through the process. They had already shut down and started sanitizing. An explanation was then posted on Melbourne Happenings about the low risk contact and they were able to reopen on Saturday. Theresa called the Marshall County Department of Public Health

to see if she could get a confirmation, but they would not comment either way. The pool staff handled the event very professionally and got the word out quickly. Mayor White would like to schedule a facilities tour, so all council members know exactly what buildings and locations they are dealing with when questions arise. C. White suggested we conduct the tour at 6:00 before the next meeting on August 10. C. White also brought up that she had had several inquiries about allowing side by sides such as Ranger UTVs. This would NOT include ATVs or 4 wheelers. Council discussed a trial period allowing them with a speed limit. Clerk is to check on State Center's ordinance and bring that information to the next meeting. No action was taken.

Motion made by Gibbs to adjourn, 2nd by Goodrich. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

REVENUES: GENERAL: 45,134.59, ROAD USE 5090.38, EMP BENEFITS 235.10, EMERGENCY 44.01, LOST FIRE 1022.10, LOST 1ST RESP 1022.10, POOL 1027.52, LOST REC 1088.35, WATER 16,315.49, SEWER 17,181.49, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON PROJECT 208.5. TOTAL: \$88,369.63

EXPENSES: 29,171.16, ROAD USE 2660.02, EMP BENEFITS 2408.42, LOST FIRE 111.23, LOST 1ST RESP 463.43, WATER 12,691.90, SEWER 61,458.58. TOTAL: \$108,964.74.

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