

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
January 11, 2021

Melbourne City Council met in regular session and budget work session on January 11, 2021 at 6 pm at City Hal. Members and Clerk were all seated a minimum of 6' apart per social distancing protocol. Council members present were Vickie Stahl, David Gibbs, Carrie White, Shawn Goodrich and Lucas Hauser. Also present were Mayor John White and Clerk Mary Pothast. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Mayor White noted two clerical errors on the agenda—first was the date of 2020 instead of 2021 and second was to correct Deck the House winner address of 603 2nd Avenue. Motion to approve the amended agenda, minutes and bills made by C. White with 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes. Motion to approve the agenda, minutes and bills made by Hauser with 2nd by Goodrich. Vote was all ayes.

First on the agenda was a permit for a deck at 512 Main Street at the rear of the house. Motion by C. White to approve, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. In new business the annual 3% water and sewer increase was presented. Motion made by Gibbs, 2nd by C. White to approve. Roll call vote was all ayes. It will take effect on the next billing. Motion to approve the appointments made by Hauser, 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes. Clerk explained the issue the City discovered in late December/early January regarding water loss. Since it was not going through the meter, the city experienced a 600,000 gallon loss. This was the approximate amount for a ¾" pipe flow or 20,000 gallons a day. Steve Hively was called in and found a break in a resident's service line and a faulty hydrant. The hydrant was able to be shut off, but will need to be replaced. The lateral break was directly over the old orangeburg sewer line and was not accumulating at the surface. The resident called Needham's and the break was repaired. The flows cut drastically the next day, but are up again, alluding to another break in an unmetered area. Hively will be called in again for his services. The winner of the Deck the House lighting contest was 603 2nd Avenue. Congratulations!

At the conclusion of business, the budget work session began. Clerk went through all estimated revenues and expenses except for employee categories. Some of the larger expenses anticipated are paving Butler Street for \$57,000, a new roof for the rec center and lining another block or two of sewer main. Personnel committee will meet this week to discuss wages and those figures will be presented at the meeting next Tuesday, January 19th at 6:00 at City Hall. Motion to adjourn was made by C. White with 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$35,945.80, ROAD USE \$1722.61, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$1849.66, WATER \$9569.61, SEWER \$11,991.18, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON \$117.00. TOTAL EXPENSES \$61,195.86.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$53,449.54, ROAD USE \$10,204.47, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$1545.12, EMERGENCY \$272.57, LOST FIRE \$1053.41, LOST 1ST RESP \$1053.42, POOL \$1058.73, LOST REC CENTER \$1118.92, WATER \$13,407.72, SEWER \$167,955.83. TOTAL REVENUE \$100,119.74.

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