

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
March 8, 2021

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on March 8, 2021 at 7 pm. Members and Clerk were all seated a minimum of 6' apart per social distancing protocol. Council members present were David Gibbs, Carrie White, Shawn Goodrich, Vickie Stahl and Lucas Hauser. Also present were Mayor John White, Chief Mike Ball and Clerk Mary Pothast. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Motion to approve the consent agenda with the date corrected on the budget on the agenda made by Gibbs with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. The public hearing for the approval of the proposed 21/22 annual budget was opened by Mayor White. Clerk did not have written comments or phone calls regarding the budget. There was no discussion. Motion to close public hearing made by Hauser, 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes. Resolution 21-03-01 to Adopt the 21/22 Budget as Proposed was presented. Motion by C. White to approve, 2nd by Gibbs. Roll call vote was all ayes, none opposed. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk was directed to submit the budget to the state and file necessary copies with the County. Mayor requested to change the date of the next council meeting to April 5. There was consensus. Council will meet at 7 pm on April 5. Mayor set the public hearing for the Budget Amendment to the current 20/21 budget for April 5 and directed clerk to have it published. Gibbs made a motion to approve Clarks' Bar liquor license pending approval of dram insurance. 2nd made by Goodrich. Vote was all ayes. Mayor appointed Deb Pickard to fill the vacant library board position. Thank you for your future service. Mayor presented the quote from Needham's to do the work on Ketchum for water line replacement. PW attempted to get other bids, but were not successful. Quote was over what was budgeted in last year's budget, but there is money in the fund balance to cover the remainder. To approve the work for the water main with a completion date made by Stahl, 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. On the subject, Hauser asked if there had been any progress on the water leak that has undetected. Clerk and Mayor told what has been done trying to track it down. Members asked if there was any way to isolate blocks or portions to narrow down the area. They are very concerned about the additional cost each month for doubling our water purchases.

Motion to approve Resolution 21-03-03 for the transfer of CARES funds of \$18,870.65 to the Emergency Radio savings account was made by Hauser with 2nd by Gibbs. Roll call vote was all ayes. The transfer of funds in the Emergency checking to the Emergency Radio account was also proposed by C. White with 2nd by Goodrich. Vote was all ayes. Clerk will include that amount in the resolution as well. Gibbs made a motion for PW to contact Manatt's and get the Butler Street paving and repairs on their schedule for this summer as the amount had been approved at an earlier meeting. 2nd by Stahl. Vote was all ayes.

Clerk mentioned there was a memo sent out about the Covid 19 DOT Highway funding. Melbourne's share is \$7904.41. This would be an addition to the street fund due to the fact that Road Use Tax dollars have declined due to the pandemic and would help cover the gap. Angie and Steve Gibbs requested to build a sidewalk on the ROW to their mailbox similar to their neighbors. Motion made by C. White to approve with Goodrich for a 2nd. Vote was all ayes. Clerk stated she had registered for the IMFOA conference April 22-23 due to the fact the last one filled up quickly. At the time she registered it was already 80% full.

Resolution 21-03-02 Resolution to Approve the Melbourne CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Contract for 507 Butler Street and contract were presented. In the paperwork it stated that the extra items that did

not come in under the planned amount would be covered by the Region 6 Housing Project. Motion to approve made by Hauser, 2nd by Goodrich. Vote was all ayes.

In questions for departments, Gibbs told that the air pack tanks for the fire department will all expire at the end of April. They were purchased in 2006 and have a 15 year life. They have been refilled twice—the maximum. Looking into repurchase, they have found new replacements will run \$1200 apiece or \$40,000 for 31 tanks. They have located some in Cedar Rapids that can be used for 5 more years for \$200 each for a total of about \$6200. By that time, they hope to have more money set aside to purchase the new ones and will be looking into grants. It will likely be paid from their share of the Local Option Tax dollars.

Beautification Committee will meet Tuesday the 9th at 4:30 at City hall to take down the lights from the poles and pick up the greenery from the pots. Helpers are welcome.

Motion to adjourn made by Gibbs, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

EXPENSES: GENERAL 39,282.18, ROAD USE \$4893.15, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$1463.49, WATER \$13,297.18, SEWER \$7487.79: TOTAL \$66,423,79.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$10,155.96, ROAD USE \$7254.48, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 96.77, EMERGENCY \$16.94, LOST FIRE \$886.30, LOST 1ST RESP \$886.30, POOL \$891.10, LOST REC CENTER \$914.73, WATER \$12,088.73, SEWER \$15,785.18: TOTAL \$48,976.49.

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