

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
May 11, 2021

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on May 11, 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 and Lucas Hauser. Also present were Mayor John White and Clerk Mary Pothast. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Mayor asked that the date on the agenda be changed to 2021 due to a clerical error. Motion by C. White, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. Motion to approve consent agenda—agenda, minutes and bills made by Gibbs, 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. In public comment, residents of Owen Street had delivered a letter regarding traffic in the area and how dangerous it is for children. Council listened and it will be addressed as a possible idea for the ICAP safety grant as listed in New Business on the agenda.

Mayor White set a public hearing for June 14 for a second budget amendment. It is necessary due to water expenses possibly going over budget due to the undetected leak. The city also has revenue to report from ICAP settlement for fire grass rig and for monies reimbursing tree removal. Mayor White also set June 14 as a public hearing date for the renewal of the contract with Iowa Regional Utilities Association (formerly Central Iowa Water) for 30 years. The price remains constant. Clerk is directed to publish both public hearing notices.

In building permits, Donny Zahnd at 223 Main Street is requesting a permit for a shed/garage of 30x50 feet. There were no variances required. Motion by Gibbs, 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. In new business, Gibbs informed the council that the fire department had ordered a new truck for \$33,000 from the insurance settlement for the damaged vehicle. A total of \$54,000 is available from ICAP for a slide in unit of \$12,000 and other parts that will be necessary, including lights, etc. It will not be available until mid to late fall.

Nathan White has requested the use of the park in late July to early August for a football camp like he held last year. It is for approximately 50 upper elementary kids and will be held in the same area as before. He will have insurance on the event. Motion made by Hauser, 2nd by Goodrich to approve. Vote was all ayes. Resolution 2021-05-01 to move \$2200 in funds from rec center savings to general fund to cover purchase of benches was put before the council. Motion to approve by C. White, 2nd by Gibbs. Vote was all ayes.

Next was the CDBG Owner Occupied housing grant payment for the final house to be rehabbed at 507 Butler. The amount of \$30,025 covered the rehab with Region 6 adding an additional amount to redo a bathroom in the residence. This amount is submitted to the Iowa Dept of Economic Development and will be reimbursed to the city by the grant funds. Payment to the contractor will be made upon completion. Motion to approve payment by Hauser, 2nd by Shawn. Roll call vote was all ayes.

Clerk mentioned the ICAP safety grant of \$1000 was available again and that it could possibly be an option for children at play signs. Theresa Daters had looked into additional cameras for the park area, but the cost was approximately \$2800 and council felt that at the time it was not a good option for remaining funds in the budget. Hauser suggested that the clerk look into the cost of blinking solar lights to put on children at play signs or something similar. Clerk asked about purchasing the yard signs that the residents had asked about. C. White said she felt that if the city purchased signs for individual

private yards, that it may open up requests for other things for private property. Other members agreed. Motion to look into safety signs and lights made by C. White, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes.

Clerk requested council make any adjustments to the cleanup letter she had drafted. Clerk then read the pool, rec center and park update submitted from the rec board. Tree removal for the tree on the ROW near Doug Watt's house was estimated at \$500 to drop it or \$900 to drop and clean up all debris. Motion made by C. White and 2nd by Goodrich to do the total cleanup for \$900. Vote was all ayes. Either the insurance reimbursement of \$5900 or the initial FEMA payment of \$4428.02 will cover the cost.

The FEMA request for CAT A was submitted for final approval for the derecho incident. Motion to adjourn made by Hauser with 2nd by C. White. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$18,825.32, ROAD USE \$2092.64, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$1383.32, EMERGENCY \$7904.41, LOST 1ST RESP \$2167.50, WATER \$12,267.97, SEWER \$6172.63: TOTAL \$50,813.79.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$97,895.64, ROAD USE \$22,305.33, EMP BENEFITS \$12,321.64, EMERGENCY \$2156.39, LOST FIRE \$886.30, LOST 1ST RESP \$886.96, WATER \$13,852.40, SEWER \$17,161.32: TOTAL \$169,243.97.

SUBMITTED PRIOR TO APPROVAL.