

City of Melbourne  
Regular City Council Meeting  
July 12, 2021

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on July 12, 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 and Lucas Hauser. Vickie Stahl was absent. Also present were Mayor John White and Clerk Mary Pothast. Mayor White asked that the minutes from the June meeting be amended to include Vickie Stahl's name in those present. It was omitted due to a clerical error. Motion by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hauser to approve the minutes as amended. Vote was all ayes. Motion to approve the agenda and bills by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. White. Vote was all ayes. In public comment, Mayor White brought it to the council's attention that an employee had questioned the handbook regarding a vacation payout for the current year. There was some confusion as to whether vacation paid on the previous year's service or not. The line in the handbook states that the mayor can make the decision regarding vacation pay. Mayor wanted to bring it to the council's attention. Clerk noted that some clarification may need to be made in the handbook. There were no building permits on the agenda. Next order of business was appointing a resident to fill the interim council position vacated by Shawn Goodrich. A letter of interest was filed from Beth Smith of Park Avenue. Motion made by Gibbs with 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. White to appoint Beth Smith for the remainder of the 2021 year. Vote was all ayes. This position will be up for a 2 year seat at the November election. Clerk is to swear Councilperson Smith in at her earliest convenience.

Resolution 21-07-01 to approve the requesting of funding from the American Rescue Plan was presented. Motion by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gibbs to approve the resolution. Roll call vote was all ayes (3 present). Resolution approved. Next on the agenda was the Resolution 21-07-02 to approve Mayor and Clerk to set up payment agreements for delinquent utility accounts for residents. The city had been making the agreements for many years, but mayor and clerk felt it appropriate to have a resolution in place to make it official. Motion by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. White. Roll call vote was all ayes. Resolution approved. Clerk read the upcoming schedule for sewer improvements if the City does not receive another extension for Disadvantaged Status. It begins with completing a facility plan and intended use plan and application for SRF loan in Fall of 2022 to beginning construction in Spring of 2024 with completion in Spring of 2025 and achieving compliance with final ammonia nitrogen and e. coli limits on June 1, 2025. Clerk presented the LP gas winter fill contract with New Century FS bulk for \$1.449/gallon. Motion made by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. White to approve the contract. Roll call vote was all ayes. Contract approved. Mayor stated he had talked to Fricke regarding his last date of service, and was somewhere in the October/November range. Clerk is to work with Councilperson White on job descriptions and post a public works position in the near future for applications and interviews. Wages and benefits will need to be addressed. Clerk mentioned that the library needs an additional board member. She passed along that the library director stated there were problems filling the position recently and inquired whether or not she could reach out to the community of Rhodes for another member. Council seemed to think that if it was the best way to fill the position that it wouldn't be a problem. Clerk mentioned that the ordinance may need to be amended to read as such.

In old business, Jay Reisetter is working on the electrical at the ball diamond for the ballfield lights. Last update he was waiting for parts. In news about fireworks, Council thanked the fire department for putting on a very nice display for Independence Day. Other fireworks issues addressed included several complaints being made to the mayor's home due to illegal fireworks being shot off. Some complaints

lasted as long as 2 am. Mayor suggested we either repeal the ordinance if it wasn't enforceable or hire extra people to hand out fines next year. Council did not want to repeal the ordinance, and Hauser stated that the whole problem with fireworks is the availability of them everywhere. No action was taken. Gibbs mentioned that the fire department is considering to no longer take cans and bottles for donations. It is an extremely dirty and time consuming job and they have limited people doing the work. The Firemen's Association will make a decision in the future. If a town group is interested in taking over the recycling for fundraising, please contact Chief David Gibbs.

Motion to adjourn made by Gibbs with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$42,319.43, ROAD USE \$16,790.05, EMP BENEFITS \$1240.19, EMERGENCY \$217.04, LOST FIRE \$1039.99, LOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESP \$1039.99, POOL \$1039.99, LOST REC \$1039.99, WATER \$15,154.33, SEWER \$16,949.04. TOTAL REVENUE \$96,830.04.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$25,101.49, ROAD USE \$63,1490.31, EMP BENEFITS \$2075.358, EMERGENCY \$2529.91, LOST REC \$3000.00, WATER \$16,058.71, SEWER \$61,453.83. TOTAL EXPENSES \$173,359.83.

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