

City of Melbourne  
Regular City Council Meeting  
August 9, 2021

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on August 9, 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, Vickie Stahl and Beth Smith. Lucas Hauser arrived at 7:05. Also present were Mayor John White and Clerk Mary Pothast. Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve agenda, minutes and bills made by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stahl. Vote was all ayes. In public comments and concerns a request to send a notice about some overgrown trees obstructing view at corners. Clerk will follow up on those issues.

There were no building permits for the month. Interim Council person Beth Smith was sworn in after the July meeting, so no need to do so at this time. In new business, the state has notified each city and county that there is \$9500 available to purchase specific bundles of laptops and tablets under the CARES program to better mobilize government in response to the COVID pandemic. These funds must be spent before the end of the year, and the city had until August 15 to place the order. Clerk has ordered 1 laptop bundle for City Hall, 1 laptop bundle, 1 laptop and a webcam for the library, 1 laptop bundle and webcam for the fire department and a tablet for public works. These funds will not need to be paid back to the state or federal government. In other new news, nomination papers for the upcoming November election will be available starting Monday, August 16 through Thursday, September 16 at 5 pm. All papers and affidavits of candidacy must be turned into City Hall by the September 16 deadline. There will be a 2 year council seat open, 2 four year seats and the mayor's seat open. Clerk will have candidates guides available at City Hall as well.

In old business, clerk has clarified how the makeup of the library board can be changed. Any change must be made by referendum, even if it is requested by the current board, per state code. There will be work starting on laying a new water main on Ketchum either at the end of the week or the beginning of next week by Needham Excavation. The water leak has not been found yet, and the PW employees are deploying the logger system utilizing advice from the City of Bedford's employee. It is a complicated process. Another suggestion was to see if they could track any extra water coming into the wastewater system by using crawl cameras. Clerk has placed an ad for a new public works employee in the Mid-Iowa Enterprise. White suggested to utilize the Indeed job posting service and Hauser suggested using the League of Cities classifieds as well. In the Mousehole Days update, it seemed things went smoothly overall. Thank you to the committee and all the volunteers for your hard work. A planning meeting for next year will be held within the next two weeks. Clerk will post on the Melbourne Happenings Facebook page. Motion to adjourn made by Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hauser. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$28,720.51, ROAD USE \$2900.71, EMP BENEFITS \$1917.84, EMERGENCY \$2529.91, LOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDERS \$47.22, WATER \$15,266.47, SEWER \$8489.55: TOTAL \$59,872.21.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$16,471.31, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$242.75, EMERGENCY \$42.48, WATER \$22,647.65, SEWER \$18,333.68: TOTAL \$57,737.87.

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