

City of Melbourne  
Special City Council Meeting/Budget Meeting  
January 17, 2022  
5:30 pm at City Hall

Melbourne City Council met in special session on January 17, 2022, at 7 pm. Council members present were Carrie White, Beth Smith, Lucas Hauser, Gary Fricke and Gaege Bracy. Also present were Mayor Cynthia Mansager. Mayor Mansager led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve agenda made by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fricke Vote was all ayes. There were no public comments.

In new business, clerk presented Resolution 22-01-07 To Accept Marshall County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. Clerk explained that in order to qualify for hazard mitigation grants from FEMA, this must be accepted. Kim Elder and City, County and Homeland Security representatives have worked on this over the past several months. Motion by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to approve and accept the plan. Vote was all ayes. The second Resolution 22-01-08 To Approve Melbourne Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented. Clerk has worked with Kim Elder, County EMA, to complete the plan. The local plan will be updated yearly with contact information that may have changed. Motion to approve made by Fricke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith. Vote was all ayes. With these approved, the clerk will file a notice of interest (NOI) with FEMA for the 85/15 tornado siren grant available.

Councilman Fricke asked if next month's meeting scheduled for February 14 could be changed to the 15<sup>th</sup> due to a personal conflict. Mayor Mansager set the public hearing date for the Max Levy Certification for February 15, 2022. It will be held at the Melbourne Public Library basement at 7:00 pm. Clerk is directed to publish the document in the Mid Iowa Enterprise according to code.

Councilperson White went over the recommendations from the personnel meeting regarding wages for the new fiscal year. It will be put into a resolution and presented at the February 15 meeting. Clerk went over the totals for expenses as well as those for revenues in spreadsheet form. The max levy amount to be requested decreased due to property insurance for road use to be paid from that special fund instead of general fund. Clerk brought to the attention that the state legislature is discussing tax cuts and reform. One scenario that seems possible is that they would remove the Local Options Sales and Service Taxes (LOST) that we have locally approved and make it a state sales tax. This would divert over \$100,000 away from our city budget. Over \$51,000 of that amount goes to support Fire, First Responders, the pool and the rec center. The other half of that amount supports the general fund, which also pays for public safety, public works, culture and recreation and many other things. It was voted in by our residents for those purposes. This would cause a serious problem for our town's budget. Mayor Mansager asked that a letter be drafted on behalf of the council and herself to send to our state legislators opposing this move.

Motion to adjourn made by Hauser with 2<sup>nd</sup> by White. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

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Cynthia Rae Mansager, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Mary L Pothast, City Clerk