

City of Melbourne  
Regular City Council Meeting  
October 10, 2022  
7:00 at Melbourne Library Basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on October 10, 2022 at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Gaege Bracy, Gary Fricke, Carrie White and Lucas Hauser and Beth Smith. Also present were Mayor Cynthia Mansager, Clerk Mary Pothast and guest Beth Opperman. Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order at 7:00 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith. Vote was all ayes. There were no public comments.

The first building permit was from New Century FS to enlarge the scale house on Railroad Street. There were no special accommodations required. Motion to approve by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. Second building permit was for a shed at Grauberger's 113 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on the alley. Motion to approve by Fricke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. Third permit was for Dick and Kay Monroe for a shed at 203 College Drive. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gauge. Vote was all ayes.

Next for discussion was Operation of Golf Carts, amending Chapter 77. Motion to approve as amended and waive the second and third readings made by Smith. 2<sup>nd</sup> by White. Vote to approve the Ordinance as amended passed with all ayes. Clerk is directed to publish the Ordinance. Ordinance is effective upon publication.

Changes to the All-Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles ordinance, Chapter 75 will include the following: ATV's and UTV's as defined by Code of Iowa will be allowed in town with the provisions stated in the new House File 2130. Drivers must be 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, equipped with parts, lamps and other equipment as required for motor vehicles. They must have lights on at all times. These vehicles must be registered with the State of Iowa. Speed limit in town is as marked for all vehicles and all stop signs and street signs must be obeyed. These vehicles are not allowed in parks or on City property. A full copy of the ordinance will be available at City Hall and at [www.melbourneiowa.com](http://www.melbourneiowa.com) in the next week and will be on next month's agenda for approval by the Council.

In new business, there was a discussion regarding hiring a police officer vs utilizing the County or Baxter. The City had received two applications for the position along with one phone call inquiry. The personnel committee will contact the applicants and proceed with interviews. The topic will be on the agenda next month as well. A citizen had contacted City Hall and stated they felt it would be a better and less expensive option to contract with the County Sheriff's Department. The Council will take it under consideration. Stone Sanitation's hauler permit was next on the agenda. Motion by Fricke & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bracy to approve. Vote was all ayes.

Items to be included on the fall newsletter were discussed next including snow removal, lagoon usage, animals at large, responsibility to trim dead trees, and fall events.

Clerk had pictures of the sickle mower the City had purchased used in 2018. It has a severely broken frame and cannot be repaired. The subject of purchasing a new one will be tabled until budget discussions. Council next reviewed the Trees ordinance. It was clarified that residents are responsible for

trimming trees on the right of way abutting their properties. The City will trim any trees that are obstructing view at stop signs as they have in the past.

Motion to approve the library sharing agreement between the Cities of Melbourne and Rhodes was made by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. It will need to be approved by the Library Board and the City of Rhodes as well. The County Mutual Aid Agreement for fire services was approved by Resolution 22-10-01. Motion to approve was made by Hauser with 2<sup>nd</sup> by White. Vote was all ayes.

In old business, the property on College Hills has been purchased and reno work has already begun. A letter was sent from the City Attorney to Steve Fields regarding his property next to 102 Main Street wall. A second engineer with V&K has been contacted and will be coming to assess the wall and the adjacent building.

Nuisance property list and photos will be e-mailed to the Council for their review. Discussion of how to take care of the nuisances was discussed. The nuisance ordinance will be reviewed. The deputy clerk has spoken personally to persons with properties on the list and they are being addressed. A third property will receive a municipal infraction and a fine.

Clerk asked if the Council is interested in sharing a hazardous waste pickup with Rhodes again next year and having it in Melbourne. They were in agreement. Fricke asked if the City would be interested regarding the purchase of an electronic sign with Fire and EMS. There was interest. More information will be shared as available. The Rec Board is to be contacted about the Lollar Park sign missing letters. Upcoming events in town: Craft market/luncheon/fundraiser/Halloween costume exchange will be October 22 at the Rec Center from 9-2. The library will be having a Halloween party October 29. There will also be a Haunted House at the Rec Center. See the Melbourne Library page or Melbourne Happenings for more details. Elections will be held at the Rec Center on November 8.

Motion to adjourn by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$19,053.71, ROAD USE \$2445.04, EMP BENEFITS \$1237.68, LOST FIRE \$20.67, LOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESP \$15.00, WATER \$10,612.04, SEWER \$7179.00. TOTAL EXPENSES: \$40,563.14.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$8152.08, ROAD USE \$12,326.68, EMP BENEFITS \$403.97, EMERGENCY \$72.48, LOST FIRE \$1099.63, LOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESP \$1099.63, POOL \$1105.43, LOST REC CENTER \$1103.65, WATER \$21,952.04, SEWER \$19,655.99. TOTAL \$66,971.58.

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