

City of Melbourne  
Regular City Council Meeting  
February 13, 2023  
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on February 13, 2023, at 7 pm. Council members present were Carrie White, Beth Smith, Gary Fricke, Gaega Bracy and Lucas Hauser. Also present were Mayor Cynthia Mansager, Deputy Clerk Theresa Daters, Cookie Purdy and Beth Opperman. Also present were Baxter's Mayor Bryan DeJong, Chief of Police Bill Daggett, Officers Kevin Reisetter, Robert Nyugen, Ronny Clark and Josh Price. In public comment, Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve agenda made by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fricke. Vote was all ayes. There were no public comments or concerns.

First on the agenda Police Chief Daggett was asked to present their Baxter-Melbourne Police Services Proposal. He handed out 22-page proposal to the Council and then asked Mayor DeJong to speak. DeJong spoke briefly about the positive feedback he's received so far, regarding this proposal and how pleased they are with the job Daggett is doing in the Baxter community. The police chief spoke at length with the City Council and supplied them with a packet of information explaining the details of the Police Services Proposal. These details included objectives, a sample schedule of police services, and the benefits to both cities. Questions and comments were given throughout the presentation. Mayor Mansager thanked them all for coming and for all the hard work they had put into this proposal.

The next agenda item was a discussion led by the Mayor Mansager on HF1056 which lowered the taxable amount assessed on property taxes. At 7:56, Hauser made a motion to open the public hearing for Max Levy Certification with White seconding. Mayor Mansager explained that the Department of Management recommends the City pass the max levy as planned. The City can always levy less than the max. levy amount, just not more. At 7:59, the public hearing was closed and a motion was made by Hauser and seconded by White to approve Resolution 2023-02-01 to approve the Max Levy Certification for FY 23/24. Roll call vote was all Ayes.

The City Council chose to table the next 2 agenda items in an effort to allow the members more time to consider:

- Fire & 1<sup>st</sup> Responders request for payment to attend required safety meetings. The Council agrees that departments shall discuss and communicate their requested payment amounts to the Council by next month's meeting.
- A resolution to amend the policy for Utility shutoffs for all delinquent accounts – the mayor requested more detailed wording.

Fricke made the motion to table these items and it was seconded by Bracy. All Ayes, motion carried.

White motioned and Smith seconded to allow City Clerk to refund \$3,709.03 to the IA Dept. of Homeland Security and Management due to change at Federal level for FEMA claims related to derecho. Motion carried with all Ayes.

It was decided to wait until next month's council meeting for final discussion and review of Budget for FY23/24.

Hauser made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Budget for March 13, 2023 with White seconding that motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Smith motioned and Fricke seconded to approve Resolution 23-02-03 approving Organization Resolutions with MidWestOne Bank. All ayes, motion carried.

Smith made a motion and Fricke seconded to approve Resolution 23-02-04 Naming Depositories. All ayes, motion carried.

The Council was informed about the state law enacted in Iowa Code 724.28 requiring the City of Melbourne to rescind Resolution 11-06-01 prohibiting weapons in the City of Melbourne buildings and on all property owned or controlled by the City of Melbourne and remove any residual signage. Public Works has removed the sign by the Rec Center.

Council members were informed that Moler Sanitation has returned the appropriate paperwork to operate in the City of Melbourne and have paid their hauler fee for the year.

In Old Business, the Safety Committee met on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and supplied the Council with the minutes of that meeting. Included was the recommended monthly schedule of what topics will be covered. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:30 at the Fire Station. The planned topic is "Exit and Emergency Plans."

Deputy Clerk Daters shared an update on Nuisances stating that most were regarding junk vehicles and are being addressed through City Hall. Warning letters have been mailed and fines have been imposed if no response to 1<sup>st</sup> warning. The City Clerks do not feel any law enforcement support is necessary to deal with these nuisances as most of them are abated after the 1<sup>st</sup> warning. Those that are ignored can have a lien placed on their home and/or can be turned into the Income Offset program. Beyond that, the City Attorney can get involved through the civil court system.

Motion made by Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bracy to adjourn. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:52.

REVENUE: GENERAL \$1,780.54, ROAD USE \$7,784.62, EMP BENEFITS \$0.00, EMERGENCY \$0.00, LOST FIRE \$0.00, LOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESP \$0.00, POOL \$0.00, LOST REC CENTER \$0.00, WATER \$16,557.11, SEWER \$21,175.95: TOTAL REVENUE \$47,298.22.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$12,464.68, ROAD USE \$1,394.62, EMP BENEFITS \$1,031.46, LOST FIRE \$960.88, LOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESP \$290.02, WATER \$9,889.19, SEWER \$6,232.79, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON \$0.00: TOTAL EXPENSES \$80,577.9432,263.64.

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