

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
January 15, 2023
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on January 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Gaege Bracy, Lucas Hauser, Gary Fricke and Beth Opperman. Also present were Mayor Mansager and City Clerk Mary Pothast. Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. In new business, the liquor license for Melbourne Pub was timely filed and dram insurance provided. Motion to approve by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Next Resolution Opposing Alliant Rate Increase 2024-01-01. Motion to approve by Bracy, 2nd by Fricke. Vote was all ayes. There was discussion only about providing any funds for the support. Resolutions 2024-01-02 and 2024-01-03 for increasing water and sewer rates was presented. Per ordinance, when IRUA increases their rates, the City increases an equal amount plus the 3% mandated. Rates will be increased 8%, which equals an increase of \$4.57 plus water tax on a basic bill. Motion by Fricke, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. Motion to approve Resolution by Council approving the 28E Fire township agreement 2024-01-04 made by Hauser, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-01-05 to approve bank depository made by Hauser, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Motion to approve bank signers Resolution 2024-01-06 made by Hauser, 2nd by Fricke. Vote was all ayes. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-01-07 Mayor Appointed Committees made by Opperman, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-01-08 to Set up 125 Cafeteria Plan for employees to self-fund pre-tax life insurance and other polices available by Fricke, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. To reiterate, there is no city funding of these insurance policies. It is paid by each employee.

Discussion of nuisances was moved ahead of the budget discussion. Thomas Hillers, City Attorney was reached by speaker phone, and discussed the options available for the nuisance on 307 2nd Street. He will file a petition with the magistrate and proceed from there. Council verbally agreed with the action. In discussion of the wall at 102 Main Street, a letter will be sent to the adjoining property owner and his attorney, and the City will proceed to look for bids from contractors. There were a couple more nuisances discussed that will receive a letter, and if not abated within 30 days, will result in a municipal infraction and subsequent fines. City Attorney left the meeting.

Clerk proceeded to list tentative expense amounts and projects being considered for the 24/25 budget. Valuations are still unavailable from the County to set the actual revenue the City will have available. They were due January 1, and as of the 15th, were still not released. Council will meet February 12th at 6:00 pm for a budget meeting prior to the Council meeting at the Library basement.

Motion to adjourn made by Hauser with 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$32,794.00, ROAD USE \$1139.52, EMP BENEFITS \$2488.09, LOST 1ST RESP \$449.82, WATER \$5185.11, SEWER \$8899.87. TOTAL \$50,956.41

REVENUES: GENERAL \$19,467.89, ROAD USE \$9466.84, EMP BENEFITS \$3978.04, EMERGENCY \$182.86, LOST FIRE \$1128.77, LOST 1ST RESP \$1128.77, POOL \$1134.85, LOST REC CENTER \$1237.63, WATER \$15,451.98, SEWER \$18,540.80. TOTAL REVENUE: \$71,718.43.

SUBMITTED PRIOR TO APPROVAL.