

City of Melbourne
Budget Workshop
February 12, 2024
6:00 Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in budget workshop session on February 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Gaege Bracy, Gary Fricke and Beth Opperman. Lucas Hauser and Beth Smith joined later. Also present were Mayor Mansager and City Clerk Mary Pothast, resident Melinda Halbloom. Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Bracy, 2nd by Fricke. Vote was all ayes. A discussion of expenses, levy rates, funding and revenues ensued. Meeting scheduled for February 26 at 6 pm in the library basement to finalize figures for submission.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

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City of Melbourne
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2023
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on February 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Gaege Bracy, Lucas Hauser, Gary Fricke, Beth Smith and Beth Opperman. Also present were Mayor Mansager and City Clerk Mary Pothast, Melinda Halbloom and Stephanie Landt. Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Hauser, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. Deputy Paige presented the Sheriff's office report. In public comments, Melinda Halbloom voiced her concerns about the condition of the property at 307 2nd Street. The Halbloom property is west of the 2nd Street property and Halbloom has investigated selling her property and has been advised that the condition of the property at 307 2nd Street has caused a devaluation of the Halbloom property. Mayor Mansager encouraged her to write a formal complaint that will be forwarded to the City Attorney. No official action can be taken on items brought up during public comment, as it is not a listed agenda item.

First item on the agenda was application for a building permit at 407 3rd Street, Steph and Boomer Landt. The structure was within required boundaries. Motion to approve by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes.

The timeline for the budget submission was discussed. Clerk is requested to have budget figures submitted to the State by March 1 so the County can send out individual letters to all the property owners in the county by March 20. (Legal deadline is March 15.) A public hearing will be held April 8, and publication must be sent to the paper by March 15 to meet the 10/20 publishing requirement. Clerk will provide a copy of last year's certification page and this year's to each council member so those figures can be studied and be finalized by the deadline.

Mayor Mansager set a stand-alone public hearing for April 8 at 6 pm to be held at the library basement regarding the property tax levy.

The possibility of a financial contribution to support the presentation of the resolution opposing the Alliant rate increase was discussed. The topic died due to lack of a motion. Resolution approving the maximum of the bank depository was discussed. Clerk will rewrite Resolution from January and present at the March meeting. Clerk requested the Council approve the contract with Iowa Codification for the city ordinance book recodification. The total amount is \$4000 and can be spread out over two budget years if needed. Codification is required every 5 years and Melbourne is due. Motion to approve the contract by Hauser, 2nd by Fricke. Vote was all ayes.

Mayor Mansager had been contacted by Mayor Hemming of Albion regarding a multi-city inspector program. The mayors and pro-tems of Albion, Melbourne, Gilman and LeGrand will be meeting Saturday, February 17 to discuss the possibilities of sharing this position. This person would work part time for all cities and deal with nuisances, building permits and other items. This is a fact-finding meeting.

Mansager did not have much new information regarding the ongoing nuisance on 2nd Street. The dumping of raw sewage has ceased, so there is no violation with the DNR currently and the County stated that people can choose to live without working water and sewer in their homes. The Mayor will be contacting the City Attorney regarding an informational report for contractors for 102 Main Street.

Motion to adjourn by Opperman, 2nd by Smith. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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