

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
March 11, 2024
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on March 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Gary Fricke, Gaege Bracy, Beth Smith and Beth Opperman. Also present were Mayor Mansager, City Clerk Mary Pothast, Joe and Bambi Schmidt, Steph Landt and Deputy Sheriff McMillen. Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Hauser arrived at 7:10.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Smith, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Deputy McMillen read the sheriff's office report and asked if there were any questions. Council commented on an unlicensed vehicle and speeding on Hart Avenue.

First on the list was a building permit for 219 Park. All documents were complete. Motion to approve the permit by Fricke, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Hauler permit for Moler Sanitation was next on the agenda. All documents were complete. Motion to approve by Bracy, 2nd by Smith. Vote was all ayes.

PW Clark had made a tree removal list for the ROWs. Mayor, Fricke, PW Clark and anyone else who wants to join, will meet with a tree removal company Tuesday night at 5 pm for estimates. Steph Landt appeared to inquire whether or not they would need to replace the sidewalk in front of their house going east. It ends at their neighbor's house and does not go around the corner. She had pictures showing the situation. There is a sidewalk across the street, and the sidewalk by the church will be maintained. Motion to not require the sidewalk to be replaced made by Smith, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes.

Joe and Bambi Schmidt appeared asking if the City would forgive the balance due on the mortgage for Reggie Nelson's home that had been improved under the Owner Occupied Home Improvement grant program the city had participated in 2019. The Council discussed all sides of the issue, including setting a precedence for the remaining homes involved in this program. Motion by Fricke enforce the mortgage, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes.

Clerk presented information about the copier replacement at City Hall. A new machine can be installed before the lease is up and maintain a similar pricing structure, for approximately \$10-\$20 less per month. Motion to approve the lease by Hauser, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Next Pothast presented the LED lighting proposal for City Hall \$607.05, Rec Center \$2250, newer Concession stand LED and rewiring of the old stand for \$600. The work will be done by Reisetter Electric of Melbourne. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. The Rec board has money in their Local Option Sales tax fund to cover the expense. The Rec board would also like to put metal siding on the new concession stand. They have a quote from Kuehner Construction for \$6850. Motion to approve the expenditure from LOST funds by Hauser, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes.

Clerk presented Resolution 2024-04-01 Approving bank depository amount. Motion to approve by Smith, 2nd by Fricke. Vote was all ayes. The personnel committee briefly discussed the status of

employees. Clark should be hearing from DMACC regarding a test date next week for his water distribution test. Pothast mentioned that questions have been asked about a clean up day this spring. After discussion, the fact that PW is a one man operation right now may hamper this year's cleanup. Pothast will put a sign up on FB asking for a specific number of volunteers for the event. If the number is not filled, there will be no cleanup.

In nuisances, an Emergency Notice to Abate a Nuisance was filed regarding 307 2nd Street. Public works is to fill in the hole in the front yard on Tuesday morning. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2nd by Smith. Vote was all ayes. Additional photos were requested by the City Attorney for another property in town he has been working with to show their progress in cleanup. In reference to the wall at 102 Main Street, Fricke had secured a quote from Walker Reclaim and Demo LLC out of Iowa Falls. Motion to accept and approve the bid made by Hauser, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. A contract will be drawn up by attorney including a completion date, and the request to be added as an additional insured on the insurance. Fricke will contact the company. Clerk mentioned there are funds remaining in the emergency fund and radio savings that can be used to cover some of these costs. Kayla Ball had called City Hall inquiring if the City would be interested in reinstating a Police Chief. Council did not feel that was something they were interested in at the time. Pothast said there had been an inquiry about a lean-to on a building in town. There is nothing in the Ordinances regarding this situation. The Council had permitted one prior that ended up being enclosed. The resident indicated that it was in planning stages and he would work with his neighbor as well on this issue.

Motion to adjourn made by Fricke, 2nd by Bracy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$11,275.92, ROAD USE \$2963.57, EMP BENEFIT \$961.66, LOST FIRE \$2008.70, LOST 1ST RESP \$29.14, WATER \$11,820.09, SEWER \$8348.76. TOTAL \$37,407.84.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$18,963.35, ROAD USE \$8094.50, EMP BENEFITS \$23.35, EMERGENCY \$4.99, LOST FIRE \$1246.85, LOST 1ST RESP \$1246.85, POOL \$1252.93, LOST REC CTR \$1621.20, WATER \$16,159.42, SEWER \$20,100.82. TOTAL \$68,714.26.

Cynthia Rae Mansager, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary L Pothast, City Clerk