

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
June 10, 2024
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on June 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Council members present were Gary Fricke, Gaege Bracy, Beth Smith, Lucas Hauser and Beth Opperman. Also present was City Clerk Mary Pothast. Mayor Mansager was absent, Mayor Pro Tem Fricke will run the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Fricke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda by Smith, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. There was no public comment. The deputy was not on site yet, so will be on the agenda when he arrives.

In building permits Randall and Chelsea Kasal requested a permit for an addition to their home. Motion to approve Bracy, 2nd by Smith. Vote was all ayes. Joseph Gorham requested a permit to build a garage and add a patio onto his home. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Gary Fricke requested to add onto a shed in his yard. With Fricke abstaining due to conflict of interest, motion by Hauser, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was 4 ayes, 1 abstain.

Deputy McMillen arrived and gave the sheriff's office report. There was a complaint regarding 3 trucks doing burnouts around town, and even putting oil down on the roads. It will be investigated. Also, a request for the deputy to check and see if chickens have been removed from 108 3rd Avenue, as per City Ordinance.

Hauler permit for Prairie Waste Solutions was submitted. All papers were in order. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. The Sheriff's office Law Enforcement contract renewal was presented at the cost of \$21,165. Motion to approve by Opperman, 2nd by Smith. Vote was all ayes.

In new business, Pothast went over the steps taken to abate the nuisance at 307 2nd Street as directed by City Attorney, and what the status is. A motion was made by Bracy as follows: "Based upon the evidence that the Council has heard over the last few months, I hereby make the following motion. That the Council declare the building/structure located at 307 2nd Street, Melbourne, Iowa be declared a public nuisance and a dangerous building based upon Melbourne Code of Ordinances Chapter 145. That the Council order that the owner and person in possession vacate the building immediately. That Council hereby directs the Mayor, or her designee, to post signs at all entrances to the building. That if anyone witnesses a person enter the building, that the Mayor, or her designee, may secure the entrances and exits from the building to ensure that adults and children may only gain entry via a padlock owned by the City. That Council hereby directs the Clerk to serve this Order and Notice according to the terms of Chapter 145." 2nd made by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. City employees are directed to post the property as the Ordinance states.

There had not been an update to the water main project from the DNR or the engineer. Resolution 24-06-01 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN, TRAILS INC, THE IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATIONS AND THE HARDIN COUNTY TRAILS COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A JOINT APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL ACTIVE

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (ATIIP) GRANT FOR
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offers Melbourne's support for the trail project without providing monetary support. Motion to approve by Smith, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. Resolution 24-06-02 Wage Resolution outlined wages as discussed previously in the fiscal year. Motion to approve the resolution made by Smith, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes.

Next for discussion was the tree that is cracked in front of Grauberger residence on the ROW 113 2nd Ave. A complaint regarding its safety was received by the resident. Fricke, Bracy and the Mayor had looked at the tree. There was some discussion as to how to proceed. Council requested Jim and Nathan go look at the tree and along with Bracy and Fricke, make a plan.

The sewer inspection and meeting with V&K regarding the sewer project was discussed. The pool heater has quit working and parts are on order through Reisetter Electric for its repair. Jim will contact a company in Des Moines that handles that make of boiler for them to schedule a visit when the electrical portion is repaired. Clerk hadn't received the layout of MHD plans for Melbourne Pub and the license is not yet approved by ABD, so that topic was tabled until July. There was discussion regarding the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to buy down the deductible for ICAP insurance if there were a catastrophic event. The cost is \$13,840.65. Motion to not purchase the policy made by Smith, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes.

In department news, resolving nuisances was briefly discussed. Opperman attended a Nuisance Workshop sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities and her information will be an asset to upcoming issues. Fricke questioned if anyone had been hired to help Nate with his workload. Clerk stated that she had been directed to post for a part time seasonal mower, not a PW employee. Andy Nichols, who has been an ongoing employee, is doing the extra mowing, so no one new was hired. Smith, one of the personnel committee members, spoke with Nichols regarding the work.

Motion to adjourn made by Smith with 2nd by Bracy. Meeting adjourned at 7:59.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$23,529.96, ROAD USE \$1357.07, EMP BENEFITS \$1021.84, WATER \$10,517.48, SEWER \$7076.84, SAN SEWER LAGOON \$764.00. TOTAL \$44,267.19.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$22183.97, ROAD USE \$8951.03, EMP BENEFITS \$1576.81, EMERGENCY \$336.69, LOST FIRE \$1149.89, LOST 1ST RESP, LOST POOL \$1149.89, LOST REC \$1149.87, WATER \$19,369.17, SEWER \$19,245.95. TOTAL \$66,964.08.

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