

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
January 13, 2025
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on January 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Present were Council persons Lucas Hauser, Gaege Bracy, Gary Fricke and Beth Opperman. Also in attendance were Mayor Mansager and City Clerk Pothast. Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda and bills made by Bracy, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. There was no public comment. The Sheriff's report was read by Deputy Dierkering.

In new business, the liquor license for Melbourne Pub is due for renewal. Motion to approve by Opperman, 2nd by Fricke. Vote was all ayes to approve. Resolution 2025-01-01 for Annual Water Rate Increase of 3% was presented, as required in the City Ordinance. Resolution 2025-01-02 for Annual Sewer Rate Increase of 3% was also presented. Motion to approve both Resolutions by Bracy, 2nd by Fricke. Vote was all ayes. There was discussion by Mayor Mansager regarding if the increase is enough to support the pending Melbourne sewer project. Clerk has left messages for the financial planner, and costs have been discussed with the Project Engineer from V&K. The ordinances are being updated this Spring and changes may be made at that time. Clerk presented the ordering document for gWorks cloud version. Other systems have been investigated, and Pothast would like to stay with gWorks. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes.

The property insurance renewal is due in April, and Pothast is working on any changes to property covered. The reply form the Cyber security audit was included in the packet, and Pothast will incorporate the suggestions with the purchase of the new hard drive for City Hall. She will contact someone for assistance on what is needed. An anonymous donation was made in December for benefit of the Fire Department, First Responders, the library, the pool, the Rec Center and City Hall. Thank you for this generous donation and contribution for the support of each department. There was some discussion regarding the ruling from the Iowa Supreme Court regarding liability and sidewalks. All decisions have been tabled until spring, and a survey of resident's opinions is needed. There was a progress update on the property at 307 2nd Street. Mayor Mansager will be contacting the City Attorney regarding the situation. Mansager also informed Council of an emergency tabletop exercise to be held Monday, March 24 from 8-12. It is advised that someone from fire, first responders/council, etc., attend from each community in the county. Kim Elder is the contact.

Motion to approve made by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$40,784.06, ROAD USE \$1801.91, EMP BENEFITS \$2864.79, ARPA \$9924.00, WATER \$13,726.61, SEWER \$11,736.00. TOTAL EXPENSES \$80,837.37.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$16,763.24, EMP BENEFITS \$717.43, POOL \$1500, WATER \$16,552.62, SEWER \$20,733.40. TOTAL REVENUES \$56,266.69.

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