

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

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on April 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Present were Council persons Gaege Bracy, Gary Fricke, Beth Smith and Beth Opperman. Also in attendance were Mayor Mansager and City Clerk Pothast. Meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Bracy made a motion to approve the consent agenda with Smith offering a second. Vote was all ayes. There were no public comments or concerns. Clerk will contact Sheriff's Department to let them know there is no meeting next week. Mayor Mansager set the public hearing for the full budget for April 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Clerk covered an overview of the budget with \$837,844 in expenses and \$1,057,079 for revenues. Mayor Mansager also set a public hearing for a budget amendment for the current budget for May 12 at 7 pm. This will be to adjust for the final changes in the expenses for the pool heater among other items. There are no new levies for these items. The expenses will be covered by existing funds.

City-wide garage sales will be held June 7 with a craft bazaar at the rec center the same day. Anyone interested in participating in either can contact either City Hall or the Library. There will be more information on Melbourne Happenings FB page. Various dates and locations were discussed for cleanup day. As the rec center is rented every weekend through May and into June, we do not want to put dumpsters there during those events. Bracy suggested we ask the Co-op if using their lot would be a possibility from May 30-31 if things fell into place. Clerk will contact the Co-op and participating entities to coordinate. The hauler permit application for Moler's was presented next. All documents were present, motion to approve by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes to approve.

The transfer of the 307 2nd Street property was discussed. The property was conveyed to the City of Melbourne by the Iowa District Court. Discussion was held regarding the property and how best to proceed with the clean-up, disposal and eventual sale of the property now that the City has acquired ownership. Council requested Mansager confer with the City Attorney. Clerk was directed to keep a spread sheet of all the expenses related to the acquisition and disposition of the property. The property has been secured and liability insurance coverage obtained by the City. Pothast will contact the League of Cities regarding the best practices for sale of city owned property.

Clerk presented progress on the nuisance issues that Fricke had listed last month. There are some questions as to how to proceed with a couple of them due to ordinances and contact information. Clerk and Deputy Clerk will keep the council informed throughout the month of any changes.

Fricke requested Public Works conduct a facility tour once the weather warms up to see all the changes that are being made with the pool and other areas.

Motion to adjourn made by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$62,317.98, ROAD USE \$2936.44, EMP BENEFITS \$1786.84, LOST FIRE \$53.45, LOST 1ST RESP \$461.68, WATER \$23,133.19, SEWER \$15,300.16, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON \$2447.67. TOTAL EXPENSES \$108,437.41.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$16,124.33, ROAD USE \$7139.35, EMP BENEFITS \$124.86, LOST FIRE \$1108.55, LOST 1ST RESP \$1108.55, POOL \$1115.49, LOST REC CENTER \$1233.65, WATER \$17,428.11, SEWER \$21,163.99. TOTAL REVENUE \$66,546.88.

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