

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
March 10, 2025
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on March 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Present were Council persons Lucas Hauser, Gaege Bracy, Gary Fricke, Beth Smith and Beth Opperman. Also in attendance were Mayor Mansager and City Clerk Pothast, Haley and Greta Nichols. Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda and bills made by Smith, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. In public comment, Mayor Mansager asked if the Nichols had any comments. They did not, as Greta was attending to earn a Boy Scout badge. Pothast had printed some incorrect information regarding the open forum at Albion Library on Saturday, March 15. It is at 10 AM, and guests will be Representatives Barker & Blom. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The Community dinner was held tonight before the meeting. The Legion Riders' dinner will be held March 21 from 5:30-7. No one from the Legion Riders was able to attend tonight's meeting.

The Sheriff's report was read by Deputy McMillen. There were no questions. First on the agenda was a building permit for a handicap ramp for Steve Carver at 106 3rd Avenue. The VA installed a ramp at the location with PW approving the site per Council's direction. There were time constraints regarding the project. Motion to approve by Fricke, 2nd by Smith. Vote was all ayes.

In new business, Pothast presented the property/liability insurance with ICAP. The quote was 2.2% higher than last year's expense at \$56,358. The amount should fit under the amount allotted by budget meetings. The personnel committee of Fricke and Smith recommended 3% increases for Beadle, Clark and Pothast; \$.50 for Harris and an increase to \$15 an hour for Nichols. Motion to approve by Bracy, 2nd by Hauser. Vote was all ayes. Raises will take effect July 1. Fricke asked if the public works credit card had been taken out of Pfantz's name yet. The clerk will take action on Tuesday to complete that.

There was no update on the DeSaussure property. All necessary documents have been filed. City Hall hasn't heard back from the engineer regarding a date for the next meeting. It will either be the last week of March or first part of April.

ACCO removed the old pool heater, and will patch up the roof for the smaller hole needed with matching shingles. The last payment is payable upon installation. The water leak was located on 4th Street, and Needham's had been contracted for repairs. The main was patched live and completely filled in by 2:30. Pothast has sent information to the rec board regarding price changes for rentals and passes, but has not yet heard back.

The status of the building permit for Guilbeaux's on 4th Street was discussed. They were given a 6-month extension to enclose the building. Clerk will send a letter inquiring if it will be completed by the end of the month.

Both the Mayor and Councilwoman Smith had been approached regarding water coming up into her son's basement, through the drain, starting with the heavy rain last summer. Pothast will confer with Public Works, having Doug call Casey Crawford, who had done some work at the house. City Hall had not been contacted previously.

Motion to adjourn by Opperman, 2nd by Smith. Vote was all ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

EXPENSES: General \$12,377.77, Road Use \$4748.01, Emp Benefits \$554.15, Lost 1st Resp \$841.04, Water \$12,827.88, Sewer \$16,587.77, Sanitary Sewer Lagoon \$855.00. Total Expenses: \$48,791.62.

REVENUES: General \$11,071.74, Road Use \$4930.50, Emp Benefits \$83.13, Lost FIRE \$830.33, Lost 1st Resp \$830.33, Pool, \$830.33, Lost Rec Center \$830.33, Water \$15,459.18, Sewer \$19,542.57. Total Revenue: \$57,408.44.

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