

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
May 12, 2025
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on May 12, 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 Matt Meling, Mayor Mansager and City Clerk Pothast. Meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Opperman made a motion to approve the consent agenda with Smith offering a second. Vote was all ayes. In public comments, Matt Meling presented the plans for the car show for Mousehole Days. They will set up immediately following the parade and Main Street will be closed from the block by the fire station to the block at the bank. Randy Rosenbaum may DJ during the car show as well.

The Sheriff's report was emailed with the packets, and deputies were not available for the meeting.

In building permits, Nathan Karr is requesting a renewal of his permit for 303 Main Street for a garage that was initially permitted in 2021 but never finished. After much discussion, Bracy made the motion to allow a 6 month extension to the permit. The building is to be complete by November 10, 2025 with the following stipulations: 1. Siding on all 4 sides, 2. Roof complete with shingles or metal, 3. Doors and windows installed. If it is not complete by Nov. 10 per the permit, he will have 30 days to tear the structure down and remove it completely. Second by Fricke, vote was all ayes.

Brian and Theresa Siegert of 220 College Drive applied to put a covered deck addition in back that is not attached to the house. The property allowances are all well within the ordinance. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes.

Jerry's Sanitation presented their application for hauler permit renewal with all proper documentation. Motion to approve by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes.

Mayor Mansager opened the public hearing for the budget amendment at 7:26 pm. Clerk read the particulars of the amendment. No new taxes are levied. Hearing closed at 7:28 pm with no additional comments. No one had received comments since the amendment was published. Motion to approve the amendment and Resolution 25-05-01 made by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Roll call vote was all ayes.

Resolution 25-05-02 Transfer of Funds from fund 610 to fund 611 was presented. Since there is no planning and design loan available yet, all engineering costs for the sewer project must be paid by the sewer fund. The amount to be transferred is \$43,183.10. Motion to approve the transfer by Fricke, 2nd by Smith. Roll call vote was all ayes.

The Law Enforcement contract with Marshall County for FY 25/26 was presented for approval. There was no increase in cost from the prior contract. Motion to approve by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes.

The status of the property at 307 2nd Street was discussed. There were differing opinions of discussions with the City Attorney as to what the City is allowed to do at the time. Bids had been gathered for cleanup, per direction, and action will have to be tabled until June until the City Attorney's opinion is secured. Fricke mentioned that both sewer and water should be plugged at the right of way, and asked that the basement window be boarded up. Pothast had contacted a resident who asked about tree removal on the ROW. He had not yet gotten back to her with the quote, so it will be tabled until June as well.

Clerk noted that the Engagement for PFM municipal advisor had been signed for the lagoon project. The InRoads bid has been sent back to the company with questions and additional work requested. The initial planning meeting with the DNR/ V& K Engineering and IEDA was held virtually Monday. Things seem to be on track. The new NPDES was received the following day.

Clerk had a couple questions on how to proceed with a nuisance, and Councilwoman Smith had some additional ones to serve. The fire department stated they do not have enough donations yet for fireworks for July 4. They will need to have sufficient money by mid-June to purchase them. They need approximately \$2400. Clerk will put a poster at the post office and bank.

Fricke asked if PW Beadle had gotten his CPO for the pool and if a raise had been initiated. Clerk said he had earned his license, but the raise was not on the agenda, so could not be voted on. She will add to the June agenda. The pop machine at the rec center had been removed by the vending company that purchased the route from Pepsi. Deputy Clerk is looking into an agreement with Coca Cola for a machine. There is not enough room inside the concession area for a pop cooler.

Motion to adjourn made by Hauser, 2nd by Fricke. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$113,331.70, ROAD USE \$9196.67, EMP BENEFITS \$12,039.89, LOST FIRE \$1182.75, LOST 1ST RESP \$1182.75, POOL \$1189.47, LOST REC CENTER \$1184.51, WATER \$15,908.91, SEWER \$20,339.18. TOTAL REVENUES \$175,555.83.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$45,615.80, ROAD USE \$2134.36, EMP BENEFITS \$1109.22, LOST FIRE \$869.19, LOST 1ST RESP \$3093.40, WATER \$15,428.89, SEWER \$8533.67, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON \$571.60. TOTAL EXPENSES: \$77,35613.

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