

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
September 8, 2025
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on September 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Present were Council persons Gary Fricke, Gaege Bracy, Lucas Hauser and Beth Opperman. Also in attendance were Ryker Hauser, City Clerk Mary Pothast and Mayor Cynthia Mansager. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm, and the pledge was led by Mayor Mansager. Opperman made a motion to approve the consent agenda with Hauser offering a second. Vote was all ayes. Deputy Cole gave the Sheriff's Department report. There were no questions.

A building permit was requested by Minser's at 20 2nd Avenue for a larger garage. Plans adhere to the 7' minimum setback from each property line. Motion to approve by Fricke, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. Building must be completed by 9/9/2026.

Public hearing regarding entering into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement was opened at 7:12 by Mayor Mansager. The planning and design loan is a 0% interest to be used during planning of the sewer project. Once the project is complete, it is rolled into the project loan. There were no objections written or verbal. Mayor Mansager closed the public hearing at 7:14. Resolution 25-09-01 "Resolution taking additional action with respect to a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and authorizing, approving and securing the payment of a \$300,000 Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement Anticipation Project Note (IFA Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement)" was introduced by Hauser. Second by Opperman. Roll call vote all ayes, with Smith absent.

A second public hearing for a budget amendment was opened at 7:15. An increase of \$30,000 over budgeted amount in streets for additional paving and repairs of city streets and an increase of \$48,500 over budgeted amount in sewer for cleaning, televising and lining of sewers on Ketchum and 4th Street. Funds for both will come from department reserves. There were no objections written or verbal. Mayor Mansager closed the public hearing at 7:17. Motion to approve Resolution 25-09-02 adopting the budget amendment for Fiscal Year 25/26 was made by Hauser, 2nd by Bracy. Roll call vote was all ayes, with Smith absent.

The clerk presented the Annual Financial Report (AFR) for FY 2025. The report summarizes all revenues and expenses for the prior fiscal year ending June 30. It has been submitted to the State as required prior to the Dec. 1 deadline.

The question of stump grinding was brought up by a resident. At this time, Council is not planning on grinding any stumps, as there are still several trees that need to be taken care of first, and funds are limited. Mayor Mansager requested that a key or code be provided to the LaPoint employees to use the restroom at the rec center or fire station while they are working in town. They are representing Partner Communications and are laying fiber optic lines. Council felt it was appropriate. Clerk will give them a key for the rec center.

Fricke brought up the drainage issue in the park we had this summer. An area on the south took seven days to drain after our last heavy rain. He and PW Superintendent Beadle had conferred with Jim Ricken as to the tiling that had been completed several years ago.

Ricken felt that it needs to be dug up and jetted for a cost of approximately \$1000. If it is plugged, he recommended two additional lines and an intake with an estimated cost of \$5000. Council felt with all the park improvements, and playground project coming, it is a priority. Fricke will contact the Park & Rec Board President Morgan Frederick for their input. Clerk presented the report from Central Tank Coatings, Inc., who recently cleaned and inspected the water tower. Motion to have PW get quotes for the repairs suggested and see if some can still be completed this fall made by Fricke, with 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Clerk asked if Council/employees would be interested in either volunteering to serve or sponsoring a Community Dinner on the first Monday of the month. They were interested in volunteering for the Nov. 3 dinner, and Clerk is directed to contact the committee. Other dates are a possibility. Clerk also stated the Legion Riders will begin their monthly meals in October as well, on the 3rd Friday of the Month.

Fricke had been approached on two more tree removals on the ROW. Two property owners have offered to pay half the cost of the removal of these trees. Since both trees are of concern, although not currently at the point of eminent danger, they were not slated to be removed. With the offer of the owners paying half of the cost, Council agreed to proceed with the project. One tree on the ROW near 210 4th Street will cost \$700 to cut down and haul away (City paying \$350) and one at 14 3rd Street costing \$1250 (City paying \$625). Motion to approve this project by Bracy, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes.

The cleanup of the yard at 307 2nd Street was contracted on 8/12/25 was made with Bachman. We are on his schedule. Clerk will contact asbestos companies on 9/9 to arrange inspection. In discussion of the civil infraction, the paper was served, but had not been filed with the Court. The hearing was required to be rescheduled.

In department discussion, Fricke asked if there was a meeting scheduled with V&K Engineers regarding the sewer project. Clerk did not have a date. Trick or Treat will be held Thursday, October 30 this year from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Opperman, 2nd by Hauser. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

REVENUES: General \$11,555.08, Road Use \$8988.66, LOST Fire \$1268.67, LOST 1st Resp \$970.33, LOST Pool \$976.83, LOST Rec Center \$1365.98, Water \$20, 825.18, Sewer \$20,519.64. TOTAL \$66,470.37.

EXPENSES: General \$36,603.60, Road Use \$4237.89, Emp Benefits \$2866.40, LOST 1st Resp \$48.14, Water \$7297.79, Sewer \$14,239.84, Sanitary Sewer Lagoon Project \$25,727.87. TOTAL \$91,021.53.

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