

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

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on October 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Present were Council persons Gary Fricke, Gaege Bracy, Lucas Hauser, Beth Smith and Beth Opperman. Also in attendance were Paul McGrew, City Clerk Mary Pothast and Mayor Cynthia Mansager. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, and the pledge was led by Mayor Mansager. Clerk changed typo error to the 13th on the agenda. Opperman made a motion to approve the consent agenda with Bracy offering a second. Vote was all ayes.

Wayne Watts submitted a building permit for a handicap ramp at his home. Motion to approve made by Bracy, 2nd by Fricke. Vote was all ayes. Hauler permit application was submitted by LeGrand Sanitation. All documents were in order. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2nd by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. Deputy Rogers arrived at 7:15 and gave the Sheriff's Department report. There were no questions.

Resolution 25-10-1 Resolution to Transfer Funds (LOST – Pool Transfer to General Fund for Reimbursement of Heater and Pump Replacement of \$65,000). Motion to approve the transfer made by Hauser, 2nd by Smith. Roll call vote was all ayes, no nays.

Resolution 25-10-2 Resolution to Transfer Funds (to move funds into a higher yield money market account in the total of \$443,000). Clerk offered explanation and recommendations. Motion to approve the transfer made by Bracy, 2nd by Hauser. Roll call vote was all ayes, no nays.

Regarding the house at 307 2nd Street, there was no asbestos found by the inspection. Clerk was ok'd to have PW get quotes for the November meeting for demo of the buildings, and/or see if the current bids are still valid. The outdoor cleanup is to be completed in the next two weeks. There is a hearing for a civil infraction for another property on Tuesday, October 14. City Attorney Hillers will be handling that. Central Tank Coatings gave a quote for work to be completed on the water tower yet this year for \$6500. Public works ok'd the amount as per last month's direction. Work includes filling the gap between the bell insulation around the expansion joint and bowl of the tank to prevent any frost getting to the riser pipe, and replace the vent on the roof of the tank with a frost-free vent. Touch up work on the interior of the tank is quoted at \$2500 and will be completed at their next maintenance visit in 2027. It was recommended by them to find a local contractor to complete the concrete work at the base. It is not urgent to complete before next year. City Council, Public Works and City Hall employees will be serving the Community Meal on January 5. More details to come.

In department news, the City had to bypass 5,000 gallons of wastewater the night the power went out and reported it to the DNR. Also the DNR did a site inspection to ok the location of the sewer lagoon project on 10/7/25. Meetings will continue with engineers and committee members. Fricke asked if the crack in the concrete in front of the city shop had been addressed. Clerk will talk to PW. Ledford will be taking down trees at Stan Randall's

and Walker Buck's properties around the 17th. Paving on Main Street should be the 16-17th. Sewer lining is slated for 4th Street and Ketchum for the week of October 27. It was requested that clerk post on Melbourne Happenings that any solicitors should have a peddler's permit issued by City Hall. Be alert for a crew offering asphalt repairs, as a resident was taken advantage of last week. Clerk mentioned the Planning & Design Loan for the sewer lagoon project will be signed on Friday and disbursement sheets have been emailed. The Fire Department has received a grant for SCBA gear that many departments in the county jointly applied for. Their current gear is nearing the end of its service life. The official announcement will be forthcoming.

Motion to adjourn made by Hauser, 2nd by Opperman. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$17,176.90, ROAD USE \$2972.01, EMP BENEFITS \$1938.10, LOST FIRE \$1195.19, WATER \$19,560.87, SEWER \$10,178.11, SANITARY SEWER LAGOON \$10,248.25. TOTAL EXPENSES \$63,269.43.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$10,916.14, ROAD USE \$1W2,095.14, EMP BENEFITS \$478.96, LOST FIRE \$1234.79, LOST 1ST RESP \$1133.00, POOL LOST \$1140.17, LOST REC CENTER \$1236.71, WATER \$18,857.59, SEWER \$21,222.34. TOTAL REVENUE \$68,314.84.

Cynthia R Mansager, Mayor

ATTEST: Mary L Pothast, City Clerk