

City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
March 25, 2026
7:00 at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on March 25, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Present were Council persons Lucas Hauser, Beth Smith, Beth Opperman, Josh Fuller and Gary Fricke. Also present were Mayor Cynthia Mansager, Clerk Mary Pothast, and residents Jamie and Tony Schuler. Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order. Motion to approve the agenda made by Hauser, second by Smith. Vote was all ayes.

Since the Schulers were present to discuss partial reimbursement for a tree removal on the right of way (ROW), Mansager moved it to the top of the order. Fricke had looked at the tree in question, and agreed it needed to be removed. Motion was made by Fricke with 2nd by Smith to approve reimbursement of 50% of the removal fee of \$800, without stump removal. Vote was all ayes.

Council reviewed a building permit application for 309 4th Avenue for a shed. It met all required setbacks. Motion to approve by Opperman, 2nd by Smith. Vote was all ayes. Application for a permit at 606 Main Street to tear off old deck and replace it. Deck will come out the same distance as existing one, but extend further down the house. It met all requirements. Motion to approve by Hauser, 2nd by Fuller. Vote was all ayes.

Mansager set a public hearing for the full budget for April 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Council did an overview of the full budget as they had worked through at the March 9 meeting. Figures agreed.

507 Butler Street had been part of a grant program administered by the City to assist with low/moderate income home improvements to owner occupied residents in 2020-2021. The resident was required to live in the home for five years, in exchange for the forgivable mortgage. Bob Fees passed away very recently, and his home was the last enrolled in the program. The five year term would expire April 19, 2026. Motion made by Fricke with 2nd by Fuller to forgive the remaining time and sign a release of mortgage to give clear title to the home.

Many recent meetings were well attended by members, including the Hazard Mitigation meeting (Fuller, Smith and Pothast), Community Foundation awards ceremony (Mansager, Opperman and Pothast) and the Ambulance/County/EMS meeting (Fricke, Fuller and Angie Gibbs) and the). Facts regarding the proposed ambulance/EMS changes in Marshalltown are quite involved, and any decisions will need to go to a county-wide vote with a 60% approval. There will be more information as it progresses.

Mansager requested cleanup and locating a site for a city yard waste disposal area be added to the April agenda. Motion to adjourn made by Opperman, 2nd by Fricke. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted prior to approval.