City of Melbourne
Regular City Council Meeting
August 10, 2026
7:00 Meeting at Library basement

Melbourne City Council met on August 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Melbourne Library basement. Present were Council persons Beth Smith, Beth Opperman, Josh Fuller, and Gary Fricke. Hauser was absent. Also present were Clerk Mary Pothast and Mayor Mansager, Gianni Luchini of Veenstra & Kimm, Dustin Eggers and Paul McGrew. Mansager called the meeting to order at 7 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Opperman, 2nd by Smith to approve the consent agenda with one correction to the name on the building permit to Stan Juel. Vote was all ayes. The Sheriff's Office report will be completed when the Deputy arrives.

In building permits, Stan Juel of 211 Park applied for a permit to build a garage. All setbacks and measurements were compliant. Motion made by Fricke, 2nd by Smith to approve. Vote was all ayes. A second building permit, submitted by Travis Grammer of 16 2nd Ave for a house addition was also compliant to setbacks. Motion to approve by Fuller, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Dustin Eggers had an incident with a defective pool requiring to be filled twice with 3000 gallons of water. He inquired about possibly getting a rebate of sewer on the second fill of the pool, since it did not utilize the sewer. Motion made by Fuller to credit the charge for 3000 gallons of sewer usage to his account, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes. Clerk will ensure it is completed.

Visu Sewer submitted a quote to clean and televise the sewers across the entire town and inspect manholes for $37,410. This will put all information on a flashdrive that will be more accessible and current than the older media and reports. Motion to approve by Fricke, 2nd by Opperman. Vote was all ayes.

The first reading of the Amended Chapter 155 Restricted Residential Section 155.07, Permit Required, and the possible waiving of the second and third readings. Motion by Smith to approve the amendment, and waive the 2nd and 3rd readings; 2nd by Opperman. Roll call vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Hauser). Clerk will publish the amended ordinance as approved.

Council then addressed the ordinance pertaining to fireworks. In the past, the City had a more restrictive ordinance than what the State put into effect July of 2025, so the City's needed to be amended. After much discussion, Fuller made the motion to change the old ordinance to comply with the State version and present at the next meeting for approval. 2nd by Fricke. Vote was all ayes.

Gianni Luchini, Engineer from V&K had met with Fricke, Smith and Public Works to discuss replacing the water main on the east end of 4th Street. Tentative plans include capping the existing main and moving it to the ROW on the south side of the road and adding in an additional fire hydrant. A motion made by Smith with 2nd by Fricke for V&K to continue with the engineering of the project and a cost estimate. Vote was all ayes to approve. They will keep Council updated on the progress and any new information available.

Deputy Dierking arrived at 7:31 and presented the Sheriff's Office Report. There were no questions.

Clerk has prepared the annual Street Finance Report (SFR) for FY 25/26 and submitted it to the IDOT 7/22. Resolution 26-08-01 Approving Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) 2026 Street Finance Report and Acknowledging Filing of Report was presented. Motion to approve by Opperman, 2nd by Smith. Vote was all ayes. Report available at City Hall for anyone wanting to see a copy. Clerk presented a Valve Exerciser Sharing Agreement to be signed by Rhodes and Melbourne Mayors.

Several complaints had been made regarding a property on Park Street and others. How to deal with chronic nuisances was discussed at great length. From now on, each nuisance letter sent will include a cc: to all Council members and the Mayor. Smith has offered to help track nuisances to ensure compliance. The five sewer pumps ordered from Allied are slated to arrive 8/21. There is a teams call Tuesday morning at 8:30 with V&K and the construction companies regarding the sewer lagoon project. Motion to adjourn made by Opperman, 2nd by Fuller. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

EXPENSES: General $54,686.69, Road Use $3332.60, Employee Benefits $3162.97, LOST Fire Assn $882.98, LOST 1st Resp $804.54, Water $16,537.13, Sewer $15,310.90. Total $101,844.72.

REVENUES: General $26,461.77, Road Use $9265.19, Emp Benefits $241.52, LOST Fire $1237.86, LOST 1st Resp $1237.86, Pool Total $1237.86, LOST Rec Center $1237.84, Water $40,182.12, Sewer $29,821.59. Total $110,923.61.

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