

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2021
CITY OF MELVERN**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, MIKE VOLKMAN, ERIC VOGELER, TYLER LITCH, AND FRANK WARNER WERE PRESENT, AS WELL AS MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE.

OTHERS PRESENT: GARY KITT (City Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY(City Clerk), JANET WALSH (City Attorney), Joyce Lacey, Amber Vogeler, Robert Bradley, and Sheriff Chris Wells

MINUTES: BOWERS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING, SECONDED BY WARNER, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT: VOLKMAN MADE MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY BOWERS, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PAID BILLS: MOTION BY VOGELER TO APPROVE THE PAID BILLS, AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF UNPAID BILLS, SECONDED BY BOWERS, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

JOYCE LACEY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BEING PUT TOGETHER BY THE OSAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THEY WANT PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY TO COME PRESENT IDEAS. THE MEETINGS ARE LIVE STREAMED. NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 10, 2021 AT 6PM AT THE COURTHOUSE.

JOYCE ALSO DISCUSSED PUTTING TOGETHER “WELCOME BAGS” FOR THE NEW FAMILIES MOVING INTO MELVERN. THE MAYOR SAID SHE WOULD GET WITH JOYCE TO OVER THE SPECIFICS.

RIVER TRAIL MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD AT THE CITY HALL, NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 28TH @ 7PM. THEY ARE SEEING IF THERE IS ANY INTEREST IN HAVING A “PICKLE BALL COURT”, A GAME THAT ALL AGES CAN PLAY.

ROBERT BRADLEY – WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR VETERAN BANNERS FOR THIS YEAR UNTIL JULY 30TH, 2021. ROBERT IS PLANNING ON GETTING THE NEW BANNERS PRINTED THE 1ST OF AUGUST. HE ALSO DISCUSSED PURCHASING DUAL BRACKETS SO THAT 2 BANNERS PER POLE COULD BE DISPLAYED. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO BUY 12 DUAL BRACKETS, MOTION SECONDED BY BOWERW WITH THE PAYMENT COMING OUT OF THE VENDING MACHINE RECEIPTS. CARRIED 5-0.

AMBER VOGELER – DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR MELVERN TO HAVE A “BLESSING BOX” TO PUT SHELF STAPLE FOODS IN FOR ANYONE IN NEED TO TAKE. A BOY SCOUT TROUP WILL BUILD IT IF THE LOCAL 4-H CLUB DOESN’T AND A LOCAL CHURCH HAS OFFERED TO BUY THE MATERIALS TO BUILD IT. SHE WILL TALK TO MAIN STREET BUSINESSES FOR BEST LOCATION.

SHERIFF CHRIS WELLS – PRESENTED A CONTRACT TO WORK WITH THE CITY BASED ON 10 HRS/WEEK FOR \$15,000 PER YEAR. THE BENEFITS TO THE CITY WOULD BE MORE RESOURCES, BETTER CONTACTS WITH FBI AND KBI, THEY WOULD ROTATE OFFICERS, PATROL AT RANDOM HOURS AND A MAJORITY OF THE TICKET MONEY WOULD GO TO THE CITY.

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH CHANGES MADE BY CITY ATTORNEY ADDING THAT IT COULD BE RE-EVALUATED IN 4 MONTHS TO ADD PATROL HOURS AS NEEDED, PENDING COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVAL. MOTION SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 5-0.

ATTORNEYS REPORT-

PUBLISHED THE FIRST YEAR OF THE 5 YEAR WATER RATE PLAN AND WILL PUBLISH THE REST NEXT MAY.

MAYOR'S REPORT-

ZONING – STARTED MEETINGS AGAIN, THEY WILL BE HELD SAME DAY AS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ONLY STARTING AT 6PM.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS – ACCORDING TO CITY ORDINANCE ALL SIDE STREETS ARE 20 MPH UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED. GARY WILL BE PUTTING UP MORE 20 MPH SIGNS TO REMIND CITIZENS.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICERS – DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HAVING THE CITY CLERK AND MAINTENANCE OFFICER TAKE OVER CODE COMPLIANCE FOR NOW. LITCH MADE A MOTION TO WRITE UP A CONTRACT WITH TAMARA AND GARY WORKING CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT WITH A REVIEW HELD IN 4 MONTHS TO EVALUATE THE POSITION. MOTION SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT REPORTED PUTTING PLEXY GASS ON THE FRONT LOBBY WINDO, MAKING A LIST OF POSSIBLE DOG OWNERS NOT IN COMPLIANCE, MADE A LIST OF TRASH TOTES AROUND TOWN TO COMPARE WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT BILLING, FINISHED SENDING CAMERAS THROUGH SEWER LINES WITH THE HELP OF LYNDON.

PRESENTED A BID FROM K-TREE ON REMOVAL OF DEAD TREE IN CITY PARK. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT BID WITH THE ADDITION THAT IT NEEDS TO BE REMOVED FROM PARK BY AUGUST 15, 2021. WARNER SECONDED THE MOTION, CARRIED 5-0.

PARK SLIDE HAS A CRACK AND A NEW SLIDE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO REPLACE IT. A PART FOR THE SEWER MACHINE HAS ALSO BEEN ORDERED.

TAMARA MASSEY PRESENTED A LETTER FROM THE OSAGE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WITH THE CONNECTING LINKS CONTRACT. THIS CONTRACT HAD ALWAYS BEEN DENIED IN THE PAST AND COUNCIL AGREED NOT TO ACCEPT THIS YEAR.

THE AUDITOR HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CITY HALL AND REMINDED COUNCIL THAT THE BUDGET WILL BE PREPARED IN JULY. TAMARA HAS ALREADY SENT COPIES OF QUICKBOOKS TO AUDITOR FOR HER TO GET STARTED.

A COLLECTION PROCEEDING LETTER WAS SUBMITTED ON AUTUMN WILLINGHAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130 TO BURNS, BURNS, WALSH AND WALSH TO FILE SUIT. CITY COUNCIL AGREED TO HAVE TAMARA PROCEED.

DOG TAG REMINDERS AND GRASS ORDINANCE REMINERS WERE SENT OUT TO CITIZENS.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

ERIC VOGELER ASKED ABOUT COLD PATCH PURCHASE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND DECIDED TO TRY WHAT THE CITY STILL HAS ON THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT TO SEE IF IT WILL HOLD, THEN WILL ORDER MORE COLD PATCH AS NEEDED.

TYLER LITCH DISCUSSED ADDING DISC GOLF NETS TO THE CITY PARK. IT'S NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR A COURSE, BUT COULD BE USED FOR PRACTICE AND ADD TO THE CITY AMMENITIES. TYLER AGREED TO LOOK INTO IT MORE FOR PRICING.

MIKE VOLKMAN DISCUSSED A SEMI TRUCK THAT HAS BEEN PARKING IN THE CITY PARK ALLEY AND IN FRONT CORNER OF CITY HALL, BLOCKING VIEWS OF TURNING TRAFFIC AND ALSO BLOCKING A DRIVEWAY. MIKE ALSO DISCUSSED HAVING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR COME DOWN TO LOOK AT SOME BUILDINGS THAT POSE POTENTIAL HAZARDS TO THE COMMUNITY.

COUNCIL DISCUSSED TRYING TO SELL THE CITY POLICE VEHICLE, BUT UNTIL THEN TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WAS DRIVEN AND KEPT UP.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

DAN BOWERS MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY MIKE VOLKMAN, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

TAMARA MASSEY, CITY CLERK