

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2021
CITY OF MELVERN**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, TYLER LITCH, AND FRANK WARNER WERE PRESENT, AS WELL AS MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE. COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC VOGELER ARRIVED AT 7:15 PM. MIKE VOLKMAN WAS ABSENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: GARY KITT (City Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY(City Clerk), JANET WALSH (City Attorney)

MINUTES: BOWERS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING, SECONDED BY WARNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT: AN UPDATED JUNE REPORT WAS PRESENTED ALONG WITH THE JULY REPORT. BOWERS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY LITCH, MOTION CARRIED 3-0

PAID BILLS: MOTION BY WARNER TO APPROVE THE PAID BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF UNPAID BILLS, SECONDED BY BOWERS, MOTION CARRIED 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

ATTORNEYS REPORT-

JANET WALSH – NEEDS TO SEE IF WE HAVE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH EVERGY ON REMOVAL OF POWER TO VANVALKENBURG BUILDING AT 110 SW MAPLE.

MAYOR’S REPORT-

FILED CRIMINAL DAMAGE REPORT ON MR ROBB FOR THE INCIDENT ON 7/31/21 SUGGESTED THE COUNCIL MEMBERS POLL THE CITY CITIZENS ON HOW THEY FEEL THE OSAGE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE IS DOING AS OUR CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT. ZONING BOARD WOULD LIKE STEVE ZERR TO COME LOOK AT THE VANVALKENBURG TRAILER HOUSE AS IT APPEARS TO BE UNLIVABLE WITH NO UTILITIES TO THE HOME.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT – FINISHED CHECKING ON DOG TAGS, TRUCK BROKE DOWN AGAIN, NEEDED A NEW SWAY BAR TO BE FIXED. TOOK THE COP CAR TO LYNDON AND ALL THE EQUIPMENT THAT WENT WITH IT. RENTED A SPRAYER AND SPRAYED WEEDS ALONG THE STREETS, TRIMMED TREES, MADE NEW SIGNS- ONE FOR THE CITY PARK “NO PARKING 10PM-6AM” AND “CITY PROPERTY CLOSED 10PM-6AM”. DRAINED THE WATER TOWER FOR THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE. BACKHOE BROKE DOWN AGAIN AND TRYING TO GET IT FIXED AND BACK TOGETHER. PRESENTED A PRELIMINARY QUOTE FOR A WATER METER READING SYSTEM TOTALING CLOSE TO \$60,000 FOR 200 METERS, TRAINING, SOFTWARE, AND MAINTENACE FEES. SCHULTE SUPPLY WILL BE GIVING US A WRITTEN QUOTE.

WE HAVE ORDERED A NEW DROP SLOT TO BE LOCATED UP HIGHER CLOSER TO THE POP MACHINE SO THAT ALL MAIL DROPPED OFF WILL GO INTO THE SECURE OFFICE INSTEAD OF THE LOBBY AS IT IS NOW.

TAMARA MASSEY – WE HAVE RECIEVED THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT MONEY (\$28369.14) FOR WHICH A NEW FUND WAS CREATED PER AUDITOR. WE WILL GET THE SAME AMOUNT NEXT JULY.

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO USE THE GRANT MONEY THIS YEAR TO FIX THE WATER LINE SCHEDULED TO BE REPLACE THIS YEAR AND TO USE THE GRANT MONEY WE GET NEXT YEAR TO FIX THE OTHER WATER LINE THAT NEEDS REPLACED. PENDING APPROVAL FROM THE AUDITOR PUTTING THE \$30,000 SET ASIDE FOR THE WATER LINE THIS YEAR TO GO TOWARDS PURCHASING THE WATER METER READING SYSTEM. BOWERS SECONDED MOTION. CARRIED 4-0

THE UPDATED WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING AND INCLUDES MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING MEETING MINUTES AND ORDINANCES. THE WEBSITE ADDRESS WAS KEPT THE SAME. WWW.MELVERNKS.COM

BECAUSE THE CITY OWNS THE LAND THAT THE BALL PARKS IS ON, JOE SAMPLE THE HS PRINCIPLE, SENT A COPY OF THE PLANS FOR UPGRADING THE FIELDS AND MAKING WALKWAYS. THIS WILL BE PAID FOR BY A GRANT THE SCHOOL IS WORKING ON.

THE MAYOR RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE KANSAS STATE TREASURER, LYNN ROGERS, CONGRATULATING MELVERN ON 150YRS. THE STATE TREASURER ALSO PUT A NOTICE IN THE OSAGE COUNTY HERALD. IN THE LETTER THE TREASURER REMINDED THE CITY THAT MANY PEOPLE IN MELVERN HAD UNCLAIMED PROPERTY WITH THEM. TAMARA PUT THAT INFORMATION ON CITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE AND ALSO SENT A NOTE TO CITIZENS WHO WERE ON THE LIST IN THEIR MONTHLY UTILITY BILLING.

BASED ON A UTILITY CUSTOMER'S CONFUSION ON THE \$100 NEW ACCOUNT FEE, COUNCIL DIRECTED TAMARA TO SEE ABOUT REWORDING TO NON-REFUNDABLE \$100 NEW ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION FEE. TAMARA WILL LOCATE THE ORDINANCE TO HAVE IT REVISED.

ORDINANCE NO. 447 (2021 STO) WAS PRESENTED. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 447, PUTTING IT IN THE PAPER AND ON THE CITY WEBSITE, BOWERS 2ND MOTION. CARRIED 4-0

ORDINANCE NO 448 (221 UTO) WAS PRESENTED. WARNER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO 448, PUTTING IT IN THE PAPER AND ON THE CITY WEBSITE, LITCH 2ND MOTION. CARRIED 4-0

ORDINANCE NO 449 (SOLID WASTE) WAS PRESENTED. CITY ATTORNEY JANET WALSH WILL LOOK OVER AND PRESENT AT NEXT MEETING.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

ERIC VOGELER – BROUGHT UP THE NEED FOR A BETTER SECURITY SYSTEM AND SUGGESTED WE LOOK INTO A 4 CAMERA DVR SCURTIY SYSTEM.

NEW BUSINESS –

SOLD COP CAR, 2019 FORD EXPLORER TO CITY OF LYNDON FOR \$34,500 AND PAID OFF THE CAR LEASE OF \$27,139.35. ALSO RECEIVED A PREMIUM REFUND OF \$1130.00 FROM BOLZ INSURANCE.

MAYOR FOUND ORDINANCE 333 THAT ESTABLISHED AN EQUIPMENT FUND. WILL FIND OUT FROM AUDITOR HOW THIS ACCOUNT IS FUNDED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

VOGELER MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY DAN BOWERS, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

TAMARA MASSEY, CITY CLERK