

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

THE RNR (REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE) HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, TYLER LITCH, MIKE VOLKMAN AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT, AS WELL AS MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE. FRANK WARNER WAS ABSENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: GARY KITT (City Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY(City Clerk), JANET WALSH (City Attorney), TRAVIS NORRIS (SCHULTE SUPPLY) AND JOHN STANTON.

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

MIKE VOLKMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 220 TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE (RNR), DAN BOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED 4-0. THE RESOLUTION WAS SIGNED BY MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE AND ATTESTED BY THE CITY CLERK.

MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE CLOSED THE RNR HEARING.

THE BUDGET HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, TYLER LITCH, MIKE VOLKMAN AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT, AS WELL AS MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE. FRANK WARNER WAS ABSENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: GARY KITT (City Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY(City Clerk), JANET WALSH (City Attorney), TRAVIS NORRIS (SCHULTE SUPPLY) AND JOHN STANTON.

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT

DAN BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE OFFICIAL 2022 BUDGET, TYLER LITCH SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED 4-0. THE BUDGET CERTIFICATE WAS SIGNED BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT AND GIVEN TO THE CITY CLERK TO SEND TO THE OSAGE COUNTY CLERK.

MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE CLOSED THE BUDGET HEARING.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, TYLER LITCH, MIKE VOLKMAN AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT, AS WELL AS MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE. FRANK WARNER WAS ABSENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: GARY KITT (City Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY(City Clerk), JANET WALSH (City Attorney), TRAVIS NORRIS (SCHULTE SUPPLY) AND JOHN STANTON.

MINUTES: BOWERS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING, SECONDED BY VOGELER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: VOLKMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY LITCH, MOTION CARRIED 4-0

PAID BILLS: MOTION BY BOWERS TO APPROVE THE PAID BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF UNPAID BILLS, SECONDED BY VOLKMAN, MOTION CARRIED 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

TRAVIS NORRIS - FROM SCHULTE SUPPLY SUBMITTED A BID FOR A METER READING SYSTEM, EXPLAINED HOW THE SYSTEM WORKED AND BROUGHT IN A SAMPLE METER WITH ANTEANNA. THE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE ANSWERED, THEN TRAVIS NORRIS LEFT THE MEETING.

JOHN STANTON- WHO IS THE NEW OWNER OF 7 RENTAL TRAILER PROPERTIES IN MELVERN, DISCUSSED HIS FRUSTRATION AND ISSUES WITH A TENANT WHO HAS VIOLATED THEIR LEASE AND REFUSES TO LEAVE AFTER BEEN GIVEN AN EVICTION NOTICE. HE ASKED FOR THE CITY TO HELP HIM IN THIS MATTER. CITY ATTORNEY JANET WALSH TOLD HIM IT WOULD BE A CIVIL MATTER AND TO TAKE THEM TO COURT. THE CITY CLERK SAID SHE HAD ASKED THE BUILDING INSPECTOR (STEVE ZERR) TO LOOK AT THE PROPERTY AT THE REQUEST OF JOHN STANTON AS THE TRAILER SEEMS TO BE UNINHABITABLE. MR. ZERR HAD NOT YET BEEN TO LOOK AT THE PROPERTY. JOHN STANTON HAD NO FURTHER COMMENTS AND LEFT THE MEETING.

ATTORNEYS REPORT-

JANET WALSH – PRESENTED ORDINANCE #449 (SOLID WASTE COLLECTION) VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE #449, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 4-0
PRESENTED ORDINANCE #450 (WATER CONNECTION ADMINISTRATIVE FEES) BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE #450, SECONDED BY VOGELER. CARRIED 4-0
THE CONDEMNED GARAGE AT 110 MAPLE HAD ALREADY BEEN TORN DOWN BY OWNER, NEED TO GET AN ESTIMATE FROM CRIQUI CONSTRUCTION FOR CLEAN UP, SO THAT A LETTER CAN BE SENT TO MS. VANVALKENBURG.

MAYOR'S REPORT- NONE

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT – COMPLETED ORDINANCE PAPERWORK, SPRAYED WEEDS, TRIMMED TREES, GOT THE BACKHOE FIXED, HAD EVERY DISCONNECT THE POWER LINE TO VANVALKENBURG PROPERTY AT 110 SW MAPLE, THE OWNER WAS SENT NOTICE TO HAVE COMNED GARAGE TORN DOWN BEFORE SEPT 3, 2021. THE OWNER HAD HER GARAGE TORE DOWN BEFORE THE 3RD, NOW JUST HAVE CLEANUP.

HAD TO TAKE 3 WATER SAMPLES UP BECAUSE THEY LOWERED THE TEMP REQUIRED AND OUR FRIDGE AT CITY HALL DID NOT GET THAT COLD. FILLED UP CONTAINER WITH ICE THIS LAST TIME TO TAKE UP TO KDHE.

RESEARCHED WATER METER SYSTEMS AND GOT SOME BIDS.

PULLED OUT ALL WASTE MANAGEMENT TRASH TOTES ON THE LAST DAY FOR WM TO PICK UP. OTTAWA SANITATION DELIVERED MOST OF THEIR TOTES ON THE SAME DAY.

THE STATE HAD ROAD WORK DONE ON K-31 HWY AND BULK WATER WAS PURCHASED FROM THE CITY FOR THEIR MACHINES. THEY ALSO LET THE CITY HAVE SOME OF THEIR MILLINGS FOR FREE FOR THE CITY TO USE AS NEEDED.

OBTAINED BACKHOE BIDS FROM SEVERAL COMPANIES, DISCUSSION HELD WITH ON THE VARIOUS BIDS OF USED AND NEW BACKHOES. DISCUSSED A LEASE PURCHASE OPTION AS THE LEASE PURCHASE ON THE COP CAR WAS PAID IN FULL. MIKE VOLKMAN WANTS TO GET AUDITOR OPION ON LEASE PURCHASE AND AMOUNT THE CITY WOULD BE ABLE TO FINANCE. PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE WAS TABLED UNTIL PERCENTAGE RATES AND AUDITOR APPROVAL WAS GIVEN, THEN WOULD CALL A SPECIAL MEETING.

TAMARA MASSEY – WE RECEIVED APPROVAL ON THE CHIP/SEAL PRODJECT FROM KDOR. SIGNED CONTRACT WITH APAC FOR \$20,208.00 FOR MOBILIZATION AND CHIP/SEAL ON CITY STREETS (NE HIGH ST, NE OAK ST, NW CALL, SW LINCOLN, AND INTERSECTIONS OF NW SPRING/MAPLE, NW MAYES/SUMMIT, SW HOLLMAN/MAPLE). TALKED TO APAC AND THEY LIKE TO HAVE ALL THEIR PROJECTS COMPLETED BY 9/15/21. RIGHT NOW THEY ARE FINISHING UP PROJECTS THEY ARE ALREADY WORKING ON, THEN WILL GET TO OURS. THEY DID NOT HAVE AN EXACT START DATE YET.

OTTAWA SANITATION HAS TAKEN OVER OUR WASTE REMOVAL AND HAS BEGUN PICKING UP TRASH IN SEPTEMBER. ALL UTILITY ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN UPDATED WITH THE NEW LOWER TRASH FEE. THIS WILL SHOW ON UTILITY BILLS IN OCTOBER.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

ERIC VOGELER – LOOKED INTO SOME 4 CAMERA AND 8 CAMERA SYSTEMS FOR THE CITY HALL. BOWERS MADE A MOTION FOR ERIC TO PURCHASE A 4 CAMERA WIFI SYSTEM UNDER \$500. TYLER LITCH SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED 4-0

NEW BUSINESS –

WATER METER READING SYSTEMS – DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BIDS RECEIVED FROM SCHULTE SUPPLY AND OLATHE WINWATER. VOLKMAN MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE WATER METER READING SYSTEM FROM SCHULTE SUPPLY FOR \$54,180.00. SECONDED BY VOGELER. CARRIED 4-0

VOGELER MADE A MOTION THAT THE CITY WILL INSTALL THE METERS INSTEAD OF PAYING SCHULTE SUPPLY TO, SECONDED BY VOLKMAN. CARRIED 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

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

TAMARA MASSEY, CITY CLERK