

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2021
CITY OF MELVERN**

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

MAYOR WEDDLE PRESENTED THAT TYLER LITCH HAD RESIGNED AND THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO APPOINT STELLA HEUER IN HIS PLACE TO FILL OUT LITCH'S TERM.

VOLKMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TYLER LITCH, SECONDED BY VOGELER. CARRIED 3-0

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF STELLA HEUER TO FULFILL THE REMAINDER OF THE VACATED COUNCIL SEAT. SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 3-0
THE CITY CLERK THEN SWORE IN STELLA HEUER, WHO JOINED THE MEETING FOR THE REST OF THE SESSION.

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

SHERIFF CHRIS WELLS ASKED THE COUNCIL IF THEY HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE CONTRACTED PATROLING OF MELVERN CITY. THE COUNCIL SAID THEY WERE EXTREMELY HAPPY WITH THE PRESENCE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE TOWN. MAYOR QUESTIONED WHY WE HAD NOT GOTTEN ANY TICKETS IN 3 MONTHS BESIDES THE ONE ISSUED BY CITY HALL. SHERIFF SAID HE WILL GET WITH HIS DEPUTIES AND MAKE SURE THEY HAD THE CITY TICKET BOOKS AND UNDERSTOOD THE CITY TRAFFIC CODES. MAYOR ALSO ASKED IF WE COULD HAVE ONE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF OUR CITY AS OUR POINT OF CONTACT. SHERIFF WELLS SAID HE WOULD ASSIGN SARGENT JOHN KNAPP.

ATTORNEYS REPORT-

REMINDS THE CLERK THAT AFTER THE VANVALKENBURG TORN DOWN GARAGE WAS CLEANED UP TO CONTACT HER REGARDING BILLING.

MAYOR'S REPORT-

BUILDING INSPECTOR STEVE ZERR SUBMITTED HIS REPORT ON VACANT PROPERTIES AS REQUESTED. THE TRAILER HOUSE AT 110 SW MAPLE ST WAS SITED AS A MAJOR SAFETY HAZARD. AFTER DISCUSSTION COUNCIL AGREED THAT THIS WAS AN ORDINANCE 316 VIOLATION AND TO HAVE THE MAYOR PROCEED WITH THAT PROCESS.

ORDINANCE OFFICER CONTRACTS REVIEW- GARY KITT WISHES TO RESIGN AS AN ORDINANCE OFFICER. COUNCIL DIRECTED MAYOR TO ADVERTISE THE POSITION.

CMOFA INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP – TAMARA MASSEY, CITY CLERK WAS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND THE CITY CLERK CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE HELD IN NOVEMBER. SCHOLARSHIP WILL COVER TUITION, COURSE MATERIALS AND MEALS. VOLKMAN MADE A

MOTION TO APPROVE MASSEY ATTENDING OF THE CLASSES AND TO PAY FOR 3 NIGHTS LODGING AS WELL AS REIMBURSING MILEAGE, SECONDED BY STELLA HEUER. CARRIED 4-0
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS/CONTEST- COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE PURCHASE OF NEW LIGHTS. GARY WILL CONTACT COUNCILMAN FRANK WARNER ABOUT HIS OPINION AND WILL ALSO CONTACT DARREL SCHULTZE ABOUT THE METAL CHRISTMAS TREE TO PUT UP ON THE CORNER OF MAIN & EMPORIA ST. DISCUSSION WAS MADE ON HAVING THE CHRISTMAS CONTEST SIMILAR TO LAST YEARS.

SHERIFF CONTRACT REVIEW- THE COUNCIL AGREED TO TABLE THE ISSUE AND KEEP CONTRACT THE SAME WITH ANOTHER REVIEW IN JANUARY.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT –

NEW BACKHOE HAS BEEN PURCHASED AND DELIVERED.

PUT UP VETERAN BANNERS AND THE NEW POLES WITH DOUBLE SIDED HOLDERS ORDERED AND PICKED UP THE DEAD-END SIGN FOR NW SUMMIT STREET CITY TRUCK'S AIR CONDITIONER WENT OUT. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO GET IT FIXED, SECONDED BY VOGELER, CARRIED 4-0.

DEAD TREE IN CITY PARK HAS BEEN PARTIALLY REMOVED BY "K TREE". THEY RAN INTO A NEST OF BEES AND WILL OBTAIN A SPRAY BEFORE CONTINUING TREE REMOVAL. HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE NEW WATER METERS YET.

TAMARA MASSEY –

RESIDENTS WHO DID NOT PURCHASE 2021 DOG TAGS WERE SENT A "NOTICE TO APPEAR" IN COURT.

NEW DROP BOX HAS BEEN INSTALLED BY THE FRONT DOOR

CRUI CONSTRUCTION IS STILL PLANNING ON CLEANING UP DEBRIS FROM 110 MAPLE GARAGE COLLAPSE, SHOULD BE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

ADVANTAGE COMPUTER SUBMITTED A BID TO LINK THE NEW WATER METER READING SYSTEM TO OUR CURRENT JAYHAWK SOLUS UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM. DISCUSSION WAS HELD, VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE ONE TIME FEE TO LINK THE TWO SOFTWARE TOGETHER AFTER WE GET WATER METER READING SYSTEM INSTALLED. SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 4-0

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

ERIC VOGELER – DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ADDING AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PROPERTIES WITH WATER METERS TO PAY A MINIMUM MONTHLY FEE. THIS WOULD BE TO HELP MAINTAIN METERS THAT ARE ON VACANT PROPERTIES. OTHER CITIES HAVE A SIMILAR ORDINANCE. TAMARA WILL LOOK INTO WHAT OTHER CITIES ARE DOING. OUTDOOR SPEAKERS FOR MUSIC WAS ALSO DISCUSSED, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

DAN BOWERS – MELVERN CITY FALL FESTIVAL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 23, 2021. FLYERS ARE BEING MADE UP AND THE CITY CLERK HAS AGREED TO TAKE MONEY AND MAKE THE MAPS FOR THE CITY-WIDE YARD SALES.

NEW BUSINESS –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

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

TAMARA MASSEY, CITY CLERK