

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2022
CITY OF MELVERN

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

OTHERS PRESENT: GARY KITT (City Maintenance) and TAMARA MASSY (City Clerk) WERE PRESENT. JANET WALSH (City Attorney) WAS ABSENT.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: VOLKMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY VOGELER, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

ATTORNEYS REPORT – NONE.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

AT 7:05 WARNER MADE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 5 MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. VOGELER SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED 5-0. TAMARA MASSEY AND GARY KITT LEFT THE ROOM. AT 7:10 THE COUNCIL HAD TAMARA MASSEY AND GARY KITT RETURN TO MEETING. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO GIVE \$1.50 RAISE TO THE HOURLY FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND ALSO TO THE REGULAR PART TIME EMPLOYEE HOURLY WAGE AND TO INCREASE THE CITY CLERK JANITORIAL PAY TO \$30/PAY PERIOD. ALL OTHER PAY WOULD REMAIN THE SAME. (Full Time Employees New Rate: Gary Kitt \$23/hr and Tamara Massey \$18.50/hr. Part Time Employees New Rate: Roxie Bush \$12/hr and Camille Massey \$12/hr)

EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND – MAYOR DIRECTED THE CITY CLERK TO GET WITH THE CITY CPA, AND TRANSFER \$25,000 TO THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND. COUNCIL ALL APPROVED.

REVIEWED THE DECEMBER REPORT FROM THE OSAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

DISCUSSED THE OSAGE COUNTY SHERIFF CONTRACT WITH THE CITY. VOLKMAN MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE CONTRACTED HOURS WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE FROM 10 HRS/WEEK TO 20 HRS/WEEK, EFFECTIVE 2/1/2022. BOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED 5-0. MAYOR WILL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SHERIFF TO REVISE THE CONTRACT.

DISCUSSED THE 2022 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS.

MAYOR IS REVISING HANDBOOK AND WOULD LIKE TO ADD COMP TIME. COUNCIL SUPPORTED THE DECISION.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS

GARY KITT – KITT REPORTED THAT A WATER TOWER INSPECTION HAD BEEN DONE AND IT HAD BEEN NOTED THAT THE OVERFLOW PIPE NEEDED TO REACH THE GROUND. GARY IS WORKING WITH SUEZ CO. TO GET ESTIMATES FOR THE PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED AT A LATER DATE. HE HAD CHANGED OIL IN THE CITY TRUCK, FIXED SIGNS MOVED/DOWN BY THE HIGH WINDS, READ METERS FOR FIRST TIME LAST MONTH WITH THE NEW NEPTUNE SYSTEM. HE WAS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE DATA READ PART AND A CALL WAS INTO SCHULTE TO GIVE ADDITIONAL TRAINING. REPORTED THAT HE WAS STILL CHANGING OUT OLD METERS AND AT 222 NW MAYES (Jeremiah Schimmel) THE METER LOCK WAS BROKE AND METER WAS NOT WORKING, HOWEVER WATER WAS FLOWING THROUGH TO THE HOME. (Home has not paid for running water in over 10 years and was turned off as well as padlocked) THE SHERIFF HAD BEEN CALLED AND A CASE HAS BEEN FILED. CITY ATTORNEY HAS REQUESTED A COPY OF THE CASE AND THE CITY WILL ISSUE A BILL FOR RESTITUTION OF DAMAGE AND SERVICES.

TAMARA MASSEY –

HARRY BALAZS WANTED TO KNOW IF WE COULD PUT A NEW STREET LIGHT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE COOP WHERE THE SEMI'S PARK. HE SAID THAT NOT ONLY IS GAS BEING STOLEN OUT OF THEIR CARS, IT IS NOW BEING STOLEN OUT OF SEMI'S. COUNCIL DISCUSSED MATTER AND CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE STREET LIGHT WOULD BE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY EITHER THE RAILROAD OR COOP AND THAT HARRY SHOULD ASK THE COOP. TAMARA WILL CALL AND LET HARRY KNOW.

THE CITY CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WENT WELL, PRIZES WERE HANDED OUT AND A FLYER MADE WITH THE WINNERS AND PICTURES OF THEIR HOUSES. THIS WAS PUT ON FACEBOOK AND ON THE WEBSITE. FLYERS WILL ALSO BE HUNG AROUND TOWN.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

WARNER WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INTO GETTING FIBER OPTICS FROM KWIKOM.

VOLKMAN ASKED GARY KITT TO GO AHEAD AND SHUT OFF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON MAIN STREET.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION 221 KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO UPDATE THE KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM FOR 2022 IN RESOLUTION 221, BOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED 5-0.

RESOLUTION 222 WAIVING GAAP PROCEEDURES. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO UPDATE THE WAIVING OF GAAP PROCEEDURES FOR 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NUMBER 222. BOWERS SECONDED MOTION. CARRIED 5-0.

MAYOR SUGGESTED THE CITY LOOK INTO A 3rd FULL TIME OFFICE EMPLOYEE TO HELP MAINTAINENCE, COVER OFFICE WHEN CITY CLERK IS GONE AND TO BE THE COMPLIANCE OFFICER. COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL AND AGREED THAT A PART TIME THIRD PERSON WOULD BE BETTER AS FAR AS FINANCES WERE CONCERNED. THEY AGREED TO KEEP THE TOPIC OPEN FOR FUTHER DISCUSSION IN FUTURE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

VOLKMAN MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY VOGELER, MOTION CARRIED54-0.

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk

Lyndon Weddle, Mayor