

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 5, 2022  
CITY OF MELVERN

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, DEREK HAINES AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT, AS WELL AS MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE. STELLA HEUER JOINED THE MEETING AT 7:10PM. FRANK WARNER WAS ABSENT.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** GARY KITT (City Maintenance), TAMARA MASSY (City Clerk) AND JANET WALSH (CITY ATTORNEY) WERE PRESENT .

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** CINDY JENSEN, CPA AND JOYCE LACEY.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY BOWERS, MOTION CARRIED 3-0

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**CINDY JENSEN, CPA** DISCUSSED THE 2023 BUDGET AND WENT OVER THE REPORTS SHE DISTRIBUTED. SHE RECOMMENDED EXCEEDING THE RENENUE NEUTRAL RATE, WHICH BY HER CALCULATIONS CAME UP TO \$14 MORE THAN THE RNR. AFTER GOING OVER THE REPORT FIGURES THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THAT MORE BUDGET WAS NEEDED IN THE GENERAL POLICE FUND AS THE CITY HAD INCREASED PATROL HOURS WITH THE OSAGE COUNTY SHERIFF AND A NEW PART TIME ORDINANCE OFFICER HAD BEEN HIRED. THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND SUBMIT A PROPOSED MILL LEVY RATE OF 71.652 TO THE OSAGE COUNTY CLERK WITH THE RNR AND BUDGET HEARING SET SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 TO DETERMINE THE FINAL BUDGET.

**JOYCE LACEY** ASKED ABOUT THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM, WHICH THE CITY IS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN. SHE ALSO ASKED OUT PEOPLE LIVING IN RV’S AND WAS TOLD THAT THE ORDINANCE OFFICER WAS WORKING ON THAT. JOYCE UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE SALE OF HER BUSINESS “CIRCLE L” WHICH IS SET TO CLOSE ON AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT –**

**MAYOR’S REPORT –**

THE TREE STUMP IN THE CITY PARK WAS SCHEDULED TO BE REMOVED BY BRADLEY’S TREE SERVICE FOR \$350.

CAMERA'S STILL NEED TO BE INSTALLED IN THE CITY BUILDING.

MAYIR QUESTIONED WHO OWNS THE CLOSED RAILROAD BRIDGE AND TO SEE ABOUT ADDING IT AS PART OF THE CITY PARK. CITY CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO LOOK THROUGH OLD MINUTES.

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS –**

GARY KITT – CAPPED SEWER/WATER LINE EAST OF SCHOOL, MOWING AND TRIMMING TREES, INSTALLED A WATER METER, WORKED CITY WIDE CLEANUP DAY, PUT BANNERS UP. NEED KIT FOR BACKHOE, LIFT STATION PARTS AND CONTROL PANEL STILL ON BACK ORDER, AND WATER LINE PROJECTS STARTED BY CRIQUI CONSTRUCTION. SUEZ WILL PUT ON THE DOWNSPOUT TO THE WATER TOWER AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO CITY (INCLUDE IN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT).

TAMARA MASSEY – DISCOVERED LEAK AT AMERICAN LEGION WHEN NEW WATER METER WAS INSTALLED, THE LODGE WILL PAY THE WATER BILL. EMC INSURANCE NOTIFIED THE CITY THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED OUR CLAIM REQUEST ON THE SEWER BACKUP THE CITY HAD TO PAY OUT TO HOMEOWNER IN JUNE. THE FAIR BOARD HAD REQUESTED THE CITY PAY HALF OF THE PORTA POTS FOR THE SUNFLOWER DAYS AS THEY HAVE IN YEARS PAST. COUNCIL AGREED TO PAY HALF UP TO \$150. A 3 YEAR RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES WAS SUBMITTED. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH BLUE CROSS AND HAINES SECONDED. CARRIED 4-0. A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WAS PRESENTED FOR SHELLEY ROBERTSON “MOBILE MARGARETTA STAND” ON JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE HOURS OF 11AM TO 4pm AT THE CITY PARK. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR SHELLEY ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 4-0. THE CITY HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES ENCOURAGING THE CITY GOVERNING BODY TO CONTACT THEIR STATE AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES. A COPY WAS GIVEN TO ALL THE ATTENDING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR.

**COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD**

**VOGELER** – NO UPDATE ON SCHOOL DISC GOLF YET.

**HAINES** – LOOKING INTO THE TREE CITY USA ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION, WILL UPDATE AT A LATER DATE.

**NEW BUSINESS** – NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**- NONE

ATTEST:

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Tamara Massey, City Clerk

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Lyndon Weddle, Mayor