

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 6, 2022
CITY OF MELVERN

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: LISA LITCH AND KEN DORNES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY HEUER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

LISA LITCH WOULD LIKE TO USE THE POLE BARN IN THE PARK DURING THE SUNFLOWER DAYS JULY 15TH AND 16TH TO HAVE "DECAVELE'S FUNNY FARM". SHE HAD CHECKED WITH THE CITY INSURANCE TO MAKE SURE THERE WOULD BE NO ISSUE THERE. SHE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO PAINT THE POLE BARN AS THEY ARE IN POOR SHAPE AND ASKED IF THE CITY WOULD PURCHASE PAINT. THERE WAS DISCUSSION THAT THE FAIR BOARD OWNED THE POLE BARNES EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ON CITY PROPERTY. MAYOR SUGGESTED THAT THE FAIR BOARD DONATE THE POLE BARNES BACK TO THE CITY. HEUER ALSO SUGGESTED THEY MIGHT CHECK FOR DONATIONS ON PAINT. WARNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE USE OF THE POLE BARN AS WELL AS THE PAINTING WITH A \$300 ALLOWANCE FROM THE CITY TO GO TOWARD PAINT IF NEEDED, BOWERS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. SOME DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD ON THE PICNIC TABLES WHICH ALSO BELONG TO THE FAIR BOARD.

KEN DORNES SUBMITTED AN ESTIMATE FROM THEELS WHO REPLACED HIS WATER HEATER AND CONTROL PANEL DUE TO A WATER BACK UP IN HIS BASEMENT CAUSED BY THE CITY SEWER MAIN. GARY INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT AFTER HE WAS MADE AWARE OF THE ISSUE, HE CHECKED THE CITY MANHOLE AND DISCOVERED WATER BACKED UP THERE. GARY CLEANED THE LINE OUT AND THE ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND COUNCIL AGREED THAT MR. DORNES COMPLAINT WAS VALID. WARNER MADE A MOTION TO REIMBURSE MR. DORNES HIS OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE TO THEEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 AS SOON AS HE SUBMITTED A PAID INVOICE FROM THEELS, BOWERS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COUNCIL ASKED THE CITY CLERK TO CHECK WITH CITY INSURANCE ON THIS ISSUE.

ATTORNEYS REPORT – SUBMITTED ORDINANCE 452 SPECIAL EVENT SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 452, SECONDED BY HEUER. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MAYOR’S REPORT – DISCUSSED UPDATING THE CITY ZONING BOOK. PUTTING BANNERS UP.

DISCUSSION ON THE STREET PROJECTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED BY CRIQUI CONSTRUCTION YET. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETED LAST YEAR AND WITH THE COST OF SUPPLIES GOING UP HAD REQUESTED \$28,500 TO BE PAID UP FRONT FOR PARTS.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT – REPLACED PARTS IN THE VENDING MACHINE, MOWING, CONCESSION STAND DOOR NEEDS REPLACED, WORKED ON MOWING LIST WITH ORDINANCE OFFICER DEHN, MOWED BREWERS PROPERTY, REPLACED A STOP SIGN THAT WAS DOWN, CLEANED UP THE DUMP, NEED TO CUT DOWN SOME TREES IN PARK AND LIFT STATION PARTS ARE STILL ON BACKORDER BUT HAVE BEEN CHECKING THE LIFT STATION DAILY TO MAKE SURE IS WORKING.

TAMARA MASSEY – CRIQUI WATER LINE PROJECTS STILL HAVE NOT BEEN STARTED, BILLED USD 456 FOR HALF OF CROSSWALK GUARD SALARY, WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST ON THE ORDINANCE 5 YR PLANS, MONEY WAS DONATED TO BUY THE DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, THANK YOU NOTE WAS SIGNED FOR DONOR, BUDGET WILL BE DISCUSSED IN JULY, NO NEW MAJOR PURCHASES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR, INFORMATION ON THE COLLECTION BUREAU OF KANSAS WAS HANDED OUT AND DISCUSSION WAS HELD. WARNER MADE A MOTION TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH COLLECTION BUREAU OF KANSAS TO HANDLE OUR DELINQUENT DEBTS FROM CUSTOMERS, SECONDED BY BOWERS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

HEUER REPORTED THAT JEREMIAH SCHIMMEL AND CHRIS WINTERS WERE LIVING IN THE RV’S PARKED ON EMPORIA STREET BY CENTRYLINK BUILDING VIOLATING CITY ORDINANCE 427.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- BOWERS WILL SEND SHELLEY ROBERTSON – MOBILE “MARGARETA EXPRESS” AND EMAIL THAT WE HAVE PASSED AN ORDINANCE FOR SPECIAL EVENT SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. CITY CLERK WILL SEND HER A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE AND PERMIT FORM.

BOWERS MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY HEUER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk

Lyndon Weddle, Mayor