

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2023
CITY OF MELVERN**

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: ERIC DOVIAK, JOYCE LACEY AND MIKE PEROO, CPA.

MINUTES: VOGELER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING, SECONDED BY HAINES, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ERIC DOVIAK- ASKED ABOUT AN UPDATE ON COWS IN TOWN. WALSH, CITY ATTORNEY, SAID SHE HAD LOOKED AT WHAT OTHER TOWNS HAD AND THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 240 AND WRITE A NEW ONE. COUNCIL AGREED TO HAVE THE CITY ATTORNEY WRITE ANOTHER ORDINANCE FOR THAT ISSUE. ERIC DOVIAK THEN LEFT THE MEETING.

JOYCE LACEY- NOTIFIED THE COUNCIL OF AN UPCOMING WORKSHOP JANUARY 11TH AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO WORK ON THE MELVERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. SHE ASKED IF THE DISC GOLF COURSE BY THE SCHOOL WAS STILL IN THE WORKS. VOGELER SAID YES IT IS AND A REPRESENTATIVE HAD BEEN OUT TO SURVEY THE AREA TO DRAW OUT COURSE. JOYCE FILED A COMPLAINT ABOUT EXCESS JUNK IN A NEIGHBORS YARD. SHE SUGGESTED A DUMPSTER BE PUT AT THE LIFT STATION TO COLLECT OLD APPLIANCES AS WILLIAMSBURG HAS.

MIKE PEROO, CPA- REVIEWED HIS PROPOSAL FOR AUDITOR SERVICES. AFTER DISCUSSION VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE MIKE PEROO AS THE CITIES AUDITOR AND FOR THE CITY CLERK TO NOTIFY CINDY JENSEN, CPA OF THE CITIES DECISION. BOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED 5-0.

ATTORNEYS REPORT – WILL WORK ON ORDINANCE 240 FOR NEXT MEETING.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

AT 7:36 ERIC VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYEE WAGES WITH THE OPEN MEETING RESUMING IN 5 MINUTES, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 5-0. TAMARA MASSEY, GARY KITT AND JOYCE LACEY LEFT THE MEETING.

AT 7:41 THE OPEN MEETING RECONVENED WITH TAMARA MASSEY, GARY KITT AND JOYCE LACEY RETURNING.

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO GIVE THE CITY CLERK A \$2 RAISE, MAINT. SUPERVISOR A \$1 RAISE, INCREASE ORDINANCE OFFICER PAY TO \$75 PER WEEK, INCREASE COURT CLERK PAY TO \$70 PER MONTH, AND INCREASE CROSSWALK GUARD TO \$25 PER HOUR. SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 5-0

MAYOR WOULD LIKE ADD CHRISTMAS EVE AS A PAID HOLIDAY. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO ADD CHRISTMAS EVE TO THE LIST OF CITY HOLIDAYS. SECONDED BY VOGELER. CARRIED 5-0.

MELVERN MUNICIPAL JUDGE SUE DEVOE HAD RESIGNED. LORI BRESHEARS AND KEVIN KIMBALL HAD BOTH BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR THE POSITION. AFTER DISCUSSION, VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE LORI BRESHEARS AS THE CITIES NEW MUNICIPAL JUDGE. SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 5-0.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT – NONE

TAMARA MASSEY – REVIEWED NOVEMBER SHERIFF'S REPORT, PRESENTED RESOLUTION#266 KS PRIDE PROGRAM FOR 2023. HAINES MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #266, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 5-0. PRESENTED RESOLUTION #227 WAIVING GAAP PROCEDURES FOR 2023. WARNER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #227, SECONDED BY VOGELER. CARRIED 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS –

BOWERS – FAIRBOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JAN 22ND AT 6PM.

VOGELER- DISCUSSED LOOKING INTO A NEW DUMP TRUCK AND CHECKING ON VACANT LOTS TO SEE IF CITY COULD POSSIBLY PURCHASE THEM FOR SCHOOL TO BUILD NEW HOUSES ON AS A VOCATION CLASS.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 5-0

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk

Lyndon Weddle, Mayor