

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

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: KIMBERLY SKILLMAN, TRUSTPOINT INSURANCE

MINUTES: HEUER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING (NO MEETING IN MARCH), SECONDED BY BOWERS, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

KIMBERLY SKILLMAN- REVIEWED THE CITY INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2023/2024. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH DAN BOWERS AND DEREK HAINES BEING ADDED TO POLICY AS DRIVERS FOR CITY EQUIPMENT.

ATTORNEYS REPORT – NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT – FARMERS MARKET WILL BE HELD IN PARK (MIDDLE) FAIR BARN STARTING MAY 20TH AND EVERY SATURDAY MORNING THROUGH MID AUGUST. THE SOUTH FAIR BARN IS BEING CLEANED UP SO IT CAN BE RENTED OUT TO PUBLIC.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT – TALKED TO THE CITY OF LYNDON AND THEY DO THEIR OWN CITY PARK INSPECTIONS. HE IS FIXING THE PARK BENCH THAT HAD A CRACK. GARY IS PUTTING NEW LIGHTS ON THE CHRISTMAS SNOWFLAKE POLE DECORATIONS. HE IS ALSO PUTTING A CABLE ACROSS BOTH SIDES OF THE RAILROAD BRIDGE AND PUTTING UP NEW “NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED” SIGNS.

RECEIVED A QUOTE FROM APAC TO CHIP/SEAL CITY STREETS FOR \$33062.25. HAINES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID OF \$33062.25 FROM APAC,SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 3-0

CITY SEWER TRUCK WATER TANK IS RUSTING AND GOING THROUGH PUMP. OTHERWISE TRUCK RUNS, HOWEVER WE DO NOT USE IT. HAINES MADE A MOTION TO SELL THE CITY SEWER TRUCK “AS IS” FOR \$4500, SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 3-0. CLERK WILL MAKE SALE FYLER.

MURPHY TRACTOR WILL BE COMING DOWN TO LOOK AT A FAULTY SWITCH ON BAKHOE.

TAMARA MASSEY – REVIEWED JANUARY AND FEBRUARY SHERIFF’S REPORT.

TAYLOR WARREN HAS BEEN HIRED BY THE CITY TO CLEAN THE PARK BATHROOMS FROM APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER.

DISCUSSED THE COUNTY CONNECTING LINKS PROGRAM REQUEST. THE CITY HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN PAST DUE TO THE RESTICTIONS PUT ON CITY. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO DENY PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY CONNECTING LINKS PROGRAM, SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 3-0.

THE PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM FROM KNAUBER HAS BEEN DENIED BY CITY INSURANCE. THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT REVEAL ANY NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE CITY OF MELVERN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE YEARLY FUND TRANSFER TO RESERVE EQUIPMENT. HEUER MADE A MOTION TO TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM GENERAL FUND TO RESERVE EQUIPMENT FUND FOR 2023, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 3-0

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR JUNE 7TH THROUGH 9TH. ROLL OFF DUMPSTERS WILL BE LOCATED IN CITY PARK. CLERK WILL FINALIZE DATES WITH OTTAWA SANATION FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP DATES.

BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$250 TO BE USED FOR CITY FLOWER POTS AGAIN THIS YEAR, HAINES 2ND. CARRIED 3-0

COUNCIL REPORTS –

BOWERS – SUNFLOWER DAYS IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21ST AND 22ND 2023 AND ASKED THAT THE CITY PAY FOR HALF OF THE PORTA POTS LIKE IN THE PAST.

HAINES- DISCUSSED THE NEW ORDINANCE NO 455 REFERENCING ANIMALS IN CITY LIMITS.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 3-0

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk

Lyndon Weddle, Mayor