

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 1, 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:** JOHN TERRY, KWIKOM

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** HAINES 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 HEUER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**JOHN TERRY -** DISCUSSED A JOINT AGREEMENT THAT KWIKOM IS WORKING ON FOR A GRANT TO INSTALL KWIKOM FIBER OPTIC TO OSAGE COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS. MANY TOWNS AND BUSINESS' HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED LETTERS OF SUPPORT. COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE BENEFITS TO MELVERN RESIDENTS TO ACCESS FIBER OPTIC INTERNET AND AGREED TO HAVE CLERK SUBMIT A SUPPORTING LETTER FOR KWIKOM TO PASS ON TO THE STATE. KWIKOM WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH THE CITY COULD PUT TOWARDS THE PROJECT. COUNCIL ASKED CLERK TO CONTACT CPA FOR ADVICE.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT** – NONE

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

SUBMITTED THE 2023 UPDATED CITY APPOINTMENTS.

DISCUSSED THE BENEFITS OF INSTALLING RADAR SPEED SIGNS TO REMIND DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC TO SLOW DOWN. THE CITY CURRENTLY DOES NOT HAVE THE BUDGET FOR THIS BUT WOULD SHOW LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO SEE IF FUNDRAISING SUPPORT WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS** –

**GARY KITT** –

SCHOOL CROSSWALK LIGHT WAS DAMAGED WITH THE BATTERY BOX BEING TORN OFF AND MISSING. NEW BOX WILL COST \$645 PLUS COST OF NEW BATTERY. LOOKED LIKE IT HAPPENED PROM NIGHT.

APAC WILL NO LONGER HONOR PREVIOUS QUOTE ON CHIP SEAL, PROPOSAL WENT UP TO \$56,200.68. WAS ABLE TO GET A QUOTE FROM HOURBOR FOR \$35,000 WITHOUT ALTERNATES. COULD GET ESTIMATE DOWN IF TAKE OUT SOME MORE STREET AREAS. HAINES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MAXIMUM OF \$35,000 FOR STREET WORK, SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 3-0.

PARK BATHROOM HAD A LINE BREAK IN THE BACK THE WAS FIXED BY CONKLIN.

SEWER TRUCK IS RUNNING AND FLYERS HAVE BEEN MADE TO SELL IT.

GEARBOX ON BRUSH HOG NEEDS REPLACED, NEW BOX IS \$813.05. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW GEARBOX FOR \$813.05, SECONDED BY HAINES. 3-0

MURPHY TRACTOR CAME DOWN TO LOOK AT BACKHOE AND THE KILL SWITCH HAD COME LOOSE. THE PROBLEM WAS FIXED.

CULVERTS AND GRATES DOWNTOWN ARE BEING CLEANED OUT.

UPDATED COUNCIL ON WORK BEING DONE IN CITY PARK.

TAMARA MASSEY – REVIEWED MARCH SHERIFF’S REPORT.

THE 5 YEAR PLAN SEWER/WATER RATE INCREASES TAKE EFFECT 6/1/23. CLERK WILL PUT REMINDERS IN THE UTILITY BILLS. (WATER INCREASE .50 MIN AND .25 FOR STEPS/ SEWER \$1)

LAP THE LAKE FOUNDATION REQUESTED DONATION FOR THIS YEARS EVENT. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO GIVE \$150 TO LAP THE LAKE, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 3-0

A DONATION REQUEST FROM ON TIME SPORTS WAS PRESENTED. COUNCIL DECLINED DUE TO THE COMPANY NOT BEING LOCAL.

**COUNCIL REPORTS** –

HAINES- STOP SIGN AHEAD EAST OF POST OFFICE WAS MELTED FROM A FIRE AND NEEDS REPLACED. GARY SAID THAT WAS COUNTY ROAD AND THAT HE WOULD CONTACT RYAN FINE.

**NEW BUSINESS** – NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**- NONE

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

ATTEST:

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Tamara Massey, City Clerk

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Lyndon Weddle, Mayor