

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023  
CITY OF MELVERN**

**THE RNR (REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE) HEARING** WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, DEREK HAINES, STELLA HEUER AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT. FRANK WARNER, WAS ABSENT. MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE WAS ALSO PRESENT. **OTHERS PRESENT:** GARY KITT (City Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY(City Clerk) AND PUBLIC. **THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** ERIC VOGELER, DEREK HAINES, STELLA HEUER AND DAN BOWERS ALL VOTED YES TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE OF 67.313 MILLS. FRANK WARNER HAD A NO VOTE DUE TO BEING ABSENT.

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 228 TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE (RNR), BOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED 4-0. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE RNR HEARING, SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 4-0.

**THE BUDGET HEARING** WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, DEREK HAINES, STELLA HEUER AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT. FRANK WARNER WAS ABSENT. MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** GARY KITT (City Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY(City Clerk), AND PUBLIC. **THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.**

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL 2024 BUDGET, BOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED 4-0. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE BUDGET HEARING, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 4-0.

**THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING** WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, DEREK HAINES AND ERIC VOGELER, STELLA HEUER WERE PRESENT. FRANK WARNER WAS ABSENT. MAYOR LYNDON WEDDLE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** GARY KITT (City Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY(City Clerk), JANET WALSH (City Attorney), AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

**MINUTES:** BOWERS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING, SECONDED BY HEUER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING, SECONDED BY HAINES, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY HEUER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**PAID BILLS:** MOTION BY HAINES TO APPROVE THE PAID BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF UNPAID BILLS, SECONDED BY BOWERS, MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

**FRANNY DETERS. OSAGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR** – INTRODUCED HERSELF AS THE NEW DIRECTOR. SHE EDUCATED THE COUNCIL ON THE OSAGE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER IN OSAGE CITY AND THAT THE PROGRAMS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THESE PROGRAMS INCLUDED TRANSPORTATION TO DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS, DRUG STORES, SHOPPING AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS. THEY ALSO HAVE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM, BRUNCHES AT THE SENIOR CENTER, BINGO AND EXERCISE CLASSES. CITY CLERK WILL PUT CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE CITY FACEBOOK AND CITY WEBSITE.

**MIKE PEROO, CPA** –DISCUSSED THE 2024 BUDGET AND WENT OVER THE REPORT AND ANALYSIS HE HAD MADE. HE THEN LEFT THE MEETING.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT-**

PRESENTED ORDINANCE 459 NEW WATER CONNECTION FEES AND ORDINANCE 460 NEW SEWER CONNECTION FEES.

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 459 ESTABLISHING THE NEW WATER CONNECTION FEES, SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 4-0.

BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 460 ESTABLISHING THE NEW SEWER CONNECTION RATES, HAINES SECONDED. CARRIED 4-0.

**MAYOR'S REPORT- NONE**

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS –**

GARY KITT – ASH STREET BY WOODSONS IS ALWAYS GETTING TORE UP BY THE COUNTY GRADER, COUNTY HAD SUGGESTED TURNING THE BLOCK FROM EMPORIA TO HOLLMAN STREET BACK TO GRAVEL. COUNCIL DISCUSSED AND AGREED THAT WOULD BE BEST TO SAVE CITY MONEY ON COLD PATCH. GRATES ON MAIN STREET HAVE BEEN FIXED AND UTILITY SERVICES HAVE FINISHED PUTTING THE OVERFLOW ON THE TOWER. A WATER LINE AND METER HAVE BEEN FIXED OUTSIDE THE OLD CITY HALL BUILDING.

TAMARA MASSEY – REVIEWED THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN DISCUSSED IN THE AUGUST 21, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING. THE ZONING BOARD HAD GIVEN A RECOMMENDATION TO JOIN THE PROGRAM. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 229 ADOPTION THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MELVERN AND SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OSAGE COUNTY. SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 4-0. CITY CLERK WILL FORWARD SIGNED AGREEMENT TO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.

PRESENTED A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH ADVANTAGE COMPUTER FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROGRAM. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RENEWAL CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$759 FOR ANOTHER YEAR. SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 4-0

**COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD**

ERIC VOGELER – BIDS FOR CAMERAS FOR PARK, SHOP, AND DOOR LOCK ON CITY HALL HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY ADT, LIGHT HOUSE, AND INA. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID PROVIDED BY ADT IN AMOUNT OF \$12,323.64, SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 4-0.

DEREK HAINES – JOINED HOUSING COMMITTEE AND WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE IDEA OF VOLUNTEER CREWS FOR LOT CLEAN UP IN TOWN WITH A COST SHARE PROGRAM FOR HAVING DEBRI HAULED OFF. COUNCIL AGREED IT WAS A GOOD IDEA AND WOULD CONSIDER IT ON A CASE BY CASE BASES.

**NEW BUSINESS – NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE**

VOGELER MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY HEUER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

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TAMARA MASSEY, CITY CLERK

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LYNDON WEDDLE, MAYOR