

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2023
CITY OF MELVERN**

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, STELLA HEUER, FRANK WARNER AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT. DEREK HAINES 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 OCTOBER MEETING, SECONDED BY WARNER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING, SECONDED BY HEUER. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

LISA LITCH – THANKED THE CITY FOR SUPPORTING THE FALL FESTIVAL. SHE WOULD LIKE A LIST OF CITY PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT YEAR. SHE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INTO GRANTS FOR THE NEW SIDEWALKS ALONG MAIN STREET TO SCHOOL. K-STATE HAS A PROGRAM THAT WILL HELP ENTITIES LOOK FOR GRANTS. SHE WANTED CITY SUPPORT BEFORE PERSUING THE MATTER FURTHER. SHE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT FUNDS THE CITY HAS AVAILABLE FOR MATCHING FUNDS. THE CLERK WILL CHECK WITH THE CPA. SHE WOULD ALSO NEED A CITY PLATT MAP FOR THE GRANT SHOWING WHERE CITY EASEMENTS WERE TO INSTALL SIDEWALKS. BRIGHTER STREET LIGHTS ALONG MAIN STREET ARE ALSO NEEDED. THE CITY COUNCIL AGREED THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT NEW SIDEWALKS AND LIGHTS IF GRANTS COULD BE OBTAINED.

MARIE BURNETT –

WOULD LIKE TO SET UP A STREET LIBRARY. COUNCIL DISCUSSED PUTTING ONE IN FRONT OF CITY HALL. VOGELER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ADD A COMMUNITY PANTRY TO IT ALSO. MARIE SAID HER HUSBAND COULD BUILD ONE. VOGELER MADE A MOTION FOR BURNETT TO INSTALL A BOX IN FRONT OF CITY HALL FOR BOOKS AND PANTRY, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 4-0.

ATTORNEYS REPORT-

CHECKED INTO ADDITIONAL HOUSING REQUIREMENTS THAT THE CITY OF LYNDON USES. CONTRACTOR WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LINES CONNECTING TO EXISTING CITY LINE. UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING CITY LINE WOULD BE UP TO CITY TO DECIDE RESPONSIBILITY.

AFTER TALKING TO CITY CPA, SHE SUGGESTED KEEPING THE CITY INVESTMENTS AS THEY CURRENTLY ARE SINCE OUR INTEREST RATES ARE BETTER THAN OTHER INVESTMENT OPTIONS. COUNCIL CAN REVISIT ISSUE AS RATES CHANGE.

MAYOR’S REPORT-

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT – VET BANNERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP. REPLACING OUTLET AT THE CITY PARK BASKETBALL COURT WHICH WAS VANDELIZED. CLEANED OUT COLVERTS. WATER LEAK AT CITY HALL IN CLERKS OFFICE, GETTING BID TO FIX. WATER TOWER WAS DRAINED FOR MAINTENANCE AND INSIDE WAS WASHED OUT.

TAMARA MASSEY –

REVIEWED AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER SHERIFF REPORTS.

GAVE CITY COUNCIL A COPY OF THE FLOOD PLAIN MAP. THE CITY IS NOT IN THE CURRENT FLOOD PLAIN MAP.

HEUER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE YEARLY MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ADVANTAGE COMPUTER FOR THE SOLUS SOFTWARE AT \$499, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 4-0

CLERK GAVE THE COUNCIL A COPY OF THE YEAR TO DATE COMPLAINT/ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS REPORT.

COUNCIL GAVE CLERK APPROVAL TO HOLD THE CITY CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST AGAIN THIS YEAR.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

AT 7:45PM VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON ELECTED CITY PERSONEL FOR 5 MINUTES AND TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:50PM, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 4-0

AT 7:45PM HEUER MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE OPEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 4-0

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO GIVE A CHRISTMAS BONUS OF \$300 TO EACH PART TIME CITY EMPLOYEE AND \$600 TO THE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES, SECONDED BY HEUER. CARRIED 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

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

TAMARA MASSEY, CITY CLERK

LYNDON WEDDLE, MAYOR