

City Council Minutes
December 4, 2023
City of Melvern

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Council Members Dan Bowers, Stella Heuer, Frank Warner and Derek Haines were present. Eric Vogeler was absent. Others present: Gary Kitt (city maintenance), Roxie Bush (in for Tamara Massey), Janet Walsh (city attorney) and members of the Public.

Warner made a motion for Dan Bowers to be appointed acting president in the absence of the mayor and president. Seconded by Heuer, motion carried 4-0.

Minutes: Warner made a motion to approve the November minutes, seconded by Haines, motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's report: Haines made a motion to approve the treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Heuer, motion carried 4-0.

Paid Bills: Motion by Bowers to approve the paid bills and approve payment of unpaid bills, seconded by Heuer, motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments –

Sheriff Wells – was not present..

Clint Davis – Wanted a note put on the door and on the city Facebook when a meeting is canceled such as the zoning or housing committee.

Lisa Litch – Town Motto – “Melvern, KS – Home of the river trails and historic railroad bridge.” Warner made a motion to approve the Town Motto, seconded by Heuer, motion carried 4-0.

Lisa says there is Federal money to be had and Kansas money to help with Matching funds. She has been talking to Coleen Mendoza. Mendoza suggest they go with a grant for Osage county and to go big. Not to stop at sidewalks and streetlights. Maybe infrastructure such as for sewer and water, Gary mentioned 6 inch pvc pipe. Lisa said sidewalks to connect the churches, downtown to school, and to the Melvern Mart. Sidewalks would be considered a safety feature. Haines was nervous about not knowing about the money and expenses.

Lisa reported that Calvin Reed would be at the January 2nd meeting to discuss KDOT grants.

Lisa reported that the Pride is doing a grant to improve railroad park, stuff on the building, grass, upgrade restroom in shed building and new roof. Maybe put in games, 2 sand volleyball courts, so they can have tournaments, splash park. Pride wants city to do maintenance after finished. Discussion was about city to having manpower to do this and liability on things like splash park. She would like an answer at the 1/2/24 meeting.

Lisa also pointed out cracks on one slide. Gary said it probably needed to be replaced. He also said Playground equipment either needs repairs or replaced. Gary will check out 12/5/23.

City attorney's report –

Janet Walsh said she had nothing to report.

Mayor's report –

Not present

Employee's reports -

Gary Kitt – Winterized the park restrooms. Ordered extra meters. Change shut off valve on Darrel Seems water meter. Made list of street signs to be replaced. Put new Thermostat in dodge, overheating. Christmas Lights on buildings not working as believes power surge earlier probably fried them.

Heuer made a motion to approve 4,000.00 from special highway to replace street signs, seconded by Warner, motion carried 4-0.

Warner motion to buy new refrigerator up to 750.00, seconded by Heuer, motion carried 4-0.

Heuer made a motion to approve the sale of the old cabinet, seconded by Haines, motion carried 4-0.

Gary reported that ADT cameras are up and running but networking needs worked on as times out and goes to sleep.

Roxie Bush in for Tamara Massey – Reviewed the sheriff's reports, acknowledged the Thank you from Lap the Lake.

Warner motioned for council designation toward sidewalks/lights project up to 20,000.00 matching on This grant, seconded by Haines, motion carried 4-0.

Haines motioned to make extra payment toward Backhoe if budget allows, seconded by Warner, motion carried 4-0. (He was concerned if 20,000 going to matching on grant if they could make this payment , too.)

Bowers made a motion to approve CMB Licenses for Melvern Mart and Jones Service for 2024, seconded by Heuer, motion carried 4-0.

Next meeting will be Tuesday January 2nd, 2024.

Council Member reports –

Bowers made a motion to approve donation from City for Christmas Family of 100.00, seconded by Heuer, motion carried 4-0

New business – none

Unfinished business – none

Haines made a motion to Adjourn, Seconded by Heuer, motion carried 4-0.

Roxie Bush, Treasurer

Dan Bowers, Acting Council President