

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### CITY OF MELVERN

July 1, 2024

The City Council meeting was called to order AT 7:00 PM at City Hall. Council members Dan Bowers, Kim Speer, Frank Warner, Derek Haines and Eric Vogeler were present. Randy Kirkpatrick, Mayor, was also present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gary Kitt (City Maintenance), Tamara Massey (City Clerk), Chris Calderwood (Ordinance Officer), and Janet Walsh (City Attorney).

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Joyce Lacey

**MINUTES:** Haines made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting, seconded by Bowers, Motion carried 5-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Vogeler made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Haines, Motion carried 5-0

**PAID BILLS:** Motion made by Vogeler to approve the paid bills and approve payment of unpaid bills, Seconded by Bowers, Motion carried 5-0

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Joyce Lacey- Went to meeting hosted by Osage County about Housing needs. She would like the City to identify 5 lots in town that could be sold to a contractor to develop on. She has a form the city would need to fill out listing options the City could provide to encourage development. The county is working with the cities on a grant for developing more housing options.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT** – Sent City Clerk Ordinance Examples from City of Lyndon. August 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 is the Hearing date for two unsafe structures at 7pm prior to Council meeting. She wants to retire by January 2025. She discussed options for her replacement.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT –**

Presented a revised bid for replacing the curb along Main Street in front of City Hall. Bowers made a motion to approve the bid from Quality Built Construction for 27,000 plus handicap ramp for curb and apron in front of City Hall, Seconded by Haines. Carried 5-0. Discussed City Court and encouraged the Council to attend a Court hearing. He has concerns at how long it is taking to process court cases and is frustrated that they seem to be continued repeatedly. He also discussed the problem with vacant lots in town just sitting for years and not being kept up. He gave the city attorney several addresses to look up to find owners so the city could start the process of enforcing ordinances on these dilapidated homes. A Council Work Session is set for July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Gary Kitt – Cleaned up City Park for Sunflower days, put together the new picnic tables and benches received from the Waste Tire Grant. We are in the process of installing them in the park and will be working on getting the cement pads laid. Rented a sprayer from the county to spray weeds around town, put up banners and water tower maintenance was completed.

Tamara Massey – May Sheriff's report reviewed, Peroo, CPA has been working on budget and suggested the City exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and keep the same mill levy as last year. Vogeler made a motion to notify the County Clerk of the city's intent to exceed the RNR, Seconded by Warner. Carried 5-0. Presented a

Thank You letter from the Senior class of 2025 and 2026. Received a copy of the definition of vicious animal from Osage City and suggested that it be added to the Dog Ordinance No. 291. Haines made a motion to amend the dog Ordinance No. 291 to add domestic animals and the definition of vicious, Seconded by Vogeler. Carried 5-0. Council then directed the City Attorney to process the amended ordinance.

Chris Calderwood- Had given out 3 vicious Dog Violations, 3 Loose Dog Tickets, notified 2 RV owners of the Ordinance that RV's cannot be lived in. He also sent out mowing letters and mowed some yards that did not get it done in the 2 weeks given. He has also been advising residents of the Ordinance against sitting cars that are not tagged.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS REORTS**

**Vogeler** – Presented 3 bids from Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge on a new Maintenance Truck. Lyndon State Bank had offered to finance the loan at 4.9% interest rate. After much discussion, Bowers made a motion to purchase the 2023 Dodge Ram 2500 (vin#3C6UR5HJ4PG590816) from Max Motors for \$74,359 with a Lease Purchase Loan from Lyndon State Bank, Seconded by Warner. Carried 4-1 (Speer). Vogeler made a motion to accept Resolution No 234 authorizing the purchase of the 2023 RAM 2500 and that the City Council President is authorized to execute and complete the purchase of the truck, Seconded by Warner. Carried 4-1 (Speer). Vogeler also discussed the road traffic and the bus route. Has been talking with the school about the street conditions.

**Bowers** – Al Dluhos is having a fireworks show at his house in town. A resident has complained about the fire risk. Gary said the fire department was willing to have a truck stand by for the show if someone was available that night.

**Haines-** Had people willing to volunteer to help get the Disc Golf set up by the school. Hoping to start on that soon.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE**

Bowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Haines. Carried 5-0

ATTEST:

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Tamara Massey, City Clerk

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Randy Kirkpatrick, Mayor