

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY OF MELVERN

August 5, 2024

HEARINGS

At 7pm Mayor Randy Kirkpatrick called to order the Hearing for 110 SW Maple St. Council Members Derek Haines, Frank Warner, Eric Vogeler, Kim Speer and Dan Bowers were present. Evan Godderz, City Attorney was also present. There was no public representation for this property. Mayor Randy Kirkpatrick then closed the Hearing.

At 7:03 pm Mayor Randy Kirkpatrick called to order the Hearing for 129/133 Main Street Store Front buildings. Council Members Derek Haines, Frank Warner, Eric Vogeler, Kim Speer and Dan Bowers were present. Also in attendance were Evan Godderz, City Attorney, James Welch, Building Inspector and Julie Lyle, Professional Engineering Inspections, Inc. Tyler Pankey, owner of 129/133 Main St was present to discuss work that he has had done in the recent months to fix concerns on the buildings. Discussion was held on current condition and difference of opinion between the engineer he hired to look at the buildings and the engineer that the city had hired for an independent review. Pankey stated that he works on old buildings all the time and that his buildings are stable. He does not see any problem with the leaning of the "false front" on the east side of the building. The council discussed the broken and falling bricks onto the public sidewalk. Discussion was also held on the poor condition of the roof. The council decided to give Mr. Pankey 2 more months to fix the roof and front leaning wall. They also requested that Julie Lyle (Engineer) reevaluate the buildings prior to the next hearing. The next hearing will be October 7, 2024 at 7pm in City Hall.

The City Council regular meeting was called to order AT 7:30 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: Tamara Massey (City Clerk), Chris Calderwood (Ordinance Officer), and Evan Godderz (City Attorney).

PUBLIC PRESENT: Joyce Lacey, Theresa Hannigan (Peroo CPA),

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joyce Lacey- Had met with the County Grant Coordinator on the Housing Assessments. She still needs letters of support from the Council Members. The grant is for 20 new houses to be built in Osage County. The number of new houses built in Melvern would depend on how many cities participated, however Melvern was slated to get 4 at this time. She also gave the board a copy of a resolution Osage City had drawn up supporting the preparation and submission of an application to the Kansas Housing Resources Corp for the KS Housing Investor Tax Credit Program. She would like the council to approve a similar resolution. The Council said they

would look at it. She discussed other homes in Melvern that are being remodeled. She also said that the City should be giving the housing committee free use of the city copier.

Theresa Hannigan- Reviewed the 2025 Budget Report and Analysis with the Council. The Council discussed keeping the mil levy the same as 2024. Theresa will forward all the documents needed for the September 3rd, 2024 RNR and Budget Hearing.

ATTORNEYS REPORT – Submitted Ordinance 462 regarding Vicious Dogs. Vogeler made a motion to approve Ordinance 462, Seconded by Warner. Carried 5-0.

Evan was still researching properties for the correct owners from a list the Mayor had given at July meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

Suggested that the City of Melvern host the Mayor's Summit on September 18th at 6pm in the community building. Vogeler made a motion to host the Mayor's Summit in September and approve the expenses associated with that event, Seconded by Bowers. Carried 5-0.

Discussed the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant application that the County and individual cities were working on to connect the towns within the County. Each city would apply for their individual needs like trails and sidewalks to make safer travel for residents. Melvern City's portion of the cost would be \$2,750 to the consultant who is putting the grant together. The council decided to table the matter to get more details.

Work Session set for August 26th 2024 at 7pm.

Gary Kitt – Not Present

Tamara Massey – June Sheriff's report reviewed. Presented a letter from Lyndon Weddle requesting that the area where the North Fair Barn is located be turned into a parking area when that barn is taken down. Submitted a request to attend the CCMFOA Clerk's Institute classes this year held on October 29th and 30th. Bowers made a motion to approve the classes for the City Clerk to attend and the associated cost, Seconded by Warner. Carried 5-0. Submitted a cell phone reimbursement request for the Ordinance officer recently hired. Haines made a motion to approve a cell phone reimbursement at the same rate given to the Maintenance Supervisor, Seconded by Speer. Carried 5-0. Reminded the council that the RNR/Budget Hearing is September 3rd, 2024 at 7pm and will be followed by the regular City Council meeting. Submitted a letter from Lap the Lake, requesting a donation to this year's event. Clerk also asked council if Lap the Lake could put a sign up on the fence by the park as there was an open spot. Vogeler made a motion to donate the same amount as last year to Lap the Lake, Seconded by Bowers. Carried 5-0. Bowers made a motion to allow Lap the Lake to put a sign on the corner park fence, Seconded by Vogeler. Carried 5-0. The city has had many requests for a food pantry or blessing box. It was approved to put one at City Hall 2 years ago, but to this date the pantry box was never made to give to the city. The Prairie Trails Mercantile located across the street from City Hall offered to put a Pantry Shelf in their store until other arrangements can be made. There is now a shelf with food staples available free of charge to the public located there. Announcements have been made via the City Facebook page. Discussed Gary Kitt's accident and made council aware of fund that was being set up in his name for donations toward his recovery.

Chris Calderwood- He has sent six letters regarding untagged/non working cars. Four have been removed and one was tagged/insured. Responded to some dog at large complaints. Has sent a letter to the land owner the south side of town about the squatters staying in a tent on his land. He asked the council if tents could be

added to the Ordinance regulating “living in RV’s”. Council suggested he give the Ordinance to City Attorney to review. He also had been helping the Maintenance Supervisor with work around town including the upgrading grant work at the City Park.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Vogeler – A Sheriff’s report had been made about a citizen hitting a fire hydrant with his truck and knocking it over. Vogeler had helped Gary get the parts and labor to fix the hydrant. A bill has been sent by the City to the resident. Kwikom is planning on having fiber internet installed in Melvern before the end of the year. He also discussed upgrading the current basketball court in the city park.

Bowers – Still need running boards for new truck.

Haines- Discussed the Disc Golf equipment up at the school that still has not been set up yet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

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

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk

Randy Kirkpatrick, Mayor