

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
CITY OF MELVERN**

THE RNR (REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE) HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, DEREK HAINES, KIM SPEER, FRANK WARNER AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT. MAYOR RANDY KIRKPATRICK WAS ALSO PRESENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: CHRIS CALDERWOOD (City Ordinance/Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY (City Clerk) AND PUBLIC.

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ERIC VOGELER, DEREK HAINES, KIM SPEER, FRANK WARNER AND DAN BOWERS ALL VOTED YES TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE.

BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 235 TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE (RNR), HAINES SECONDED. THE MOTION. CARRIED 5-0. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE RNR HEARING, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 5-0.

THE BUDGET HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, DEREK HAINES, KIM SPEER, FRANK WARNER AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT. MAYOR RANDY KIRKPATRICK WAS ALSO PRESENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: CHRIS CALDERWOOD (City Ordinance/ Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY (City Clerk), AND PUBLIC.

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

HAINES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL 2025 BUDGET, BOWERS SECONDED. THE MOTION. CARRIED 5-0. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE BUDGET HEARING, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 5-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, DEREK HAINES, FRANK WARNER, KIM SPEER AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT. MAYOR RANDY KIRKPATRICK WAS ALSO PRESENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: CHRIS CALDERWOOD (City Ordinance/Maintenance), TAMARA MASSEY (City Clerk), EVAN GODDERZ (City Attorney), AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

MINUTES: VOGERLER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING, SECONDED BY BOWERS, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT: HAINES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY WARNER, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PAID BILLS: MOTION BY BOWERS TO APPROVE THE PAID BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF UNPAID BILLS, SECONDED BY WARNER, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

JOYCE LACEY – TALKED ABOUT HOUSING GRANTS AND APPLICATIONS TO DEMO HOMES.

ATTORNEYS REPORT-NONE

MAYOR’S REPORT-

BUILDING CONDEMNATION HEARINGS- PANKEY HEARING MOVED TO OCTOBER 7. 2024 AT 7PM. CHRIS CALDERWOOD (ORDINANCE/MAINT) WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND A LETTER TO PANKEY REMINDING HIM OF THE HEARING. THE CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT JULIE LYLE (PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING INSPECTIONS, INC) FOR A RE-INSPECTION OF THE

BUILDINGS AT 129/133 NW MAIN STREET AT LEAST 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO HEARING. RESOLUTION 237 TO HAVE THE VANVALKENBURG MOBILE HOME AND ATTACHED STRUCTURE TO BE RAZED AND REMOVED IF THE OWNER FAILS TO REMOVE OR MAKE STRUCTURE SAFE BY OCTOBER 10, 2024. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 237, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0. TWO BIDS TO REMOVE THE MOBILE HOME AND ATTACHED STRUCTURE WERE PROVIDED. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM SAM FLATIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY AT 110 S MAPLE IF THE OWNER FAILED TO DO SO BY OCTOBER 10, 2024, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0.

HARRASSMENT COMPLAINT- A COMPLAINT WILL BE FILED WITH THE OSAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REGARDING THE CONTINUING HARRASSMENT OF STEVIE MILLER.

VEHICLE NUISANCES – CHRIS CALDERWOOD, City Ordinance/Maintenance, HAS THREE FILES TO TURN OVER TO THE CITY ATTORNEY.

NORTH 4-H BARN – BARN STILL NEEDS TO BE TORN DOWN. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE TEARING DOWN OF NORTH 4-H BARN FOR THE WOOD AND TIN AND ALSO HAVE A WAIVER SIGNED, HAINES SECONDED. CARRIED 5-0.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

CHRIS CALDERWOOD – HAS CALLED THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO LOOK AT 5 PROPERTIES, GAVE 4 CASES TO THE CITY ATTORNEY, MOWED 3 MORE YARDS, AND FILLING IN FOR GARY KITT (MAINT. SUPR). WORKED ON A WATER LEAK, FIXED POTHOLES, WATER TESTS, MOWED PARK AND OTHER MAINTENANCE DUTIES. HE PRESENTED A QUOTE FOR TRUCK RUNNING BOARDS FOR \$289. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO GO AHEAD AND BUY TRUCK RUNNING BOARDS, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0.

TAMARA MASSEY – REVIEWED THE JULY SHERIFF'S REPORT, PRESENTED A THANK YOU CARD FROM NANCY ALLEY, PRESENTED ORDINANCE NO 463 STO CODES FOR 2024 AND ORDINANCE NO. 464 UPOC CODES FOR 2024. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE NO. 463, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 5-0. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 464, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 5-0.

DISCUSSED A LETTER FROM PUBLIC WHOLESALE DISTRICT #12 THAT SAID AS OF JANUARY 1ST 2025 THEY WILL BE RAISING THEIR RATE 50 CENTS PER 1,000 GALLONS OF WATER SOLD TO CITY. AFTER DISCUSSION, VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO HAVE AN ORDINANCE DRAWN UP RAISING THE CITY WATER RATES 75 CENTS PER 1,000 GALLONS OF WATER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0. ALSO HAD ANOTHER LETTER FROM THE WATER DISTRICT ABOUT THE CHLORINE BURNOUT THEY ARE DOING AGAIN THIS YEAR. CITY CLERK HAS MAILED A COPY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN ALL OF THE LAST BILLINGS. PRESENTED THE COUNCIL A COPY OF EMAILS FROM OSAGE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND KDOT COST SHARE WERE REVIEWED WITH COUNCIL.. HAINES MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 236 SUPPORTING SUBMISSION TO KANSAS HOUSING CORP FOR INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 5-0. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:22PM TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONAL FOR 5 MINUTES, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0. PUBLIC LEFT THE MEETING. AT 8:27PM VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH NO ACTION BEING TAKEN, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

ERIC VOGELER – WORKING ON PLANS WITH MARSHA PATTERSON TO DEVELOP THE CITY PARK BY ADDING PICKELBALL, SHUFFEL BOARD AND BOCCE BALL. THEY ARE WORKING ON FINALIZING NUMBERS, VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Derek Haines – Still working on getting the Disc Gol equipment set up. He is meeting with Dynamic Discs and the River Trails Committee to discuss re-designing the course. The original design had part of the course on Railroad property.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

BOWERS MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY SPEER, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk

Randy Kirkpatrick, Mayor