

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 4, 2024  
CITY OF MELVERN**

**THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING** WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ERIC VOGELER. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, DEREK HAINES, FRANK WARNER, KIM SPEER AND ERIC VOGELER WERE PRESENT. MAYOR RANDY KIRKPATRICK WAS NOT PRESENT.

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

**MINUTES:** BOWERS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING, SECONDED BY HAINES, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

**LISA LITCH –** TALKED ABOUT THE FALL FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AND LET THE COUNCIL KNOW THAT THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION LIGHTING CEREMONY IS SET FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. THEY WILL FILL BAGS AGAIN FOR THE KIDS AND ASKED FOR DONATIONS FROM THE CITY. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO DONATE \$100 TO THE MELVERN PRIDE FOR FILLING THE KIDS BAGS, SECONDED BY WARNER. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

**JOYCE LACEY –** THE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT HAS MADE UP 2 POSTERS PROMOTING THE TRAILS AND HOUSING IN MELVERN. THE HOUSING COMMITTEE HAD SECURED 2 LOTS TO BUILD HOUSES ON FOR THE MIH GRANT. THIS IS A COUNTY WIDE PROJECT BUT THE CITY COST WOULD BE AROUND \$250 PER HOUSE TO COVER PART OF THE GRANT WRITING COST. WARNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY PORTION OF THE GRANT COSTS, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 5-0.

**TYLER PANKEY-** DISCUSSED THE WORK HE WAS DOING ON THE MAIN STREET BUILDINGS AT 129/133 MAIN ST. HE WOULD LIKE AN EXTENTION TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THEM AND IS WAITING ON A QUOTE TO FIX THE ROOF.

**DARRELL SCHULTZ** WAS ALSO PRESENT TO ADVOCATE FOR SAVING THE BUILDING. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND THE COUNCIL REQUESTED PANKEY TO RETURN TO DECEMBER MEETING WITH MORE UPDATES. FURTHER ACTION ON PROPERTY WAS TABELD UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT-**

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ORDINANCE 465 (WATER RATES). PUBLIC WHOLESALE DISTRICT #12 IS RAISING THE COST OF WATER TO CITY BY 50 CENTS AND A 5 YEAR PLAN TO KEEP UP WITH WATER RATES WAS SCHEDULED TO RAISE 25 CENTS IN JUNE 2025. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO RAISE THE WATER RATE 75 CENTS BEGINNING JANUARY 2025 AND TO REPEAL THE 25 CENT RATE HIKE IN JUNE 2025, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 5-0.

**MAYOR’S REPORT-** NOT PRESENT

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS –**

CHRIS CALDERWOOD – UPDATED COUNCIL ON RECENT BUILDING PERMITS AND ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS. HE WILL SEND NOTICES TO THE OWNERS OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL IN DECEMBER.

TAMARA MASSEY – REVIEWED THE SEPTEMBER SHERIFF’S REPORT.  
PARK WASTE TIRE GRANT AND TITI’S MEXICAN CUISINE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES WERE HELD DURING THE FALL FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>;  
PRESENTED ACCOUNT #432 WITH PAST DUE BALANCE, BOTH OCCUPANTS HAD PASSED AWAY AND PROPERTY HAD BEEN SOLD. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO WRITE OFF THE PAST DUE BALANCE, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0.  
THE PLAQUE FOR MUNICIPAL CLERK CERTIFICATION FOR MASSEY WAS PRESENTED.  
DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE MIH HOUSING GRANT AND THE SS4ALL GRANT. BOTH ARE COUNTY WIDE. MELVERN’S FEE FOR THE GRANT WRITING ON THE SS4ALL GRANT IS \$2,750 AND FEE FOR MIH HOUSING GRANT IS \$495.24.  
DISCUSSION WAS TABLED ON THE WRITTEN MAYOR COMPLAINTS DUE TO MAYOR BEING ABSENT FROM MEETING.  
THE SCHOOL BOARD HAD ASKED THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A SUPPORT LETTER ON THE T-MOBILE GRANT TO UPGRADE THE SCHOOL BALL FIELDS. A TYPED SUPPORT LETTER WAS PRESENTED BY CLERK, SIGNED AND ACCEPTED BY THE COUNCIL.  
A REQUEST WAS MADE BY THE COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT GROUP FOR THE CITY TO HOLD DONATION FUNDS UNTIL PROJECT COULD BE COMPLETED NEXT SUMMER. HAINES MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE CITY TO TRACK AND HOLD FUNDS, SECONDED BY SPEER. CARRIED 5-0.

**COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD**

ERIC VOGELER – GETTING SIGN FOR ONE WAY STREET BY HIGH SCHOOL.

DAN BOWERS – THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR HELP WITH THE FALL FESTIVAL.

**NEW BUSINESS – NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE**

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

ATTEST:

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Tamara Massey, City Clerk