

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 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: WARNER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING, SECONDED BY SPEER, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

MARCIA PATTERSON- DISCUSSED THE COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT, PRESENTED COSTS, DONATIONS OF LABOR AND FUNDS. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO PUT \$25,000 FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY TOWARDS THE PROJECT, SECONDED BY SPEER. CARRIED 5-0. IF THE FUNDS CAN BE RAISED BY MARCH 2025, THEN THE PROJECT WILL COMMENCE IN MAY OF 2025 TO BE COMPLETED BY SUNFLOWER DAYS. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT FOR THE PARK PROJECT FUNDS, SECONDED BY VOGELER. CARRIED 5-0.

DWAYNE THRONEBERRY – DISCUSSED HIS SEPTEMBER WATER BILL WHERE OVER 16,000 GALLONS OF WATER WAS USED. HE DOES NOT USE THAT MUCH WATER AND CANNOT FIGURE OUT HOW IT HAPPENED. SINCE THEN HIS WATER USE HAS WENT BACK DOWN TO NORMAL. VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO SPLIT THE BILL WITH THE CITY WRITING OFF \$95.00 AND DWAYNE PAYING THE DIFFERENCE. BOWERS SECONDED. CARRIED 5-0.

ATTORNEYS REPORT- NONE

MAYOR’S REPORT- NOT PRESENT

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

CHRIS CALDERWOOD – HAD TO REPLACE A WATER VALVE AT THE OLSON PLACE WITH FRANK WARNERS HELP. HAS BEEN MARKING WATER AND SEWER LINES FOR KWIKOM AND WORKING ON SOME COMPLAINTS.

TAMARA MASSEY – REVIEWED THE OCTOBER SHERIFF’S REPORT. THE CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST FLYER AND THE TOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY FLYER WERE SENT OUT WITH THE BILLS. NOTICES HAVE BEEN PLACED AROUND TOWN AS WELL AS ON FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE. PRESENTED 3 CMB LICENSE RENEWALS FOR CONSIDERATION.

BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 CMB LICENSE FOR JONES SERVICE, SECONDED BY VOGELER. CARRIED 5-0

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 CMB LICENSE FOR MELVERN MART, SECONDED BY BOWES. CARRIED 5-0.

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 CMB LICENSE FOR TITI'S MEXICAN CUISINE, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 5.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:57 FOR 5 MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0.

PUBLIC, CHRIS CALDERWOOD AND TAMARA MASSEY LEFT THE MEETING.

AT 8:02 HAINES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 5-0. CHRIS CALDERWOOD AND TAMARA MASSEY RETURNED TO MEETING.

VOGELER MADE A MOTION TO GIVE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES A \$600 CHRISTMAS BONUS AND THE PART TIME EMPLOYEES A \$300 CHRISTMAS BONUS, SECONDED BY SPEER. CARRIED 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS –

SHERIFF CONTRACT WILL NEED TO BE RENEWED FEBRUARY 2025. COUNCIL DIRECTED THE CITY CLERK TO CONTACT THE SHERIFF FOR THE RENEWAL PAPERWORK.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

TYLER PANKEY DID NOT SHOW TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE STORE FRONT BUILDINGS NEXT TO CITY HALL. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BRINGING IN THE ROOFING BID. COUNCIL DIRECTED CHRIS CALDERWOOD TO CONTACT TYLER ABOUT THE BUILDING UPDATES AND TO REQUEST THAT TYLER PANKEY ATTEND THE JANUARY 6, 2025 MEETING.

HAINES MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY VOGELER, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk