

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 3, 2025

CITY OF MELVERN

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM BY MAYOR ERIC VOGELER. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN BOWERS, DEREK HAINES, FRANK WARNER AND KIM SPEER WERE PRESENT.

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

MINUTES: WARNER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6TH MEETING AND THE JANUARY 16, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING, SECONDED BY HAINES, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: HAINES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY WARNER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0

PAID BILLS: MOTION BY BOWERS TO APPROVE THE PAID BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF UNPAID BILLS, SECONDED BY HAINES, MOTION CARRIED 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

JERRY BEEMAN AND ERECH DOVIK expressed their interest in filling the open council seat. Discussion was held on council duties.

ATTORNEYS REPORT- WORKING ON CLEANING UP COURT DOCKET.

MAYOR'S REPORT- ERIC VOGELER DISCUSSED THE JANUARY MAYORS MEETING AND PROJECTS THAT THE COUNTY/CITIES ARE WORKING ON. OSAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDED THE COUNCIL TO SELECT 2 OF THE PROJECTS MOST NEEDED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND COUNCIL IDENTIFIED WATER LINES AND DOWNTOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT – STILL LIMITED ON DUTIES, ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF PUBLIC SAYING HE WAS USING THE CITY TRUCK FOR PERSONAL USE AS NOT TRUE. COUNCIL AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT TRUE. KRWA CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 25-27, 2025. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW BOTH GARY KITT AND CHRIS CALDERWOOD TO ATTEND THE KRWA CONFERENCE IN MARCH, SECONDED BY SPEER. CARRIED 4-0. HE HELPED CHRIS PUSH SNOW AND MARK LINES FOR KWIKOM AND MADE MAPS OF THE CITY SEWER AND WATER LINES.

CHRIS CALDERWOOD –HAS BEEN MARKING WATER AND SEWER LINES FOR KWIKOM, PUSHED SNOW, AQUIRED DATA READINGS ON PROPERTIES THAT HAD A HIGH WATER USAGE FOR THE MONTH. TURNED OFF WATER FOR UNPAID ACCOUNTS.

TAMARA MASSEY – REVIEWED THE DECEMBER SHERIFF'S REPORT.

DID NOT RECEIVED ANY INTEREST FOR THE HS SPRING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

2024 TREASURER REPORT WAS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO PAPER.

WARNER MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE QUARTERLY ADT FEES ON THE CAMERAS, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 4-0.

HAINES MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW TAMARA MASSEY TO ATTEND THE CCMOFA SPRING CONFERENCE MARCH 19-21ST. BOWERS SECONDED. CARRIED 4-0.

SPEER MADE A MOTION TO DONATE \$100 TO MDCV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CARNIVAL, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 4-0.

DISCUSSED OUR CURRENT ONLINE PAYMENT CARRIER FOR OUR UTILITY PAYMENTS HAS SOLD OUT AND WILL NO LONGER WORK WITH OUR CURRENT SOFTWARE PROGRAM. WARNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE NEXTBILLPAY AS OUR NEW ONLINE PAYMENT CARRIER, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 4-0
THE OSAGE COUNTY CONNECTING LINKS PROGRAM AND KDOT CONNECTING LINKS PROGRAM WERE DECLINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

WARNER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:48 FOR 5 MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 4-0.

CHRIS CALDERWOOD, GARY KITT, TAMARA MASSEY AND PUBLIC LEFT THE MEETING.

AT 7:53PM. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 4-0. CHRIS CALDERWOOD, GARY KITT, TAMARA MASSEY AND PUBLIC RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

HAINES MADE A MOTION TO GIVE THE PART TIME OFFICE CLERK A 50 CENT RAISE, SECONDED BY WARNER. CARRIED 4-0.

AFTER DISCUSSION THAT THE CITY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE OFFICE CLERK A FULL TIME POSITION, WARNER MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE PT OFFICE CLERK HOURS FROM 20/HRS PER WEEK TO 30/HRS PER WEEK. SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 3-1 SPEER. WARNER ALSO MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE TREASURERS POSITION TO THE PT OFFICE CLERK DUTIES. SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

TYLER PANKEY DID NOT SHOW TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE STORE FRONT BUILDINGS NEXT TO CITY HALL.

BOWERS MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY SPEER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk