

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 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.

BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JERRY BEEMAN AS COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL THE REMAINING TERM OF ERIC VOGELER'S SEAT, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 4-0
JERRY BEEMAN WAS THEN SWORN IN AS AN OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL MEMBER BY THE CLERK.

MINUTES: BOWERS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3RD MEETING, SECONDED BY WARNER, 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 HAINES TO APPROVE THE PAID BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF UNPAID BILLS, SECONDED BY WARNER, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

SARA RICE (TRUSTPOINT INS) REVIEWED THE 2025-2026 CITY INSURANCE RENEWAL.

TIM LEWELLYN (GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) DISCUSSED RAISING TRASH PICK UP COSTS. THEY NEED TO RAISE THE RATES 18.14%. TO COVER THE RAISING COSTS OF OPERATIONS, AFTER DISCUSSION WARNER MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE 18.14% INCREASE BEGINNING MAY 1ST 2025, SECONDED BY BOWERS. CARRIED 5-0. DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD ON A NEW CONTRACT. TIM WILL GET ANOTHER CONTRACT DRAWN UP FOR REVIEW AT THE APRIL MEETING.

ATTORNEYS REPORT- DISCUSSED THE NEW DOG CITATIONS.

MAYOR'S REPORT- ERIC VOGELER DISCUSSED MAKING DOG TAGS FREE IN 2026 TO HELP GET MORE COOPERATION FROM CITY RESIDENTS. DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD ON LOOKING FOR ANOTHER CPA. ROBERT BRADLEY WANTED TO DONATED MONEY FROM THE VETERANS BANNER FUND TO THE 2025 CITY PARK PROJECT. WARNER MADE A MOTION TO DONATE \$500 FROM THE VET BANNERS FUND HELD BY THE CITY TO THE 2025 MELVERN CITY PARK PROJECT, SECONDED BY HAINES. CARRIED 5-0.

COUNCIL WORK SESSION AT CITY HALL SET FOR MARCH 24,2025 AT 7PM.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT –. PWWSD#12 WILL BE MAKING ANOTHER RATE HIKE NEXT JANUARY. KWIKOM AND MARKING WATER/SEWER LINES, PLOWING SNOW, DATA READS FOR WATER LEAKS.

CHRIS CALDERWOOD – BUILDING PERMIT FROM MIKE SEEMS, FOLLING UP ON DOG COMPLAINTS, FIXED A WATER LINE, REPLACED A SIGN KNOCKED OVER, FIXED HYDRALIC LEAK IN DUMP TRUCK/BLADE STILL STUCK.

TAMARA MASSEY –

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY SHERIFF REPORTS. NO NEW TICKETS ISSUED. ADT CONTRACT DOES NOT END UNTIL 2029. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO DONATE \$100 TO MDCV FOR THE AFTER PROM COMMITTEE. MIH HOUSING GRANT WAS NOT ACCEPTED, HOWEVER THEY WILL SUBMIT IT AGAIN. THE COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT HAS BEEN FULLY FUNDED AND WORK WILL BEGIN SOON. KWIKOM INVOICED THE \$5,000 FOR THE COMMITMENT THE CITY MADE IN 2021 FOR FIBEROPTICS. BOWERS MADE A MOTION TO RECIND THE 30 HOUR PART TIME POSITION WITH TREASURER DUTIES, RETURNING TO THE CURRENT PART TIME POSITION WITH 20 HRS PER WEEK AND RETAINING ROXIE BUSH AS THE TREASURER, SECONDED BY SPEER. CARRIED 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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 HAINES, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk