

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 5, 2026
CITY OF MELVERN

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING was called to order at 7:00PM. Council Members Dan Bowers and Frank Warner and Katina Brown were present. Derek Haines was absent. Mayor Eric Vogeler was also present. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Tamara Massey (City Clerk), Evan Godderz (City Attorney)

MINUTES: Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2025 meeting, seconded by Brown, Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER REPORT: Bowers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Seconded by Brown, Motion carried 3-0

PAID BILLS: Warner made a motion to approve the Paid Bills and approve payment of the Unpaid Bills, Seconded by Bowers. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ATTORNEYS REPORT-Discussed court docket. Two cases closed and two new cases added.

MAYOR'S REPORT-

Presented the February 2026 Contract with the Osage County Sheriff's Office with no changes from the 2025 Contract. Bowers made a motion to accept the February 2026 Contract with the Osage County Sheriff, Seconded by Warner. Carried 3-0.

The city chainsaw was broken and taken to Hook's Repair. Mayor suggested a new chainsaw as the one we have is over 30 yrs old. He submitted a quote from Hook's Repair for a Husqvarna Rancher Series gas chainsaw for \$575.99. Bowers approved the purchase of the Husqvarna at \$575.99, Seconded by Warner. Carried 3-0.

Discussion was held on the city dump truck that needs to be replaced with a dump trailer. Council agreed to put up for sale the city dump truck. The dump truck needs more work before can be used to plow snow, suggested looking into plow blades that could be attached to the city maintenance truck. Gary will get bids.

Discussion was held on the water usage of the Melvern Community Center. Because of the water leaks 2025 usage was very high. The Community Center does not pay for Water, Sewer or Trash. Water usage in 2023 was 36,363 gallons, 2024 usage was 25,794 gallons and 2025 usage was 197,928 gallons, due to major water leaks. Mayor will go to the Melvern PRIDE meeting to discuss options with them.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

GARY KITT – Working on getting bids for chip/seal on the streets. After discussing budget Council directed Gary to stay around the \$30,000 mark for 2026.

TAMARA MASSEY –

Sheriff reports from November.

Dog tags are being issued for 2026. Post cards will be sent out as reminders

List of 2026 Holidays was submitted for approval. Bowers made a motion to approve the 2026 Holidays for City Hall closure, Seconded by Warner. Carried 3-0.

County had sent an email about the cities adopting the county Burn Ban resolution. Melvern City already follows the county burn ban.

Resolution 242 GAAP Procedures was presented. Bowers made a motion to approve Resolution 242 for the 2026 GAAP Procedures, Seconded by Warner. Carried 3-0.

Submitted Fund Transfers for 2025 of \$25,000 from General to Equipment Reserve and \$10,000 from Sewer to Cap Improvements. Bowers made a motion to approve both 2025 transfers, Seconded by Brown. Carried 3-0. Submitted Fund Transfers for 2026 of \$32,016 from Sewer to General as suggested by CPA. Bowers made a motion to approve the 2026 transfer, Seconded by Brown. Carried 3-0. Jerry Beeman has formally declined the elected Council Seat beginning January 2026.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD

NEW BUSINESS –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Contract Update with Kwi-Kom Fiber

WARNER MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY BROWN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ATTEST:

Tamara Massey, City Clerk