

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 4, 2026

## CITY OF MELVERN

**THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING** was called to order at 7:00PM. Council Members Dan Bowers (acting Mayor), Frank Warner, Derek Haines and Katina Brown were present. Kim Speer was absent. Mayor Eric Vogeler was also absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tamara Massey (City Clerk), Evan Godderz (City Attorney), Gary Kitt (City Maint.), Samantha Janssen (Office Clerk)

**MINUTES:** Haines made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2026 meeting, seconded by Warner. Motion carried 4-0.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Warner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Seconded by Brown, Motion carried 4-0

**PAID BILLS:** Haines made a motion to approve the Paid Bills and approve payment of the Unpaid Bills, Seconded by Warner. Motion carried 4-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

Lisa Litch – Thanked the council for helping with the April HS town cleanup.

Discussed Sunflower Days June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2026. Would like permission from City to use the city park and the HUB. Would like to be able to block off parts of Emporia and Main Streets, City to provide electricity, water, trash totes/dumpsters, and pay half of the porta-pots. Warner made a motion for the Pride Committee to use the above referenced items for Sunflower Days, Seconded by Haines. Carried 4-0.

The Pride Committee voted to not charge back the franchise fees for 2025 to the city because of the large water leaks that occurred at the Community building during 2025.

The Pride Committee also voted to allow the city to use the Community Building Free of Charge when available and needed for City business.

Joyce Lacey thanked the city for helping the high school kids on their community workday on April 21<sup>st</sup>. She would like to see more advertising done next year before the event.

Joyce discussed 110 SW Maple address with a sawmill and junk in his yard. Complained, it was a safety issue and wanted to make sure all the appropriate permits were obtained from city and state. The council had approved a building permit for the garage but were not aware of any permits from state that would be required.

Mike Seems- discussed that his house is now at the end of the water line, since the line had been capped by his house last year when fixing a leak. He would like a flush valve put in if the city was not going to update that line any further.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT-**None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT-** None

### **EMPLOYEE REPORTS –**

Chris Calderwood – Was not in attendance but had submitted a report to the council. 15 letters sent for mowing violations and working on dog tag violations.

GARY KITT - Painted the Park bathroom floors, Street work, Power outage tripped the lift station been keeping an eye on that Discussed water line going under the track South of town and moving meter.

Presented quote for dump trailer from Jim's Trailer. Quote reflected a price of \$8,500.00. Confirmed using proceeds from the dump truck sale of \$4,100.00 towards the price of the trailer. Warner made a motion to approve. Seconded by Brown. Motion carried 4-0.

Had discussion with the railroad crew that is working on the old railroad bridge overpass and stated that they were raising the bridge to allow for three cargo bins to pass through and a concrete ramp would be poured so that foot traffic was still accessible.

TAMARA MASSEY – Presented Mayor's recommendation for city appointments. Motion for the recommendation for Haines to be appointed as Council President was made by Warner, seconded by Brown. Motion carried 4-0.

Incoming Senior class request of sponsorship for the Senior Stand at Sunflower Days. Warner made a motion to donate \$150, Seconded by Brown. Motion carried 4-0.

Informed the Council that 2025 Audit would take place on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Updated the city on the High School internships for the 2025-2026 school year. Requested a Bonus be giving to Trista DeCavele for her 80 hours of work that was completed throughout the school year. Warner made a motion to grant DeCavele a bonus of \$200.00, along with a thank you card for her service, seconded by Haines. Motion carried 4-0.

Presented the Council with the draft copy of the ad for the Osage County Herald Chronicles: Osage County Travel Guide with changes. In prior years, a ½ page ad was printed and was valid for two years. Renewal for the updated ad costs \$410 for two years. Brown made a motion to approve the ½ page ad, seconded by Haines. Motion carried 4-0.

Updated Council of the 2025 Water Quality Consumer Reports and informed that reports were mailed out with May's water bills.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD**

Derek Haines – Questioned two properties on Main Street that had not been mowed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

Contract Update with Kwi-Kom Fiber  
Tyler Pankey- Store front buildings.

**BROWN MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY WARNER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

ATTEST:

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Tamara Massey, City Clerk