CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
CITY OF MELVERN

THE RNR (REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE) HEARING was called to order at 7pm. COUNCIL MEMBERS Dan Bowers, Derek Haines, Kim Speer and Katina Brown were present. Mayor Eric Vogeler was also present. Frank Warner was absent.
OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Kitt (Maint. Supr), Chris Calderwood (City Ordinance/Maintenance), Tamara Massey (City Clerk), Samantha Janssen (Deputy City Clerk), Evan Godderz (City Attorney) and Public.
THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Katina Brown, Derek Haines, Kim Speer and Dan Bowers ALL VOTED YES TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE. Frank Warner had a no vote as he was absent.
Bowers made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 243 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR), Brown Seconded the motion. Carried 4-0. Bowers made a motion to close the RNR Hearing, Seconded by Brown. Carried 4-0.

THE BUDGET HEARING was called to order at 7:01PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS Dan Bowers, Derek Haines, Kim Speer and Katina Brown were present. Mayor Eric Vogeler was also Present. Frank Warner was absent.
OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Kitt (Maint, Supr.), Chris Calderwood (City Ordinance/ Maintenance), Tamara Massey (City Clerk), Samantha Janssen (Deputy City Clerk), Evan Godderz (City Attorney) and Public.
THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.
Bowers made a motion to approve the official 2027 Budget, Brown Seconded. the motion. Carried 4-0.
Bowers made a motion to close the Budget Hearing, Seconded by Haines. Carried 4-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING was called to order at 7:02PM. Council Members Dan Bowers, Derek Haines, Kim Speer and Katina Brown were present. Mayor Eric Vogeler was also present. Frank Warner was absent.
OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Kitt (Maint. Supr), Chris Calderwood (City Ordinance/Maintenance), Tamara Massey (City Clerk), Samantha Janssen (Deputy City Clerk), Evan Godderz (City Attorney) and Public.

MINUTES: Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting, Seconded by Brown, Motion carried 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Haines made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Seconded by Bowers, Motion carried 4-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –
Tim (Green Environmental Services) – Discussed price increases and requested a 7.63% trash price increase of $1.28 per household. Council discussed $2.40 increase already implemented on top of contract price in May of 2025 and did not want another price increase as the city is still getting a lot of complaints about the trash service.
Lisa Litch – Talked about the Melvern Fall Festival to be held November 7, 2026 hosted by the PRIDE committee. She requested use of the city park, concession stand, road closures during that day. Bowers made a motion to allow the PRIDE Committee to use the city park for the 2026 Fall Festival and approved needed road closures, Seconded by Speer. Carried 4-0.

ATTORNEYS REPORT-
Discussed moving City Court to the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5pm. Haines made a motion to move City Court to the third Thursdays @ 5pm starting in November 2026, Seconded by Brown. Carried 4-0. The Clerk will contact the Sheriff's office to change dates for tickets.

MAYOR'S REPORT-
USD 456 High School is in need of an elevator. The school would need the cities help on obtaining a grant for the upgrade and could possibly check into a grant for the sidewalk between school and downtown also. Mayor will have principle contact the city clerk.
The pump that waters the football field is not working right, Gary will check into it.
Tree that was down on Good property on main has been removed by city.
Discussed mowing letters sent out in the spring.
Discussed Anderson Building Permit,

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

CHRIS CALDERWOOD –
Mowed properties that were in Ordinance Violation.
Helped Gary fix water leak.
Orears condemned house is down. Discussed moving forward on other condemned houses

GARY KITT – Inserted a water shut off valve, street work, tractor maintenance, backhoe radiator fixed, crossing lights working, set meter pits for new hook ups over bridge.

TAMARA MASSEY –
City wide sales are September 25th & 26th.
Lap the lake sent a Thank you note.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD
DEREK HAINES – Has been getting complaints about the ball diamonds not being mowed. He will be taking complaints to the school board meeting. Clerk provided copy of lease agreement.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

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

ATTEST:

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Tamara Massey, City Clerk