CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2026
CITY OF MELVERN

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING was called to order at 7:00PM. Council Members Frank Warner, Derek Haines, Dan Bowers, and Katina Brown were present. Mayor Eric Vogeler was also present. Kim Speer 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: Warner made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting, Seconded by Bowers, Motion carried 4-0.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –
Robert Litch – Discussed the possibility of Melvern Township renting the City's backhoe. Council stated they did not see a problem. Litch will discuss it more with the Melvern Township Board at their next meeting. A Council member will be in attendance to help facilitate the agreement between the township and the city.
Roger Shoemaker – Discussed letter regarding the condemning of the home located at 330 SE Enderton. Stated that he feels the home is in better shape than it has been. Haines discussed the inspection report that was completed by Building inspector James Welch on September 22, 2026. Warner motion to pass Resolution #244 for the demolition of the property located at 330 SE Enderton and to set a public hearing on the matter on December 6th at 7:00pm. Brown seconded, Motion carried 4-0.
Marie Burnett – Brought attention to the bags of recycle trash that was left at the old site. Asked about picking up the trash and if a sign could be placed. Was informed that it was school property.

ATTORNEYS REPORT-
Gave update on the complaint filed for the property located at NW Main and Roberts.

MAYOR'S REPORT-
Was made aware of the alley North of the Community Building was being blocked off for an event. Stated that he did not give approval.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS –

CHRIS CALDERWOOD –
Met with Building Inspection for condemning structures, installed water meters, and continued studying for water/wastewater test.

GARY KITT –
Sprayed around town, collected sewer sample and took to Lenexa due to a sampling issue with PACE Analytical, took Lead/Copper samples to Topeka. Worked on power transformer for football field. Informed the Council that the 2023 Dodge will need new tires. Warner made a motion to replace all four tires and a budget of $1500.00. Haines seconded, Motion carried 4-0. Also informed the Council that next year the mower may need to be replaced. Current mower is having issues and Salt Creek would be down to look at the following day.

SAMANTHA JANSSEN –
Gave update on vending report. Completed the 2027 online dog tag application that will go live in November. Notified the paper of the updated date/time change for Court. Informed Council that she received a scholarship for the CCMFOA training in November.

TAMARA MASSEY –
Informed Council that Vance Brothers would be down next week to complete the street work on Pine, Walnut, Summit, Call, and Fox.

COUNCIL REPORTS WERE HEARD
DAN BOWERS – Requested use of City Hall's meeting room for Mrs. Hamilton to sell pies at Fall Fest. No objections.

DEREK HAINES – Brought complaints about ball diamonds to the school board at their last meeting. Requested a copy of the City's five-year plan for future projects.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

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

ATTEST:

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Tamara Massey, City Clerk