

REGULAR MEETING

The City of New Melle Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Alderman Hendrich. The meeting was held at the New Melle City Hall, located at 145 Almeling Street, New Melle, MO.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Rich West - Absent
Alderman Nik Bradley
Alderman Gary Schneider
Alderman Janet Karrenbrock
Alderman Don Hendrich
City Clerk Karen Hotfelder
Attorney Steve Martin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Hendrich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Schneider made a motion, seconded by Alderman Karrenbrock to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Bradley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Karrenbrock to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 and December 27, 2017 with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Alderman Hendrich reported on the need for arrow signs on the curves of Foristell Rd. Alderman Karrenbrock reported that she had received negative comments on the Dollar General Store coming to New Melle. It was noted that the Quarry Wine Garden still needs final inspections and licenses to open.

FINANCE REPORT

1. City Clerk Hotfelder submitted the December 2017 Balance Sheets.
2. Hochschild Bloom is still in the process of completing the audit for 2016.

ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Schutzen Street/Peter Street Drainage Project – The project is out to bid with bid opening on January 23. So far 5 contractors have picked up bid packets.
2. Hwy Z and Hwy D Sidewalk Project Update – Fritz Wiss from Nicole Parc stated he appreciates the sidewalk but there seem to be some items that need to be corrected. The property located between Zilke and Maracas has down trees and poles and needs to be cleared. The cars from Maracas drive over the sidewalk to leave. Ken Birk will check on the nuisance property and Alderman Schneider will talk with Maracas to ask about curb stops, etc. Kurt Kutter of Cochran reported that crosswalk lights still need to be installed. A fence along the sidewalk in front of the bank can be added per MoDOT.
3. 3663 Schutzen St. Report – The Lassiters now have their permits.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT

1. Status Report – Bob Barclay reported 4 single-family home permits have been approved. The pool at 15 Golden Oak has passed the final inspection.
2. Adoption of 2015 Building Codes with Amendments are Recommended by Planning and Zoning – Alderman Karrenbrock made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bradley to adopt the 2015 Codes and begin the 90-day notice process. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Possible Purchase of City-owned Property – Alderman Schneider stated that the property had not been appraised, asking price is \$500,000. He could see a new City Hall at that location as well as a possible merger with New Melle Sports and Rec. Alderman Bradley stated that he was neutral but could see the advantage to NMSR and it seems worth pursuing. Alderman Karrenbrock did not feel that the City could afford the entire purchase, but possibly a portion. She wanted to see street improvements first. Dianne Sudbrock noted that she believed there were possibly 2 acres that were unusable due to drainage issues. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mayor West go back to the seller regarding the price.
2. Comprehensive Plan Update – Alderman Karrenbrock made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bradley to enter into an agreement with Cochran and Todd Streiler to update the City’s Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed unanimously. The Plan will be discussed further at a Work Session on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. St. Charles County Highway Department Report – The City may cancel their contract but will need to get bids on snow removal for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Schneider made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Alderman Karrenbrock. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hotfelder, City Clerk