

REGULAR MEETING

The City of New Melle Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Steve Burt. The meeting was held at the New Melle City Hall, located at 145 Almeling Street, New Melle, MO.

ROLL CALL

- √ Mayor Steve Burt
- √ Alderman Brian Nelson
- √ Alderman Gary Schneider
- √ Alderman Trevor Goodman
- Alderman Janet Karrenbrock - Absent
- √ City Clerk Marcia Gay
- √ Attorney Steve Martin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Burt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION PRAYER

Alderman Schneider led the Invocation Prayer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Schneider made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the minutes of July 9, 2024, Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Laurette Nelson, 3669 Mill St., informed the city that runoff from storm water has caused damage to her property. The future city project for improvements to Mill St. has not yet started but should alleviate any storm water issue. Ms. Nelson wanted to know if the street improvements would actually make it worse.

Mr. Sam Cummins, 3640 Schutzen St., brought to the Board the issues of storm water management that has water flowing through his property from two directions. He is asking if the road improvements on Mill St. will reduce the water flow to the lower area of property. He also asked if the New Melle Lakes Park has plans to add a playground for children with disabilities and if the new trail can have an automated pedestrian signals at any road crossing for safety.

Ms. Tara Keune, 4462 Hopewell Rd., discussed annexation possibilities with 57 additional residents interested in annexing to the city of New Melle. Questions from residents include whether livestock/farm animals will be allowed; firearm discharge within city limits and tax increases. All are interested in preserving the rural atmosphere of the community. The areas in consideration are Hopewell Rd. and Holt Rd. residents.

With no further comments Mayor Burt closed Open Forum at 7:14

FINANCE REPORT

1. City Clerk Gay submitted July 2024 Balance Sheets. Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve the balance sheets for July 2024. Motion passed unanimously.
2. City Clerk Gay submitted the 6-month Balance Sheets (January-June) for 2024 completed by Botz Deal CPA. Alderman Schneider made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodman to approve the 6-month balance sheets for 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS/ORDINANCES

BILL #500– ORDINANCE 485

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW MELLE, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A TRACT OF LAND, 64.20 ACRES, OWNED BY J BROTHERS LLC, 678 FORISTELL RD., UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 71.014 RS.MO TO THE CITY OF NEW MELLE

Alderman Schneider made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to conduct the first reading of Bill #500 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Burt read Bill #500 for the first time by title only.

Alderman Schneider made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to accept the first reading of Bill #500. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Burt suspended the second reading at this time. A second reading will be taken at a later date.

ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Brad Brueggemann, Cochran Engineering, Mill St. Improvements and Schutzen St. Sidewalk Replacement. Mr. Nash has accepted the agreement with the city and a signed agreement is forth coming. Ms. Nelson is in discussion with Cochran on the TCE. There is a meeting scheduled with brightspeed real estate personnel later in the week. The owner of the property on Mill St. that resides in Arizona will review and respond to the request.
2. Preliminary plans for the Foristell Rd. Trail have been submitted to MoDOT for review. Construction is tentative for September of 2026, when funds become available.
3. The request for Escrow Release of Funds for the grading permit for the new fire station will be tabled at this time for further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The city has two bids for replacing the damaged entrance ramp to city hall. We are waiting for the third bid from a contractor.
2. Request for reimbursement for property cleanup on Hwy Z had been sent.
3. A suggestion for a plaque at city hall with the names and tenure of former mayors of the City of New Melle has been tabled for further discussion at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The culvert on Foristell Rd. repair will be handled by the Emergency Repair Contract.
2. The city will look at comparable salaries for a part-time code enforcement officer to address the complaints of code violations. For now, letters will be sent to the land owners addressing the various complaints. The land owner will have 60 days to comply before legal action is taken.

The next Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting will be TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, at City Hall, 145 Almeling St., 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schneider to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gay, City Clerk