

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of New Melle, 145 Almeling St., New Melle, MO held a Public Hearing for the purpose of citizen input for the proposed tax rate on all real, personal, and other tangible property for the 2024 tax year. Mayor Burt called the Public Hearing to order at 6:57 p.m. No comments were entered. Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Karrenbrock to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Burt closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The City of New Melle Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 7:00 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- Absent
- √ Alderman Trevor Goodman
- √ Alderman Janet Karrenbrock
- √ City Clerk Marcia Gay
- √ Attorney Steve Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Burt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Alderman Nelson asked to Table the discussion for Multi-family/Apartment “R-3” Ordinance until a time Alderman Schneider can attend. Alderman Nelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Karrenbrock to approve the agenda with tabling Item#2 – Old Business from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Nelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodman to approve the minutes of August 13, 2024, Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Karrenbrock made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the minutes of August 22, 2024, Work Session. Motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Chris Caldwell, 169 Cooperwyck, reported the water seepage problem at the new Fire Station has no above ground water at this time, but it is a drought situation. PWSD#2 had tested the water for chlorine to try and determine where the water is leaking from and the results did not show any distinct amount of chlorine. Mr. Caldwell also had questions for the Board and Cochran Engineering about the design for the Foristell Rd. Trail: will golf carts be allowed? Can the design be changed to have the trail on the same side as the library instead of the Sycamore Creek side and then have only (1) one crossing of State Hwy Z instead of (2) two. It would be a safer route to use Fiddlestix HOA property for access to Boone Trail Library. Also – the future

may allow for a stoplight at Hwy Z and Foristell Rd. and sidewalk crossings would already be in place.

Mr. Sam Cummins, 3640 Schutzen St., brought to the Board the issues of storm water management on his property. 1) is there a city easement at the location of where the storm water currently drains. 2) will the proposed road improvements on Mill St. impact his property and storm water runoff. 3) There is increasing damage from the Peter St. water flow as when there is a heavy rain the water flows around the pipe crossing and is eroding.

Ms. Tina Janitch, 120 Groenberger St., also brought to the Board the issues of storm water management. Storm water is not draining and flooding has come within feet of her home. Gravel has run onto their asphalt driveway and is ruining the driveway. None of these issues existed before the Peter St. improvement project. Will the Mill St. Improvement Project address this situation or will it make matters worse.

With no further comments Mayor Burt closed Open Forum at 7:15

## **FINANCE REPORT**

1. City Clerk Gay submitted August 2024 Balance Sheets. Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Karrenbrock to approve the balance sheets for August 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

The Board of Aldermen approved the First Reading unanimously August 13, 2024.

Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Karrenbrock to conduct the second reading of Bill #500 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Roll Call by City Clerk:

Alderman Goodman – aye                      Alderman Karrenbrock – aye

Alderman Nelson – aye                      Alderman Schneider – absent

Mayor Burt declares Bill #500 hereby approved and designates it as Ordinance 485.

**BILL #501 – ORDINANCE 486– AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW MELLE, MISSOURI, ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2024 ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW MELLE, MISSOURI.**

Alderman Karrenbrock made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodman to conduct the first reading of Bill #501, with the corrected Tax Rate, by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Burt read Bill #501 for the first time by title only.

Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Karrenbrock to accept the first reading of Bill #501. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Karrenbrock to conduct the second reading of Bill #501, with the corrected Tax Rate, by title only, Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Burt read Bill #501 for the second time by title only.

Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to accept the second reading with the corrected Tax Rate, and adopt Bill #501 as Ordinance 486.

Roll Call Vote by City Clerk:

Alderman Goodman - aye

Alderman Nelson- aye

Alderman Karrenbrock – aye

Alderman Schneider - absent

Mayor Burt declares Bill #501 approved and designates it as Ordinance 486

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

1. Kurt Daniels, Cochran Engineering, Mill St. Improvements and Schutzen St. Sidewalk Replacement easement acquisitions. 16 of the 22 easements have been acquired. Negotiations continue for Ms. Nelson, Mr. Nash, New Melle Firehouse (previous location), Straatmann Feed, Mr. Bystrom and brightspeed. Several meetings were arranged with brightspeed representatives but they have not shown up.
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.
4. The storm water runoff issues for Peter St. residents continues to be reviewed. Some of the problems are with property owners not complying with code enforcement to remove brush/vegetation from the drainage areas. Energy dissipation of the water direction was considered in the Peter St. plan but it is the responsibility of the property owners to keep the channel clear.

**BUILDING/PERMIT REPORT**

1. Land Use Permit Pending for American Data for the new PWSD#2 pump station
2. New construction at 140 Almeling St. is approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The city received three bids for replacing the damaged entrance ramp to city hall. The Board will table the decision for bid award for further review.
2. Discussion regarding “R-3” Zoning is tabled until another time.
3. The city will look at comparable salaries for a part-time code enforcement officer to address the complaints of code violations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review of revisions/removal of the current Firearms Ordinance will continue at the next BOA Meeting. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen would like more time to review options for the ordinance.

The next Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting will be TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024, at City Hall, 145 Almeling St., 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marcia Gay, City Clerk