

The City of New Melle Board of Alderman meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the New Melle City Hall, located at 145 Almeling Street.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present at roll call:**

Mayor Rich West  
Alderman Nik Bradley  
Alderman Doug Bice  
Alderman Chad Troup  
City Clerk Karen Hotfelder  
Finance Director Smothers  
Attorney Steve Martin

Also present was Dianne Sudbrock, Rita Klos, and Tidd Realty.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Alderman Bice made a motion, seconded by Alderman Troup to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 15, 2014

A motion was made by Alderman Bice, seconded by Alderman Bradley to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN FORUM**

Dianne Sudbrock asked if any new businesses had contacted the City. There are none at this time.

Alderman Troup made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bice to move New Business Item #3 to this point in the agenda to provide for citizen convenience. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE – HAIR CARE BY RITA (due to move to new location)**

A motion was made by Alderman Bice and seconded by Alderman Troup to approve the business license upon completion of final inspection of remodel by Bob Barclay, Building Inspector. Motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Director Smothers discussed the year end finance report with the Mayor and Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Salaries for Mayor and Board of Aldermen**

Mayor West reported that most cities offer a salary as an incentive to serve as an elected official. He suggested a small salary that would be passed by ordinance and only apply to those newly elected officials after the April 2015 election. The Aldermen did not feel that this would necessarily encourage anyone to serve and suggested that the City check into a personal liability insurance coverage through their current

insurance carrier due to citizen concern over the past lawsuit. Research will be done on this issue and revisited. The Board also discussed the use of funds for street improvements, drainage issues, and other items. Alderman Troup would like an update from the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department on the status of ticketing and other calls received by the New Melle citizens.

Attorney Martin stated that if a salary were to be implemented, the ordinance would need to be passed at the next meeting to become effective with the next election.

**Final Certification of Election Ballot**

City Clerk Hotfelder informed the Mayor and Board that only one candidate had filed, leaving three positions vacant. Janet Karrenbrock filed for Ward II – Two Year Term. She also reported on the process for a write-in candidate.

**There was no Closed Session and both items were discussed in the Regular Meeting.**

Greg Smothers has requested to return to his position as Finance Director. A motion was made by Alderman Bice and seconded by Alderman Troup to hire Greg Smothers at the same rate as Finance Director. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Martin noted that there had been no appeal filed by Mr. Lamartina and that the date for doing so had expired. Court costs are to be collected from Mr. Lamartina and have not been received at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Bice made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Alderman Troup. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. due to the Presidents' Day Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Hotfelder, City Clerk