

**MELROSE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

A.I. #1 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Melrose City Council met in a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Melrose City Center pursuant to due notice being given thereof. Present were Council Members Tony Klasen, Justin Frieler, Travis Frieler, Joeline Wieling, Mayor Joe Finken, City Administrator Colleen Winter, Ambulance Coordinator Gina Eggert, Payroll Clerk/Human Resource Generalist Doris Rieland, and City Clerk Patti Haase. Ambulance Department Member Julie Ulbricht arrived at 5:06 p.m. Mayor Finken presided thereat.

A.I. #2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Justin Frieler, seconded by Ms. Wieling and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

A.I. #3 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ambulance Coordinator Gina Eggert met with the Council to discuss the future of the Melrose Ambulance Department.

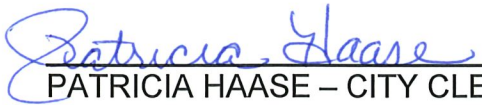
Topics discussed included:

1. Changes in CentraCare policy related to equipment – The Council reviewed a letter from CentraCare regarding sharing of equipment. Ms. Eggert stated that due to CentraCare no longer able to share resources, the ambulance department is looking for authorization to purchase three IV pumps, and one Zoll vent. This will be added to the Council Regular meeting agenda that will take place later this evening.

Ms. Eggert provided the run reports and mileage on the ambulance rigs. The department is doing approximately 17 ALS runs a month.
2. Staffing now and in the future. Ambulance Coordinator Gina Eggert said that it is difficult to staff weekday daytime hours due to EMT's having full time jobs or working out of town. Ms. Eggert is recommending the council consider staffing a full-time EMT in 2026.
3. Ambulance Coordinator Eggert reviewed other equipment that will need to be replaced in the near future and recommends they be included in the 2025 budget. The Council may want to consider replacing the Lucas cots. The Lucas 2.0 cots will be discontinued; however they can still be calibrated. Ms. Eggert did obtain costs for replacing the 3 cots. Also included in the 2025 budget is replacement of the power cot. Other items for consideration are the knox box and encrypted radio. Items to be included in the 2026 budget are stair chairs, encrypted radio, and a power cot, and 2027 budget to include a zoll vent.

A.I. #4 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Wieling, seconded by Mr. Klasen and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m.


PATRICIA HAASE – CITY CLERK