

OFFICIAL MINUTES

VILLAGE OF MELROSE

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The Village Council met in regular session on, January 26, 2026 at 5:00pm at Melrose Village Hall.

Board members present: Alan Daugherty, Ronald Moore, William Frazier, Richard Swopes, and James Mitchell

Staff Present: Jamie Stagner- Clerk/Treasurer/CPO

Prayer by Ronald Moore

Pledge of Allegiance by James Mitchell

Guests: Mark Latham Sr, Mark Latham Jr, Brian Stacey

Absent: None

Melrose Fire Department Report

William Frazier reports that the sheet rock work at the training building is almost complete and that there was one call out during the bad weather. Mayor Alan Daugherty states that he is trying to learn more about the fire department.

Approval of January 12, 2026 Minutes

Motion: James Mitchell

Second: Ronald Moore

Motion Carried: 4-0

Discussion of Sewer Rates

Mayor Alan Daugherty advises of the sewer rates around the state and that we are on the low end and does not see anything wrong with that.

Discussion of Painting Airplane

Mayor Alan Daugherty asks if there is any information that has been brought in on the types of paint and patterns. Mark Latham Sr states that we have to use the pattern that was used originally on the aircraft. Mayor Daugherty states that he has not heard back from the souse club. Mark Latham Sr states that we need to paint with exterior household paint.

Public Comment

Mark Latham Sr states that the 250-committee submitted for letters for request for support. Mark states that once monies are received, they will open an account. Mark states that they will be doing a color run, water events, balloon wars, bouncy house, and that the Fire Department and the committee will be feeding everyone. Mark states that will be followed by color guard, displays, the national anthem, and then Martin Zamora will speak. Mark states that hopefully the pastors of the churches will speak. Mark states there will be fireworks and then a street dance that will last until 11:30pm. Mark advises that any money that is left over will donate to the fire department. Mark states that the next 250 Committee meeting will be on February 2nd at 5:00pm.

Brian Stacey asks where we are on the park. Mayor Daugherty states that we are waiting on a dirt work and concrete bid and should be starting soon since they are with CES.

Mark Latham Jr states that there is a pack of dogs behind Allsup's chasing deer and killing chickens.

Employee Reports

Jamie Stagner reports for Brian Fulkrod for the public works department that we will be receiving the backhoe this week and that Sam is at water school and will be back on Friday. Jamie states regarding the manhole covers being raised we have supplies already so the cost would be \$400-\$500 for labor.

Jamie Stagner reports that they have been staying busy in the office and the MVD has been steady. Jamie advises that she will be on vacation February 9th through the 13th.

Council Reports

Councilman William Frazier: None

Councilman Ronald Moore reports that he seen an e-mail about GRO money.

Councilman James Mitchell: None

Councilman Richard Swopes: None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan Daugherty reports he has information on the bulk water station and that they will be coming in February regarding the plans. Mayor Daugherty advises that regarding the stray dogs; our judge has completed the majority of her trainings. Mayor Daugherty states that she has not been on payroll and that we will be back paying her. Mayor Daugherty states that once the judge is on board then this can be addressed. Mayor Daugherty states that he would like to do a large spring clean to help the town and would like to see if we can get some farmers to donate some tractors and will also speak with Ed's Recycling to see if they can assist. Mayor Daugherty states that he has contact from the Airforce and they will be here in early February and would like to talk about the water security. Mayor Daugherty advises that he will be gone February 2nd for the legislative session and that he is trying to learn more about EPCOG as well.

Topics For Next Agenda: None

Motion to adjourn: James Mitchell

Second: Richard Swopes

Motion Carried: 4-0

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Jamie Rachelle Stagner
Clerk/Treasurer/CPO

Approved:



Alan Daugherty
Mayor

Date: 2/9/26

