

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 2023

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 102 N John Street, Mechanicsville. Mayor Andrew Oberbreckling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Amy Bishop, Adam Paidar, Randy Brown, and Doug Weber. Jen Lester was absent. Others present included Daniel Pike, Meredith Dehmer, Lonni Koch, Josh Miller, Donna Paup, Pat Albaugh, Nancy Kainz, Matt Pivitt, Republic Services; Stacy Griffith, Sandra Warren, Coleen Svoboda, Brian and Lisa Alger.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 7/10/23; the finance reports, claims, Resolution 2023-12 FY 23 Street Finance report, Urban Renewal Report 2023-14, and ownership change for liquor license. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Paidar, Brown, and Weber. Nays: None. Lester absent. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$208.79
STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	\$488.10
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$29.50
IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$2,890.33
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$272.65
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,175.80
ALEX AIR APPARATUS INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$43.58
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,351.45
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$17.28
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$827.86
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$207.78
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$2,119.98
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$129.30
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,207.56
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,564.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	BUILDINGS	\$1,218.23
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$311.41
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$354.18
ECIA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,000.00
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$690.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$120.02
FRIENDSHIP ROOFING	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$36,427.50
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$615.75
INTL INST OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$185.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$210.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$25.20
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$45.91
KAY PARK REC CROP	OTHER CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$274.00

KIECKS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$14.95
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$476.45
KUNAU IMPLEMENT CO INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$292.31
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$165.00
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$3,095.60
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$449.92
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,500.00
OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$560.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
P & K MIDWEST	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$50.54
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$134.24
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$2,765.33
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,800.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$2,716.90
SPAHN & ROSE	FURNITURE/FIXTURES	\$75.42
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,451.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$214.49
TNT TUCKPOINTING	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,860.00
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$105.61
WALNUT CREEK CONSTRUCTION	STREET MAINT EXP	\$200.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$13,343.29
PAYROLL	WAGES	20,014.94

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of July by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	8,025.23	27,335.04
Road Use Tax	11,463.25	4,909.99
Employee Benefit	1,121.21	10,407.47
Local Opt Sales Tax	9,664.48	
Library Trust Fund	110.00	
Ballpark Fund	1,130.72	
Ambulance Trust Fund	3,512.27	2,179.38
Debt Service	703.45	
Perpetual Care	250.00	
Water Utility	8,612.85	3,592.15
Sewer Utility	26,877.64	5,584.52
Solid Waste	10,177.68	12,475.46
Storm Water Utility	976.61	
Water Deposit	100.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 25 calls for July, new protocols went into effect with the most current guidelines, updated some of the supply items and equipment, Community Foundation of Cedar County grant was utilized to purchase the 2 new suction devices; volunteers are now eligible to purchase tires for personal

vehicles once every 3 years under the state bid pricing, and the county EMS Essential Services project consultants have not contacted any of the directors in this area yet

Fire Report: Fire Chief Jake Koch written report had 11 calls for July and 74 calls ytd; training will be on forced entry/ Hose Line; FD Street dance will be August 18 @ Rusty Rench; Fire Convention is Sept 6-19 at Iowa Falls. Request to take 1947 parade truck was approved with a motion by Amy Bishop, seconded by Adam Paidar. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Police Report: Rick Scott written police report consisted of 58 Calls for service, 5 traffic stops; 5 warnings, 3 investigations worked, 10 speak with officer; 12 public assists; 3 animal calls; 9 assist other agencies, 1 assault; 1 domestic, 3 nuisances.

Public Works Report: Daniel Pike reported mowing; spraying; wind storm clean up; water leak on No Name street; no external shut off at well house; cold patching done on edges of streets; biannual water inspection will be coming up; leaf pickup preparation; painting crosswalks and curbs; repairing some signs that have been damaged from wind; will be flushing hydrants this month; some discussion about the straight blade plow and the older pick up truck may need replacing with request to start looking at cost to replace.

Administration Report: Coppess shared photos from the work that was done around the Doughboy at the cemetery by the Legion volunteers (looks very nice); working on completing the various annual reports still need to do the AFR and portion of the library report, other items are on agenda.

Discussion and possible action on:

Request to close 1st Street between Cherry and John on August 18 for dance:

Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the request to put fencing up at both ends of the street. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Agreement from Blue Line Solutions: No information received back from city attorney.

Ordinance pertaining to ATE: Wait for confirmation from city attorney, but adjust the fine table to start at 11 mph over posted speed.

28E agreement or MOU with Stanwood: Wait for information from city attorney.

Recycling proposal from Republic Services: Some of the items discussed included the automatic 4 ½% annual increase for 5 years; the pickup is ½ as often but cost the “same”; residents opposed to the larger cart; issues with current contractor often times throwing the lid/container and then the container becomes cracked or broken; new contractor would not accept glass; council decided to look into the cost of doing it our self since we have the truck. Would incur cost of additional carts and then the fuel and labor to dispose of and would need to find out how clean the truck has to be after

picking up garbage in it. Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to hold off until additional information could be gathered. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Quote from Luke Oberbreckling to repair Crestview and N Fayette: Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Possible replace/removal of arborvitae on south side of cemetery: Council looked at photos and directed public works to cut out the mulberry trees and weeds, and to remove the dead arborvitae and then see what it looks like to determine if rest should be removed at this time.

Walk around assessment with ECIA and Jim Engle IEDA September 27/28: Council would like to proceed with doing the assessment but need to find out what time to meet and how long it would take.

Proposal from TnT Tuck-pointing and pictures regarding library back wall: There were 4 or 5 other companies contacted, however, this is the only one that responded with an estimate. Council reviewed pictures and Amy Bishop motioned, Randy Bishop seconded to approve the work to be done. Ayes all. Motion carried.

2023 Legislative Summary updates to code: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve ordering the updated ordinances pertaining to serving alcohol and budget process. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-13 to approve MOU with the IDR instead of DAS 11/13/23: The current MOU with the DAS is being canceled as the services will now be provided by the IDR so a new agreement is needed. Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to authorize the clerk to complete the changeover. Ayes all. Motion carried.

MB roof repair project: Roof is being worked on and the last conversation was that the contractor thought it should be wrapped up by the end of this week.

Community Visioning Grant: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to apply for the grants, if not able to do this year, the next. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence included email from Bill Bruce asking if city would be willing to share in the cost to reseed since it was due to the dry weather that the seed didn't take. Review of message from Emily back in April reminded contractor that they needed to make sure to water it and that it was contractor's responsibility to reseed at this point. Working towards closing out the project at the September 11 meeting.

Set next meeting date: 9/11/2023 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building.

Mayor's Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor