

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 11, 2023

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 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 and Doug Weber. Jen Lester and Randy Brown were absent. Others present included Rick Scott, Daniel Pike, Meredith Dehmer, Lonni Koch, Josh Miller, Donna Paup, Pat Albaugh, Jean Miller, and Tracy Miller.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 8/14/23; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Paidar, and Weber. Nays: None. Lester and Brown absent. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	WET AND SALES TAX	\$606.28
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$94.72
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$349.45
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,860.90
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$337.04
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$17.28
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$479.87
BANKERS BANK	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$276.25
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$2,651.18
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$87.61
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,477.35
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER	TAX EXPENSE	\$594.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$436.37
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
COPYWORKS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$292.46
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$772.45
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$438.56
DEMCO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$212.78
ECONO SIGNS LLC	POSTS/SIGNS	\$285.27
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$405.00
FELD FIRE CO INC_	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$191.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$120.06
FRIENDSHIP ROOFING	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$3,907.50
GRAINGER	POSTS/SIGNS	\$80.52
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$682.25
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$513.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$374.13
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$817.00
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$297.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$114.96

MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$447.49
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$500.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$67.45
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$2,407.33
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,200.00
SCHIMBERG CO	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$193.40
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SHERWIN	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$337.90
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$495.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$578.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$182.05
TNT TUCKPOINTING	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,860.00
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$180.85
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$105.59
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$880.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$13,343.33
WISCONSIN PHYSICIANS SERVICE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$396.93
WOMANS DAY	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$15.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	17,925.87

**Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of August by fund**

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	6,737.65	67,208.22
Road Use Tax	11,341.99	4,840.12
Employee Benefit		10,291.89
Local Opt Sales Tax	11,584.18	
Library Trust Fund	640.15	
Ballpark Fund		990.71
Ambulance Trust Fund	8413.01	2,905.82
Debt Service	8.63	
Perpetual Care		
Water Utility	8,596.61	3,328.38
Sewer Utility	26,453.67	4,522.56
Solid Waste	11,118.19	6,140.69
Storm Water Utility	1,115.32	6.74
Water Deposit	150.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment: None.**

**REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch reported 18 calls for August and the county EMS Essential Services project consultants have set up a meeting with her on September 18 at 2 p.m.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Jake Koch written report had 16 calls, advised citizens to be cautious when burning, Tipton Fire is sponsoring a Golf Outing September 16 to raise money for a burn training center; CITA training at Kirkwood is coming up, County Fire

will be at OJ this month; Fireworks are in need of community financial support as \$3,000 balance is way under the normal \$10,000 balance.

**Police Report:** Rick Scott police report consisted of 64 Calls for service, 1 theft, 15 traffic stops; 2 citations, 13 warnings, 3 investigations worked, 12 speak with officer; 15 public assists; 2 animal calls; 7 assist other agencies, 6 assault with 1 arrest; 2 domestic, and 2 accidents.

**Public Works Report:** Daniel Pike reported the DINR biannual water inspection was completed with no deficiencies; inside of newer tower was cleaned last week; mowing and leaf pickup preparation; and painting done.

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported working with Engineer to wrap up the close out of the Waste Water Treatment Facility project and due to the reseeding that wasn't completed by the time the agenda was prepared, it will be on next month's agenda. EMA/911 coordinator, Jodi Freet called to request that MCM Consultants be put on the agenda for next council meeting to discuss the county wide EMS project.

#### **Discussion and possible action on:**

**Agreement from Blue Line Solutions:** Attorney, BLS, and city will be having a conference call Tuesday morning to go over some of the concerns and answer questions. Council has approved subject city attorney's review.

**Ordinance pertaining to ATE:** Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Review of recycling costs for self pick up:** PWD reported that there would be a potential cost savings if the city were to do this ourselves with the biggest expense being the cost to purchase the carts but there are some grants available that could help offset this cost. Would suggest eliminating the contract with the cemetery mowing and hiring a part time employee at 20 hours/week to help with summer mowing and weed whipping. No action taken.

**Possible replace/removal of arborvitae on south side of cemetery:** Council request a price or cost to remove part of the arborvitae that are dead/brown.

**Walk around assessment with ECIA and IEDA September 28 at 2p.m.:** Some community members/business owners have agreed to meet to work on doing the assessment with a wrap up meeting at 6 p.m. that evening.

**Ordinance amending the code provisions pertaining to fiscal management:** Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the first reading. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Ordinance amending code pertaining to liquor licenses and cigarette and tobacco permits:** Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Set date for fall clean up October 17:** Doug Weber motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the date for clean up for October 17. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Set date for Trunk or Treat for October 29 at 2:00 p.m. and traditional Trick or Treat for October 31 at 5 p.m.** Doug Weber motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the dates/times. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Announcement:** The North Cedar Homecoming Parade lineup will be at 5:15 in Stanwood on September 20<sup>th</sup> with the parade beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Set next meeting date:** Tuesday, 10/10/2023 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building.

**Mayor's Comments:** Reported that the turning lane on Highway 30 is progressing.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor