

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 102 N John Street, Mechanicsville. Mayor Andrew Oberbreckling was absent, Mayor Pro-tem Amy Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Amy Bishop, Randy Brown, Doug Weber, Brian Steele, and Tracy Miller. Others present included Daniel Pike, Lonni Koch, Josh Miller, Adam Paidar, Dan Paidar, and Alex Paidar.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 12/11/23; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Brown, Weber, Steele, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	TAX PAYABLE	\$617.60
IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$2,746.70
FAT GUYS MOTOR SPORTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$140.14
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$213.04
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,322.68
ALTORFER INC.	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$2,505.29
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$138.90
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$17.64
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$454.77
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$60.12
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$2,787.44
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFFS RESERVES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$240.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$25.31
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT & RECORDING FEES	\$380.00
COMPASS MINERALS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$2,569.90
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,097.26
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
Dans Overhead Doors	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,148.58
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$269.80
DR TONY CARTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,000.00
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$1,148.00
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$660.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$119.98
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$878.25
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$254.87
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$481.91
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$175.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$448.93
MILLER CONSTRUCTION	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$550.00
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,000.00
OMNISITE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$290.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00

QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$112.98
RACOM CORPORATION	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$518.40
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$10,531.60
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SHARON GUTWILER	REFUND	\$350.00
SPAHN & ROSE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$551.99
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$334.00
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$75.80
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$676.10
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$2.25
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$105.91
US POST OFFICE	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$375.78
USA BLUEBOOK	CHEMICALS	\$704.13
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$14,876.78
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREET MAINT EXP	\$314.43
STATE OF IOWA	ACCOUNTING & AUDITING EXPENSE	\$8,388.90
SPAHN & ROSE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$515.88
DT DUSTLESS BLASTING LLC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$840.50
PAYROLL	WAGES	58,291.48

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of December by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	41,507.55	32,600.22
Road Use Tax	12,285.22	5,247.89
Employee Benefit	5,230.27	11,369.25
Local Opt Sales Tax	11,238.90	
Library Trust Fund	57.27	
Ambulance Trust Fund	15,660.02	1745.09
Fire Trust Fund	150.00	
Tree Trust Fund	100.27	
Debt Service	1,166.82	3,570.60
Water Utility	8,728.01	2,690.74
Sewer Utility	31,117.89	3,998.84
Sewer Sinking Fund		53,563.16
Solid Waste	11,117.26	5,918.19
Storm Water Utility	1,178.66	6.12
Water Deposit	50.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: Gerald Niederhauser announced that the 2024 caucus will be held at 7 pm on 1/15/24 at the North Cedar Elementary school. Must be a register republican to participate at that location. Democrats are doing something different this year rather than an in person caucus.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 20 calls for December, and 301 for the year. On 1/23/2024 video crew will be in Mechanicsville filming Megan Meyer and the family of 2 year old for a prehospital pediatric story to be used by the Emergency Medical

Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center. Clarence Ambulance will be hosting an EMT Class starting the end of January.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Adam Paidar reported 7 calls for December and 120 calls for 2023. Trustee meeting will be January 23, Ice water rescue January 20, and county fire meeting January 30 in Stanwood.

Police Report: Rick Scott police report of 35 Calls for service, 11 traffic stops; 4 citations, 7 warnings, 2 investigations worked, 4 speak with officer; 4 public assists; 2 animal calls; 5 assist other agencies, 1 assault; 1 domestic; and 2 arrest. Filed charges against resident for stealing water from the city and requested assistance for cleaning up the nuisances.

Public Works Report: Daniel Pike reported tank on sweeper was sandblasted and painted. Fixed the old plow and the air suspension on the garbage truck had a leak; WWTF did have a high ammonia reading but most likely due to the step feed process and the unpredictable weather.

Public Hearing on FY24 Budget Amendment: This being the time and the place for the public hearing, Amy Bishop open the hearing for any comments for or against the proposed budget amendment. Hearing none, and the clerk indicating no written comments were received. Doug Weber motioned that the hearing be closed, seconded by Randy Brown. Ayes all. Motion carried and hearing was closed.

Discussion and possible action on:

Resolution 2024- 01 approving FY24 Budget Amendment: Doug Weber motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the resolution to amend the FY24 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Brown, Weber, Steele, and Miller. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Authorize the signing of the Assignment of Real Estate Sales Agreement: Doug Weber motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the mayor and city clerk to sign the assignment of real estate sales agreement. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FY25 Budget items:

Resolution 2024- 02 to approve township 28E agreements to be prepared by the city clerk for the upcoming township trustee meeting per the resolution: Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Brown, Weber, Steele, and Miller. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Renewal of Challis Lawn care Cemetery and ball park agreement: Brian Steel motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve having Challis Lawn Care spray the two areas again this year. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Budget work session: Clerk reviewed the taxes that could be available and levied for the next FY and shared that the valuation increased for the city, however, the city would not be able utilized it at the full \$8.10/1000 as the new law ratcheted the rate back to a max of 7.86409 and limited the grown to 3 percent. The combined property tax rate will be reduced to 15.28127 from 15.49 from last year. The debt payments will be 64057 for the GO obligation and 190,520

for the WWTF project. Council reviewed a list of requested priorities from the public works department and the police department.

First meeting of the year items included appointing Mayor pro-tem: Mayor Oberbreckling sent written correspondence stating he was re-appointing Amy Bishop as mayor pro-tem. The council named the Tipton Conservation as the official newspaper and Doug Herman, with Lynch Dallas as city attorney. Mayor also sent correspondence identifying committees for this year.

Correspondence: Doug Weber stated he has been attending the MLA training and would be willing to share by forwarding reading material to any of the new council members if they were interested.

Set next meeting date: 2/12/2024 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 Doug Weber motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Amy Bishop, Mayor pro-tem