

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 2021

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. as an electronic zoom meeting due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' proclamation declaring a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency in Iowa, the current COVID-19 situation makes it "impossible and impractical" to meet in one location. Public participation will be conducted electronically with the public able to hear and participate in the Council meeting by joining the zoom meeting or calling the phone number.

Mayor Andrew Oberbreckling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Amy Bishop, Adam Paidar, Jennifer Lester, Denice Dochterman, and Dee Taylor. Others present included Lonni Koch, Jake Koch, Will Wagner, Meredith Dehmer and others who were dialed in.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 1/11/21; finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Lester, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

IRS	PAYROLL	\$2,673.45
ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$219.00
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$585.21
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$5,993.41
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$652.29
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$175.00
AUREON COMMUNICATIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$12.99
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$184.76
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$795.00
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$80.00
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$33.46
CARGILL DEICING TECHNOLOGY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$2,038.74
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$922.76
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,188.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$778.85
CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$976.19
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	MEDICAL/WELLNESS EXPENSE	\$85.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$2,391.20
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$77.21
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING	\$159.49
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$100.75
IMFOA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$50.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$18.00
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,180.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$151.93
KNUTH LAW OFFICE	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$426.60
KOCH, DANIEL & YOLUNDA	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$278.20

LOVELL, BRYAN	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$164.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$428.48
NAPA AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$60.56
OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$2,545.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$265.35
RACOM CORPORATION	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$105.00
REDS TOWING INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$130.00
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$700.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$411.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$269.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$491.00
TIME	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$182.52
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$664.34
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$603.52
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$103.12
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$14,950.00
WATCH GUARD	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$1,555.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$3,724.79
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREETS	\$450.30
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,400.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$15,157.69

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of January by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	30,208.65	18,410.90
Road Use Tax	13,257.57	3,859.68
Employee Benefit	436.45	2,537.12
Local Option Sales Tax	9,798.11	
Library Trust Fund	1.45	
Ballpark Fund		19.07
Ambulance Trust	12,656.68	3,465.45
Debt Service	233.81	5,785.57
Water Utility	9,819.12	2,998.81
Sewer Utility	14,473.20	8,980.40
Solid Waste	11,179.25	4,813.80
Storm Water Utility	1,006.44	710.40
Water Deposits	50.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

Public Hearing regarding the proposed city maximum property tax dollars: Mayor Oberbreckling opened the public hearing and asked for comments to the proposed maximum property tax dollars. The clerk reported not receiving any comments for or against the proposed property tax dollars. Hearing no other, the mayor then closed the public hearing.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 10 calls for the month. Koree Miller has been approved by the members as a new EMT and is working to become a paramedic. Jen Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Jake Koch reported fire responded to 2 medical assists for the month and new batteries were put in 162.

Police Report: Police Chief William Wagner reported 8 agency assists, 3 animal, 55 business checks, 1 driving while barred; 10 extra patrol, 7 follow up, 1 harassment, 1 hit/run, 2 medical assist; 3 motorist assist, 3 nuisance; 1 OWI; 13 parking, 9 speak with officer, 2 suspicious subject; 1 theft; 31 traffic stops, with 3 citations, 1 vandalism; 1 vehicle unlock; 2 warrant check; 2 welfare check, 3 arrest, 1 DOA; 8 school dismissals; 6 callouts, 1 meeting and body camera installed in car.

Public Works Report: Public Works director report included tires on the dump truck were replaced due to large splits in the sidewalls; new lock installed on the east water tower; responses for minor deficiencies with the IDNR water inspection have been addressed; frequent weather events with lots of snow removal over the last month. Mayor Oberbreckling added that the shop is immaculate; very clean, the security cameras have been installed, and citizens have commented that Bryan and Josh are doing a good job in keeping the streets clean.

Administration report: Coppess reported receiving complaints on salt dust on vehicles and snow being plowed by resident causing alley to be blocked, working on budget, attended conference call/zoom meeting with Jones-Cedar Early Childhood Development, Cedar County Extension, representatives from City of Tipton, and invited librarian Meredith to attend call on Story Walk Project and discuss possibility of a 20 page mounted story on posts with the story inside it and the stories would periodically get changed out during the year. This is a project geared to younger children and some additional planning will need to be done prior to applying for a grant this round. Auditors have completed the entrance conference and anticipate a completion date of June, 2021.

Old business discussion and possible action on:

Garden Club proposal for concrete receptacles on First Street to match/coordinate with the flower pots, apply for Community Foundation Grant with cost per can at \$920 with the shipping: Amy Bishop motioned, Jen Lester seconded to approve partnering with the Garden Club to apply for a Community Foundation Grant to install 6 concrete containers in downtown area with a 20% financial contribution from the city. Ayes all. Motion carried.

New business discussion and possible action on:

Third reading Ordinance 317 on No Parking S Monroe on the west side from W First Street to Cedar Street: Jennifer Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to

approve the third reading of the ordinance to establish no parking on the west side of South Monroe Street from W First Street to Cedar Street. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Jennifer Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to adopt the ordinance. Ayes: Lester, Paidar, Dochterman, Bishop and Taylor. Ordinance adopted.

Resolution 2021-2 stating Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY22: Amy Bishop motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to approve the resolution stating the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY22 at \$389,675. Ayes: Lester, Paidar, Dochterman, Bishop and Taylor Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2021-3 accepting the conveyance of real estate and dedication of real estate as city street: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the resolution accepting the conveyance of real estate and dedication of real estate as city street. Ayes: Lester, Paidar, Dochterman, Bishop and Taylor Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2021-4 setting salary following 90 day review PWD: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve setting the salary for PWD at \$23.00. Ayes: Lester, Paidar, Dochterman, Bishop and Taylor. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

IDNR report of recent sanitary survey and minor deficiencies identified, response: Existing lead and copper sampling plan was found and updated, Groundwater Rule sampling plan was found and updated, will add splash pad to overflow at tower, and will install screen on overflow outlet as soon as weather permits. Clerk will send response to IDNR.

LTD Broadband (Mitch) about using water tower: Not in attendance.

Budget:

Setting the date for public hearing FY22 Budget: Adam Paidar motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to set the date for the public hearing for 3/8/21. Ayes: Lester, Paidar, Dochterman, Bishop and Taylor Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lighting project: Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to proceed with completing the lighting project for the Memorial Building, City Hall/Fire Station meeting room, and the city shop. The project switches the lights over to the LED lighting. Ayes: Lester, Paidar, Dochterman, Bishop and Taylor Nays: None. Motion carried.

Park: Park reported priorities for this year would be the tennis nets; line painting; corn hole games and possibly 2 freestanding units at a total cost of \$30,000.

Public Works: Priorities are lawn mower replacement and either a snow blower or a way to use the existing snow blower.

Request for no parking on 1 side of N Linn Street North of Second Street:

Discussion on some of the issues surrounding the area with cars not moving for the snow removal and garbage cans not being taken in consistently creates a bottleneck with vehicles traveling north. Clerk reported receiving comments pertaining to concern that No Parking will just relocate the problem to Second Street or that the cars parked near the corner will be parked further to the north where the street gets even narrower. The callers suggestions included 1) the garbage can needs to go in promptly 2) cars need to move or implement an alternate side of the street parking all of the time during the winter, not just for a snow emergency. Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to prepare the ordinance for the first reading with no parking on the West side of North Linn from Second Street to the alley, and No parking on either side from the alley north. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Cedar County Solid Waste Commission: Mayor Andrew reported that the transfer station had been damaged by a fire and then the Derecho damage, and plans are being made to build new to replace that are a little larger and a separate office building not attached, but in the same spot at a cost of about 1 million for the facility. It will be included in the county budget for the next year. Cedar County Economic Development Commission reported that they did not received a Great Places Grant, but have been named a Home Base Iowa county.

Set next meeting date: 3/8/2021 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Jennifer Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor