

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2025

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2025 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 Randy Brown, Doug Weber, Brian Steele and Tracy Miller. Amy Bishop was absent. Others present included Daniel Pike, Tyson Scott, Lonni Koch, Kate Heffner, Matt Shields, Alex Paidar and Jean Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 1/13/25; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Weber, Steele, and Miller. Amy Bishop was absent. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	WET AND SALES TAX	\$579.98
IRS	PAYROLL TAXES	\$2,629.07
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$186.93
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$593.68
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$12,238.96
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$477.81
Armor Equipment	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$48.46
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$21.70
BANKERS BANK	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$575.28
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$865.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$413.04
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$80.00
CARDENAS, CHRISTIAN	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	\$371.14
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,033.34
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,530.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$264.32
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	MEDICAL/WELLNESS EXPENSE	\$80.00
CLARK TOWING	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$756.25
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$354.18
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$690.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$68.92
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING	\$100.00
FUTURE LINE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,103.52
IEMSA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$200.00
IMFOA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$50.00
IOWA DEPT OF INSPECTION AND AP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$150.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$20.70
IOWA SOCIETY FIRE SERV INST	TRAINING	\$280.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$441.37
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$167.18

LEXIPOL	TRAINING	\$297.90
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,479.15
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$450.02
MTL TRUCK REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$768.43
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,352.25
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$108.40
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,765.59
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$185.36
TIPTON VETERINARY SERVICES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$266.71
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$31.40
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$107.63
WALNUT CREEK CONSTRUCTION	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$262.50
WELLMARK BC BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$10,336.52
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$602.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$17,038.48

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of January by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	14,265.54	21,739.90
Road Use Tax	12,119.64	10,110.82
Employee Benefit	582.52	5,868.15
Local Opt Sales Tax	14,627.42	
Library Trust Fund	51.86	
Ballpark Fund		624.85
Ambulance Trust Fund	11,824.47	7,291.37
Tree Trustt	100.27	
Debt Service	217.30	
Water Utility	7,929.21	2,909.23
Sewer Utility	26,775.68	6,116.96
Sewer Sinking Fund		
Solid Waste	10,507.29	7,537.27
Storm Water Utility	1,071.04	6.85
Water Deposit	100.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 25 calls ytd with cardiac training to be held on the 24th. Cedar County has done 1 interview for the EMS position working on completing the background check before offering the position. He did come visit Mechanicsville, West Branch and Bennett.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 10 calls for January included 6 medical assists, a brush fire, vehicle accident w/injury and a mutual aid canceled in route. Ice

rescue training to be held on 2/16 @ pond in Mechanicsville and 2/17 will be radio communications scenarios. Provided council with a gear and truck inventory, all members are current with hazmat and CPR certifications, and extensive discussion on cost to replace 161 as back up tanker/pumper and the funding sources available other than from taxation or funding thru debt service. Mayor's committee will work on.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 25 Calls for service, 1 theft, 3 traffic stops; 3 warnings, 7 investigations worked, 10 speak with officer, 4 public assists; 1 animal call; 1 assist other agencies, 3 assault, 1 domestic, 1 criminal mischief and 2 accidents.

Public Works Report: PWD Daniel Pike reported working on meters, Tyson has obtained CDL, garbage truck had a crack in the surge tank but has been repaired, dump truck was taken in to be serviced including oil change and greased, has also started a log recording when the trucks have been taken in for service, plan to alternate doing the garbage each week now that Tyson has CDL and some discussion on the estimated costs to replace the garbage truck.

Administration Report: Coppess didn't have anything additional to report.

Discussion and possible action on:

Resolution 25-02 authorizing Budgeted Transfers to be made: Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the resolution transferring funds. Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Miller, and Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Bishop. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 25-03 authorizing prorated clothing allowance benefit for Librarian. Randy Brown motioned; Brian Steele seconded to approve. Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Miller, and Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Bishop. Resolution adopted

Quote: Replacing storm drain North of bank and 2 others on Fayette Street at cost of \$15,933: Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried,

Quote to fill in ditch by ballfield and the west side of X-40: Coppess reported that the current budget will need some amendments to it and with some of these projects being proposed utilizing Local Option Sales tax that they could be included in the amendment to be done this fiscal year rather than waiting until after July 1. Council opted to do them after July 1 and will hold a public hearing on March 10, 2025 for making amendments to the current budget.

Set date for public hearing on the maximum property tax dollars for March 24th at 6:30 pm: Motion by Doug Weber, second by Tracy Miller to Set March 24 for the public hearing for FY 26 budget. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Grant opportunities include the Lowe's Hometown grant which revitalizes space that serve as hubs and heartbeats of communities and the Community Foundation of Cedar

County grant is due Feb 28. The ambulance will be applying for a stair chair and council opted to apply for a grant to help support the addition of the solar lights at the ballfield walking path.

Correspondence included notice of conditional renewals from EMS Insurance, information from Eagle Point Solar, and information on the Temporary Restraining order that pertains to Federal Grant Funds.

Set next meeting date: 3/10/2025 at 6:30 p.m. with special meetings to be held on 3/24/25.

Mayor Comment: Mayor Oberbreckling shared information that the Cedar County Solid Waste Commission will be increasing fees in 2027 and the assessor's budget will be decreasing FY26.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Brian Steele motioned, Doug Weber seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor