

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 12, 2018

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2018 at City Hall. Mayor Dave Furry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Dee Taylor, Rob Davis, Eric Nehring, and Pam Cavey arrived 7:02 p.m. Andrew Oberbreckling was absent. Others present included Lonni Koch, Tim Horihan, Nick Lange, and Lou Licht.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Rob Davis motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from 1/25/18, finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Cavey, Davis, and Nehring. Nays: None. Absent Oberbreckling. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$350.60
ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$280.00
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$623.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$9,403.44
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$294.22
BAKER, RON	TRAINING	\$43.19
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$315.55
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$795.00
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$80.00
CALIBRE PRESS	TRAINING	\$149.00
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$32.56
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$825.96
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,395.00
CEDAR RAPIDS PHOTO COPY INC	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$137.48
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	MEDICAL/WELLNESS EXPENSE	\$35.00
COPPESS, LINDA	REIMBURSE OTHER SUPPLIES	\$67.63
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$360.00
FULL AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$127.20
HR IMAGING	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$55.00
HUNT, JOE	TRAINING	\$138.00
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,097.50
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$383.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	\$1,573.00
KLOCKES EMERGENCY VEHICLES	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$74.34
KNUTH LAW OFFICE	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$95.70
KOCH BROTHERS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$106.80
KOCH, DANIEL & YOLUNDA	TRAINING	\$185.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$690.89
LINDA MCCANN	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$25.00
LINN COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSO	TRAINING	\$174.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$333.80
NICK LANGE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$970.00
PENA, YANETH	TRAINING	\$214.22
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$0.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$269.00

STATE OF IOWA	ACCOUNTING & AUDITING EXPENSE	\$1,200.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$210.08
TIPTON ELECTRIC MOTORS INC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$585.00
TOM KOCH	REFUND WATER DEP	\$50.00
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$195.27
USA BLUEBOOK	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$80.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$3,375.00
WALMART	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$114.17
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$4,341.94
WORBY, TROY	REFUND WATER DEPOSIT	\$50.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$14,573.01

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of January by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	15,867.90	16,433.68
Road Use Tax	9,560.30	2,895.73
Employee Benefit	1,442.47	3,895.74
Local Option Sales Tax	7,591.74	
Library Trust	9.60	
Ambulance Trust	54.68	1270.59
Debt Service	1,277.56	
Perpetual Care	50.00	
Water Utility	9061.92	7057.62
Sewer Utility	9511.63	9565.49
Storm Water Utility	1,067.67	19.86
Solid Waste	10061.92	5,098.86
Water Deposit	60.13	36.52

**Receive visitors/public comment:**

Lou Licht requested permission to collect one more year of data from the lagoon. Pam Cavey motioned, Eric Nehring seconded to approve the request allowing access to the site and to continue collecting the data under the assumption that it will not interfere with any work that V&K will be proposing during the upcoming months. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Koch reported 24 calls for the month with falls, traffic accidents, and difficulty breathing being the most frequent reason for the calls. The P25 radio grant has been completed. The ambulance anticipates completing another grant application this year for the 2 mobile radios in the ambulances.

**Fire Report:** Koch reported 21 calls for the month with 11 being EMS assist with an average of 6 people on a call. Air compressor that was damaged by the fire awhile back has been replaced. The helmet grant has also been completed. The fire department is working on completing a grant application for gear. The roof is leaking again. Council requested proposals for replacing the roof with a metal roof be gathered.

**Police report:** A request for 5 vacation days was approved with a motion by Pam Cavey, seconded by Dee Taylor. Ayes all. Motion carried. Pam Cavey motioned, Rob

Davis seconded, to approve the request to attend DT instructor recertification \$150. Ayes all. Motion carried. Tim Horihan gave his summary of activity from 1/8/18 to 2/12/18 which included 52 business checks; 5 agency assists; 3 medical assist; 18 citizen assist; 1 motorist assist; 3 general public safety; 2 theft/fraud; 1 trespass; 2 warrant; 9 suspicious activity; 4 animal case; 2 juvenile cases; 1 welfare check; 4 civil cases; 1 community event; 1 training; 45 parking violations; 46 traffic stops; 59 warnings; and 3 citations.

**Public Works Report:** Lange reported the aerator was under warranty and was replaced; for the year the city pumped 33 million gallons of water, but the lagoon took in 51 million so it is assumed there are some areas of I&I that need to be located and corrected. Council passed along compliments on good job plowing the streets and reviewed the alternate side of the street parking ordinance. Consensus was that it was much easier and less confusing when there was absolutely no parking on the street when a snow emergency was declared. But also, understand the hardship that is created when those that do not have off street parking available. If the calendar day is an odd day (except between the hours of 3 am – 7am), park on the odd side of the street, when midnight rolls around and it becomes an even day then you would not be violating the ordinance as you would be parked on the odd side; Then, after 7am on the even day, then vehicles can start moving to the other side of the street.

**Administration Report:** Coppess shared information from the Cedar County Great Places study that is being worked on for each community in the county; the kwh for each month was provided to Jason for the solar power study to be reviewed; and shared information regarding the expiration of the current Cedar County Hazard mitigation plan that will expire in 2020 and to get a grant to complete the next one it will require combining with at least one additional county or region. Also shared information regarding the preparation of a 28E agreement with Tipton for sharing the cost of the Who is responding service.

**Old business discussion and possible action on:**

**Council shall appoint P&Z member:** The council received a letter of resignation from Vicki Eaton-Jones and Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to ask Marcy Oberbreckling to fill the vacancy on the P&Z commission. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**New business discussion and possible action on:**

**Proposal from Challis Lawn Care / applicator renewal license & company**

**Certification:** Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to approve Dirk attending the continuing education class to keep up his commercial applicator license and then take care of the ball field, parks, and cemetery rather than outsourcing the application. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**New Cyber liability program for IAMU members:** Council reviewing and did not take any action to accept the proposal.

**Correspondence from EMC insurance 25% increase or cancel work comp policy:** Dee Taylor motioned, Rob Davis seconded to accept the proposal with the 25% increase in cost for the policy. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Public Works log of duties:** Council shared ideas and input on expectations regarding the log of duties and work performed each day.

**USDA Rural Development** offers rehabilitation loans and grants to qualified individuals.

**Budget: Council reviewed wages.** Motion by Rob Davis died for a lack of a second. Pam Cavey motioned, Rob Davis seconded to adopt the resolution setting the wage increase at 3% except for the new hires in public works and part time police. Roll call vote: Ayes: Davis, Taylor, Nehring, and Cavey. Nays: None. Absent: Oberbreckling. Resolution 2018-3 adopted.

**Resolution 2018-4 setting the date for public hearing 3/12/18:** Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to set the public hearing for 3/12/18 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes: Davis, Taylor, Nehring, and Cavey. Nays: None. Absent: Oberbreckling. Resolution 2018-4 adopted.

**Correspondence:** Council was updated on the status of the survey of the alley to find that the fence is in the street right of way and the matter has been forwarded to the city attorney to charge and have removed.

**Set next meeting date:** 3/12/18.

**Mayors Comments:** Thanked Nick and Dirk for doing a good job on plowing the streets.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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David L. Furry, Mayor