

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2024 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, Randy Brown, Doug Weber, Brian Steele, and Tracy Miller. Others present included Rick Scott, Daniel Pike, Lonni Koch, Josh Miller, Meredith Dehmer, Adam Paidar, Dan Paidar, Jean Miller, Margaret Glover, Pat Albaugh, Tyson and Brooke Scott.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Miller motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 1/8/24; 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	SALES TAX/WET TAX	\$648.19
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$0.00
HERTZ TRUST ACCOUNT	LAND	\$329,550.45
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$196.27
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$2,548.29
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$202.94
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$8,862.87
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$170.17
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$175.00
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$17.70
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$430.94
BANKERS BANK	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$255.40
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$840.00
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$80.00
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$146.29
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,530.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$251.75
CITY OF TIPTON	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$190.00
COMPASS MINERALS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$2,566.83
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$845.41
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,094.85
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$354.18
DEMCO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$155.96
DIESEL-TURBO SERVICES INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$129.60
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$120.02
FUTURE LINE	HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$683.30
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$300.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$10.80
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$840.40
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	\$2,160.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,149.44

LEXIPOL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,220.87
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$287.50
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$2,988.83
MARK FARRINGTON	HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$1,012.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$451.09
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$352.90
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PROFESSIONAL RESCUE INNOVATION	TRAINING	\$500.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$265.96
RACOM CORPORATION	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$179.00
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,360.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$269.00
SHERWIN	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$88.03
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$713.00
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$954.15
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$273.03
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$98.97
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.65
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$14,876.78
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$916.35
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$620.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	18,291.59

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of January by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	7837.84	39,921.40
Road Use Tax	11940.73	10820.35
Employee Benefit	399.89	11,351.44
Local Opt Sales Tax	10545.98	
Library Trust Fund	57.40	
Ambulance Trust Fund	11378.72	3589.36
Debt Service	185.98	
Water Utility	8,643.25	4019.00
Sewer Utility	28892.90	4121.30
Solid Waste	11,065.85	6681.28
Storm Water Utility	1,158.00	6.72
Water Deposit	100.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 29 calls for January. The February training will be on the Zoll monitor. Clarence Ambulance is hosting an EMT Class and we have Bridgett Huffman who has signed up for the class and is requesting assistance in paying for the class. She lives in Mechanicsville and works at Lisbon Care Facility. The class will be paid for by the city with reimbursement, if 2 years of service is not provided.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Adam Paidar reported 8 calls for January. Stanwood Fire has several training sessions scheduled with the state and we plan to have some of our

volunteers attend some of them. The volunteers are working on a plan to purchase 4 SCBA's with the 501c3 funds at an approximate cost of \$43,000. May purchase 2 more sets of bunker gear this year which will leave 4 members in expired gear. Reports from other services in the county that are having some trouble getting pages with the new radio system. Has not been an issue for us yet.

Police Report: Rick Scott police report of 35 Calls for service, 2 thefts, 4 traffic stops; 2 citations, 2 warnings, 2 investigations worked, 4 speak with officer; 14 public assists; 3 animal calls; 3 assist other agencies, 3 assault; and 1 arrest and 2 accidents. Rick also presented a power point presentation showing a trend on some of the calls for service such as animal calls, assaults, theft, accidents, criminal mischief, speak with officer, disturbances, assist other agencies, public assist and investigations being on the rise over the past 3 years, while burglary, arrests, and traffic stops are down. Reported that Mechanicsville has one registered sex offender living here and there have been no issues. Major cases in 2023 involved officer and EMS personnel being assaulted by a juvenile, felony assault at the daycare with employee, a home invasion, male/female ramming each other with cars due to a domestic situation, subject threatening a female with a chain saw, arson case set fire to her house, and accidents on Highway 30 at the RR crossings. In 2023 got a new computer for the office with a grant and radio for the car and handheld. In 2024 would like to install a Drug Drop Box for unwanted prescriptions, establish a citizen's beautification committee to help with identifying nuisance properties to get cleaned up, and the installation of the speed cameras. The hand held device is up and running and the signage on Highway 30 has been installed.

Public Works Report: Daniel Pike reported the 30 inches of snow kept them very busy for several days and since the ground wasn't froze there are several alley's tore up and scuff marks on the curbs to work on cleaning up, the DNR is requiring an inventory on the type of water lines that are installed before and after each meter. Plan to send out a survey of 3-4 questions on the back of the water bill asking residents to complete. Also working on getting the mowers ready for mowing season.

Administration Report: Coppess reported that the deed on the 20 acres of land north of the school has been recorded, the IDOT has been requesting information on the utilities along Highway 30, there is a possibility that a Presidential Disaster declaration be made regarding the snow where we might be eligible for reimbursement of the overtime, sand/salt, and the hiring of the farm tractor/snow blower expenses. Preliminary information has been submitted to Iowa, and the governor was working on requesting assistance despite a long history of FEMA saying "no dough, for snow". The multi-jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation plan was reviewed and feedback provided to the County EMA office. Correspondence from Auditors office that the FY23 audit has tentatively been scheduled for around March 11. 5 applications were received for the part time public works position of which interviews will be set up with the public works committee and Mayor.

Discussion and possible action on:

Open sealed bids for 20 Acres and approve terms of lease: A total of 9 bids were opened and read and then Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to accept the

high bid from Jacob Kirkpatrick at \$405/acre. The rent will be due annually on March 1 for 3 years. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request vacation March 8-15: Amy Bishop motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve Daniel's request for vacation. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Clarification of Ordinance 92.01 Water rate ordinance pertaining to meters: After review and discussion, council determined that apartment building owners could choice in deciding whether the building would have 1 meter for the entire premise or individual meters for each apartment within the building.

Approve concession stand application for license: Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the license fee at \$150.00. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FY25 Budget items: Council reviewed a tentative calendar for the budget hearings to be held March 25 at 6 pm on the proposed property tax rate and April 8 as the public hearing on the proposed budget. Council will hold special meeting Feb 26 at 6 pm to review allotments.

Correspondence: EMC insurance sent modifications to the policy including increasing the deductibles on several items. Council expressed appreciation for the flag donation that Kevin Frett made again this year for the cemetery flags. Thank you. A letter from the DNR regarding the lead service line inventory was also reviewed.

Set next meeting date: 3/11/2024 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building with the special budget work session to be February 26 at 6 at City Hall.

Mayor's Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Amy Bishop motioned, Randy Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor