

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 8, 2021

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 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, Denice Dochterman, and Dee Taylor. Jennifer Lester was absent. Others present included Bryan Lovell, Lonni Koch, Jake Koch, Will Wagner, Meredith Dehmer, Emily Linebaugh with V&K Engineers, 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 2/8/21; finance reports, claims and set spring cleanup for April 20. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$426.88
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,468.93
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,562.69
ALTORFER INC.	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$347.05
AMAZON.COM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$603.61
AUREON COMMUNICATIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$12.99
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$493.75
BANKERS BANK	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$135.00
BROWNS WEST BRANCH LLC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$98.94
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$211.47
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,260.25
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,188.00
CENTRAL AUTOMOTIVE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$317.22
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$267.21
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$180.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$757.30
FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$75.00
FUTURE LINE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$71.54
GRAINGER	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$1,019.53
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$690.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$85.00
JOHNS LOCK & KEY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$305.97
KATHY J WILSON	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
KAY PARK REC CROP	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$489.00
LOVELL, BRYAN	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$58.80

LUKE OBERBRECKLING & SONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,660.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$685.61
MALINDA WOODSIDE	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$421.92
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$166.31
MID IOWA SOLID WASTE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$370.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$62.35
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,130.00
OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$80.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$14.50
SCHIMBERG CO	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$1,567.34
SCOTT MOFFIT	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$175.03
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$52,337.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$531.00
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$41.49
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$391.71
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$681.52
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$112.61
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$17,940.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$3,724.79
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$374.54
ZENNER USA INC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$618.74
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$16,980.20

**Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of February by fund**

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	40,818.49	22,152.97
Road Use Tax	10,016.42	8,281.59
Employee Benefit	645.78	2,537.14
Local Option Sales Tax	12,281.25	
Library Trust Fund	76.64	
Ballpark Fund		22.36
Ambulance Trust	9,741.07	2,930.67
Fire Trust	.01	
Debt Service	348.90	
Perpetual Care	100.00	
Water Utility	7,937.36	4,223.28
Sewer Utility	12,983.90	17,381.55
Solid Waste	10,135.30	4,671.80
Storm Water Utility	983.19	
Water Deposits	50.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Clifford Taylor addressed the council concerning the catch basin just west of his driveway.

**Public Hearing regarding the proposed budget for FY22:** Mayor Oberbreckling opened the public hearing and asked for any comments to the proposed FY22 budget

as published. The clerk reported not receiving any comments for or against the proposed budget. Hearing no other, the mayor closed the public hearing.

## **REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch reported 12 calls for the month. Koree Miller has resigned and JoAnn Crock has been approved by the members as a new EMT. Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Fire Report:** Jake Koch reported fire responded to 2 calls for the month and they are planning to do an Ice Rescue Training at the pond on March 13 & 14. Iowa Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 22-26<sup>th</sup> and Tornado Drill will be done on Wednesday, March 24 at 11 am with the siren going off for the test. Request to purchase MSA Thermal Imager for \$8,000 was approved with a motion by Amy Miller, seconded by Adam Paidar. Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent. Motion carried. Jake also provided an update on the 700/800 radio project which was approved by Cedar County 911/EMA to go with the SARA system. Tentatively have June 26 set for Fireman's dance at the ballfield with a \$5 admission and 1 or 2 food trucks.

**Police Report:** Police Chief William Wagner reported 9 agency assists, 3 animal, 38 business checks, 1 fraud/scam, 9 extra patrol, 2 follow up, 2 harassment, 1 hit/run, 1 medical assist; 5 motorist assist, 1 nuisance; 1 OWI; 16 parking, 1 property exchange, 1 pursuit, 6 speak with officer, 2 suspicious subject; 21 traffic stops, with 3 citations, 1 vehicle unlock; 9 school dismissals; 4 call outs, 2 meeting and 1 birthday parade. Request to attend hostage negotiation training 1 full week in Cedar Rapids was approved with a motion by Amy and seconded by Adam. Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent. Motion carried.

**Public Works Report:** Public Works reported that the heater in the wet pump house failed and resulted in freezing and cracking the flow meter, which had to be replaced; the line for the sampler in the east pump house froze and was replaced; the 2010 pickup developed a leak in the transmission pan gasket and was taken to Lynch for repair; catch basins were cleared of snow in preparation for the impending snow thaw; street sweeper was taken to Elliot Equipment for minor repairs to begin removal of sand and debris from the streets; sewer jetter and camera is in process of being serviced so that it may be utilized for clearing sewer main plugs.

**Administration report:** Coppess reported receiving information on the new Feral Swine law; application for a billboard permit; close out meeting with FEMA on the Derecho disaster and enter the review stage with Iowa Homeland Security; meeting with engineers, mayor, and public works to review the preliminary plans and specifications on the wastewater improvements.

**Old business discussion and possible action on:** None.

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

**Resolution 2021-5 adopting FY22 Budget:** Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the resolution adopting the FY22 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent. Resolution 2021-5 adopted.

**Set public hearing and bid date on plans and specifications for Wastewater Treatment plant 4/8/2021:** Emily Linebaugh reported that the plans are nearing completion for the wastewater project and the current cost estimate of the facility as-designed is at \$3,900,000. The replacement of existing lagoon piping between the cells was not originally anticipated but has added and increased the cost by \$300,000; the effluent sewer to the creek added \$150,000 due to the base flood elevation of the nearby creek and if not re-routed would have created an issue with wastewater overtopping the UV disinfection channel and spilling into the building/ground. Adding a water service line to the plant from the development to the west is an additional \$70,000; and an additional \$240,000 was added for the UV disinfection building rather than an open-air channel for the UV System. The updated schedule included having the plans and specifications available on 3/15 with 3/18 being the notice to bidders being posted; 3/24 publish notice of public hearing and notice to bidders, 3/30 pre-bid meeting at City hall; 4/8 receive bids; 4/12 public hearing and award contract; May 1 notice to proceed, 7/1/22 final completion date. Amy Bishop motioned to proceed with public hearing on plans and specs as presented setting April 8 for the date the bids are due and April 12 as the date to have the public hearing on the plans and potentially award the contract. Denice seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2021-6 to adopt the Cedar County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to adopt the multi-jurisdictional local hazard mitigation plan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent. Resolution 2021-6 adopted.

**Approve submitting a notice of interest to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant for generators (Lagoon, Memorial Building, and water tower):** Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve submitting a notice of interest for the 3 generators as separate projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent. Motion carried.

**First reading of ordinance on No Parking on west side of N Linn Street North of East Second Street and no parking on North Linn Street on the east side from the alley north of E Second Street to the north end of the street:** Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent. Motion carried.

**Roof at Memorial Building leaking –soft spots/cracks:** Public works reported recent inspection found spongy spots around the roof drains and several cracks in the material. Directed to have a roofing professional assess and determine if a peaked roof or rolled

roof would be needed to fix leaking. It was also reported by council member Paidar that the hose bib was taken off and repaired on the outside faucet that was leaking previously. The planters will have the dirt removed and inspected for any potential leaks in the upcoming weeks.

**Request for zoning change for Pioneer Outlots from A-1/C-1 to R-2:** Andrew & Marcy Oberbreckling presented a request to rezone the parcel to the west of his residence to R2. Upon review, Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to refer the request to Planning & Zoning Commission to review and make recommendation to council with public hearing. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2021-7 setting salary following 90 day review Public Works Assistant:** Amy Bishop motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to approve setting the salary for PW assistant at \$18.00. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Jennifer Lester absent.

### **Correspondence**

Iowa Economic Development Authority approved release of funds as of 2/26/21 for CDBG upon execution of the contract.

**Set next meeting date:** 4/12/2021 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor