

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 102 N John Street, Mechanicsville. Mayor Andrew Oberbreckling was absent. Mayor Pro-tem Amy Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Amy Bishop, Randy Brown, and Tracy Miller. Doug Weber and Brian Steele were absent. Others present included Josh Miller, Meredith Dehmer, Adam Paidar, Dan Paidar, Jean Miller, Nancy Kainz, Carla Barnhart, and Donna Paup.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 2/26/24; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Brown, and Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Weber and Steele, Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	WET AND SALES TAX	\$631.31
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$225.91
IRS	PAYROLL TAXES	\$2,870.64
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$98.74
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,986.39
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$725.13
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$18.12
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$524.22
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$249.59
BIBLIONIX	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$1,540.00
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$60.60
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$394.33
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CITY OF CLARENCE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$992.67
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$664.77
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$744.90
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$438.56
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$120.02
FULL AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$178.02
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$35.31
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	\$9.00
KOCH, LONNI	TRAINING	\$25.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$35.39
LEXIPOL	TRAINING	\$95.48
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$442.50
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$473.36
OBERHOLSER, ASHLEY	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PATTEN EQUIPMENT	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$432.00

PB ELECTRONICS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$444.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$144.19
RADAR ROAD TEC	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$320.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$455.13
SCHIMBERG CO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$48.72
SCOTT, RICKY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$172.53
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$567.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$207.87
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$851.16
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.65
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$14,876.78
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREET MAINT EXP	\$666.00
WRIGHT WAY TRAILERS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$73.92
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$330.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	18,373.51

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of February by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	9345.22	351895.49
Road Use Tax	10504.31	13566.14
Employee Benefit	620.21	11435.82
Local Opt Sales Tax	12658.08	
Library Trust Fund	62.10	
Ambulance Trust Fund	10505.78	4622.97
Debt Service	214.51	
Perpetual Care	150.00	
Water Utility	8586.95	3194.01
Sewer Utility	30025.22	6584.09
Solid Waste	11399.02	7041.71
Storm Water Utility	1150.87	6.66
Water Deposit	50.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Ambulance report included 9 calls for the month of February, 2 new EMT's taking class at Clarence. MCM has invited council member and ambulance board members to another meeting in Tipton on Wednesday.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Adam Paidar reported 10 calls for February. Fireman's dance will be March 30 with band starting at 7:30 p.m. A bid from Feld Equipment was received for \$1200 to install the new air compressor and cascade system. Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve which will replace the quote that was previously provided by Koch's. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Discussion on potentially donating 3 bottle cascade system: it was determined that city property cannot be donated and should be listed as taking sealed bids on it. The same for the old compressor, provide documentation listing it for sale by sealed bid.

A lists of personnel with the dates of the gear issued to them and the list of minor equipment was provided to council.

Police Report: Rick Scott police report of 48 Calls for service, 1 theft, 16 traffic stops; 7 citations, 9 warnings, 2 investigations worked, 10 speak with officer; 5 public assists; 2 animal calls; 4 assist other agencies, 1 assault; and 1 domestic, 2 arrest.

Public Works Report: Daniel Pike provided written report stating began street sweeping, removed and cleaned bearings on dump trailer. Hauled rock and graded some areas. Installed photo enforced signs, cleaned east fence line at cemetery, discovered service leak at a residence, working on service line inventory, serviced and installed the UV light system at WWTF, and fabricated an extension arm for sprayer to better spray the rip raff at the lagoons.

Administration Report: Coppess reported that the interviews have been scheduled for the part time position. Inventory questions were put on the back of the water bills. Thanked the fire department for burning off the ditches and the lagoon area this past weekend.

Discussion and possible action on:

Set date for spring clean up (large items): Tracy Miller motioned, Randy Brown seconded to set April 16 as the clean up day. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for cemetery clean up April 15-19: Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to set the dates for cemetery clean up. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for city wide garage sales June 29 Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to set the date for the garage sales. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for public hearing on P&Z recommendation to add short term rentals to permitted use in R1: Amy Bishop motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to set public hearing for April 8. Ayes all. Motion carried.

First reading to modify the ordinance for automatic speed enforcement to consider lowering the school zone fines to match the construction zone fines: Tracy Miller motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the first reading to lower the amount of the fines. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Consider removal of bushes/trees in alley north of East First Street: Tracy Miller motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve public works removing the brush/trees that have over grown in the alley. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Approve LL Pelling proposal for street seal coating: Randy Brown motioned, Amy Miller seconded to approve the proposal from LL Pelling after deleting the cemetery roads. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Change payroll frequency from 24 to 26 per year: Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to change the frequency to 26 per year. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set next meeting date: 3/25/24 6 p.m. will be public hearing on proposed tax rate. Special meeting 3/25/24 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Amy Bishop, Mayor Pro-tem