

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 14, 2022

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. 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, Denice Dochterman, Adam Paidar, and Doug Weber. Jennifer Lester was absent. Others present included Meredith Dehmer, Josh Miller, Lonni Koch, Jake Koch, Emily Linebaugh V&K; and several others from the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 2/14/22 with the minutes be changed by striking the verbiage that was used to summarize Donna Paup’s opposition to the proposed Maximum Property Tax Levy and to use “ written statement authored by Donna Paup was read expressing her opposition to the proposed property tax levy 2022-2023, citing the following reasons: taxpayer money being used to contribute to annual fireworks show, construction of a new street, and wage increase for Chief of Police.” and to strike the verbatim statement that was read on behalf of the employees and to use “ Written statement authored by the hourly employees of the City of Mechanicsville was read. Employees are requesting that they receive a wage increase of 39.29% to match the increase of the Chief of Police”; the finance reports, and claims including pay application #9 for \$116,931.70. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Dochterman, Paidar, and Weber. Nays: None. Lester absent. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

ACCO	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$511.10
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$73.11
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,602.85
AMAZON.COM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$763.02
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$175.00
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$498.50
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$7.92
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$175.63
BIBLIONIX	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$1,400.00
BILL BRUCE BUILDERS INC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$116,931.70
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$36.39
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,325.17
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	TRAINING	\$1,405.07
CITY OF CLARENCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$400.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,638.09
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$360.00
IEMSA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$100.00
IMFOA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$50.00
IOWA DEPT OF INSPECTION AND AP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$150.00

JAMES KENYON DVM	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$131.95
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$600.00
M&K DUST CONTROL INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,177.13
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$448.06
MENS JOURNAL	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$24.95
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
P & K MIDWEST	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,513.42
PIONEER WOMAN	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$28.00
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$25.38
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,680.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$1,719.33
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$90.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$57,361.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$442.00
TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$459.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$333.32
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$116.12
USA BLUEBOOK	CHEMICALS	\$117.71
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$11,503.47
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$7,393.57
ZIPPYS SALT BARN LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,434.12
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$510.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$16,612.66

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

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	8,858.66	45,413.65
Road Use Tax	11,222.77	6,288.68
Employee Benefit	224.09	3,703.58
Local Option Sales Tax	10,063.86	
Library Trust Fund	6.72	
Ballpark Fund		19.73
Ambulance Trust	1,968.49	1,555.03
Tree Trust		
Debt Service	182.02	
Perpetual Care	200.00	
Water Utility	9,220.40	5,626.21
Sewer Utility	29,367.06	119,958.87
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Solid Waste	9,507.27	6,268.90
Storm Water Utility	908.61	
Water Deposits		

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Donna Paup questioned how much ARPA funds had been received by the city and how they were planning to be used? The council allocated the ARPA funds to be used towards the sewer infrastructure project as an effort to help minimize the rate increase.

**Open public hearing on the FY23 Budget:** Mayor Pro tem Amy Bishop opened the public hearing. Donna Paup stated that she reaffirms her opposition to the Max Tax Levy. Hearing no other comments the Mayor pro tem closed the public hearing.

**Resolution 2022-09 approving the FY23 Budget:** Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the FY23 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Dochterman, Paidar, and Weber. Nays: None. Lester absent. Resolution 2022-09 approved.

**Open public hearing on Budget Amendment FY22** Mayor Pro tem Amy Bishop opened the public hearing on the amendment for fireworks, repair of storm siren, library grant, cemetery flag pole project, transfer of LOST funds for sewer project, repair of garbage truck and purchase of totes. Donna Paup stated that she was not in favor of the city spending tax dollars on fireworks. No other comments were received. The Mayor pro tem closed the public hearing.

**Resolution 2022-10 to approve FY22 Budget Amendment #2:** Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the Budget Amendment resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Dochterman, Paidar, and Weber. Nays: None. Lester absent. Resolution 2022-10 approved.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Ambulance had 28 calls for the month.

**Fire Report:** Fire had 11 calls for the month. Dance will be Saturday, siren is repaired with crane scheduled for Tuesday/Wednesday, Ice Rescue training was done, stop signs that light up for traffic control are needed, hoses replaced, working on SCBA for renewal.

**Police Report:** Police written report submitted 4 agency assists, 1 animal; 27 business checks; 1 citizen assist; 9 extra patrol; 6 follow up, 1 fraud/scam; 11 medical assists; 1 miscellaneous, 3 motor vehicle accident; 2 MVA; 1 nuisance; 6 parking; 1 party; 11 speak with officer; 3 traffic complaint; 17 traffic stop; 16 warnings; 4 citations; 1 arrest; 1 trespass; 1 vehicle unlock; 1 welfare check; 8 school dismissal, 1 arrest; and 3 off duty call outs.

**Public Works Report:** Public Works reported Rotor Rooter cleaning out lagoon, checking manholes for wipes, cannot stress enough how important it is not to flush the wipes into the sewer, well #3 is off line, Weber inquired about part time help for mowing which is not needed due to efficiency of the new mower.

**Administration Report:** Board of Adjustments met 2/28; P&Z Commission met 3/9 with ECIA to continue to work on the comprehensive plan; E South street property has indicated the house will be torn down by the end of May; annual notice sent to the paper for grass clippings; DNR deadline of March 10<sup>th</sup> was met with Mayor signing Affidavit operator paperwork; nuisance abatement case was dismissed; lot of time involved in

reporting requirements on the ARPA funds and the final rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

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

**Approve Change order #2:** Emily Linebaugh, V&K presented change order #2 on the WWTP improvements which provides and installs four L4 exterior lighting fixtures in lieu of four L3 lighting fixtures show on plans for a total increase in cost of \$1,125.25. Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried. Emily also explained that the estimated completion date may not be able to be met due to supply chain delays and that a request for an extension to the deadline may need to be requested from the DNR.

**Fireworks permit July 4, 2022:** Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the Fireworks permit for the fire department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Approve contract for Affidavit operator thru June 2022:** Daniel Pike, Eastern Iowa Waterworks, LLC has proposed \$150 each for Water Treatment and Water Distribution, and \$700 for Wastewater Treatment. Denice Dochterman motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve contract for \$1000 per month. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Cyber Liability coverage:** Proposal for coverage available through IAMU at a cost of \$1260 was tabled by a motion from Adam Paidar, seconded by Doug Weber. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**School Resource Officer-discussion only:** This item was requested to be on the agenda by Jen Lester, was not present to discuss. Adam Paidar motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to table any discussion. Ayes all. No discussion.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Set next meeting date:** 4/11/2022 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building

**Mayors Comments:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Adam Paidar motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor