

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 12, 2021

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 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, Dee Taylor and Jennifer Lester. Others present included Lonni Koch, Jake Koch, Will Wagner, Meredith Dehmer, Emily Linebaugh with V&K Engineers, Dan Paidar, Nancy Kainz, Lori Scovel and others who were dialed in.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Bishop motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 3/8/21; finance reports, claims and acceptance of settlement agreement for cigarette permit violation. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman and Lester. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

IRS	PAYROLL	\$2,411.71
STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$1,705.77
ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$201.10
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$99.91
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$882.06
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$5,859.96
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$1,884.87
AMERICAN TREE SERVICES LLC	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$15,850.00
AUREON COMMUNICATIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$12.99
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$743.75
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$128.07
BIBLIONIX	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$1,400.00
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	COURT & RECORDING FEES	\$40.20
BUSINESS RADIO SALES & SERVICE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$81.90
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,030.79
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,485.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$1,357.90
CONSUMER REPORTS	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$29.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,729.87
DEMCO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$51.58
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$180.48
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,935.53
FAT GUYS MOTOR SPORTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$56.34
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$16.02
GRAINGER	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$259.96

IOWA DEPT OF INSPECTION AND AP	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$291.86
JOSH MILLER	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$68.46
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	\$485.00
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$72.39
KUNAU IMPLEMENT CO INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$11.30
LOVELL, BRYAN	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES EXP	\$448.71
NORTHWAY CORPORATION	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$555.00
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$850.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PARK PLANET	OTHER CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$32,029.00
POSITIVE PROMOTIONS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$447.18
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$496.50
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$825.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$7,266.05
SCHIMBERG CO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$212.76
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$868.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$599.00
SULZNER, CHAD	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$675.00
THOMAS & CLARK LLC	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$334.95
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$1,048.23
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$580.97
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.66
USA BLUEBOOK	CHEMICALS	\$522.40
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$29,900.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$3,724.79
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREET MAINT EXP	\$905.35
WILLIAM WAGNER	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$53.93
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$15,225.74

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of March by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	16,780.52	46,857.07
Road Use Tax	4,960.60	15,128.13
Employee Benefit	1,921.26	2,537.14
Local Option Sales Tax	16,487.32	
Library Trust Fund	516.80	
Ballpark Fund		507.41
Ambulance Trust	8,047.58	5,254.93
Fire Trust	100.01	
Debt Service	1,031.91	
Water Utility	8,870.61	10,508.59
Sewer Utility	14,469.16	23,334.13
Solid Waste	10,753.81	10,217.38
Storm Water Utility	1,026.17	
Water Deposits	150.00	50.00

Receive visitors/public comment: Nancy Kainz addressed the council about fireworks. Jennifer Lester volunteered to research other ordinances.

Public Hearing on the recommendation from the P&Z Commission to rezone Pioneer Outlot 7 in the City of Mechanicsville to R2: Mayor Oberbreckling opened the public hearing and asked for any comments for or against the proposed change. The clerk reported not receiving any comments for or against the proposed change in zoning. Hearing none, the mayor closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing on the plans, specifications, proposed form of contract and engineers estimate of the cost for the Wastewater Treatment Plant: Mayor Oberbreckling opened the public hearing and asked for any comments for or against the plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and the engineer's estimate of 3.9 million. The clerk reported not receiving any written comments. Hearing none, the mayor closed the public hearing.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 20 calls for the month, the new ambulance is now the up ambulance, and could be on standby for some events at the fairgrounds this summer.

Fire Report: Jake Koch reported 10 calls for the month, June 26 date for Fireman's dance at the ballfield with a \$5 admission, and 1 or 2 food trucks.

Dan Paidar reported that the volunteers are still short on donations for the fireworks this year and is 25% below what is normally received, they have created a Fireworks face book page but not much response and are looking to raise about \$2,000 more for this year's display.

Police Report: Police Chief William Wagner reported 2 accidents; 9 agency assists, 3 animals, 53 business checks, 2 driving while barred; 1 driving while revoked; 1 fraud/scam, 12 extra patrol, 7 follow up, 1 juvenile; 3 medical assist; 4 motorist assist, 1 nuisance; 1 OWI; 5 parking, 1 pursuit, 14 speak with officer, 4 suspicious subject; 1 theft; 19 traffic stops, with 1 citation, 1 vehicle unlock; 1 violation of no contact order; 9 school dismissals; 5 arrests; 1 court; 15 call outs, 1 meeting, and 1 training.

Public Works Report: Public Works Director submitted a letter of resignation with 4/16/2021 effective date. Position has been posted. Josh was substituted to attend the Water Distribution training at Kirkwood this month. Bryan requested 2 contractors to provide proposals to replace roof at Memorial Building. The flower planter at the Memorial Building was cleaned out and no cracks in the cement. The two drain pipes were plugged, sealed and marked so could be located easily after refilling with dirt if needed.

Administration report: Coppess reported receiving notice from Aureon that they will no longer be providing web hosting service; Alliant to repair light at basketball court; parts to repair bleachers arrived as well as bases, pitching mounds, and base plugs; the floor in the Memorial Building has been scheduled to be waxed; replacement lamps for the

ballfield lights are in process of being ordered; a notice of petition for Arbitration before the Workers Compensation commissioner was received and EMC Insurance will be handling the case pertaining to Nick Lange 11/21/2016 claim; and the lights in the fire station meeting room have been changed over to LED.

Old business discussion and possible action on:

Consider surveying east end of Crestview Drive existing elevation to hold the edge and not change flow of water, HMA overlay to fix pot holes and put back to the same elevation, need documentation to show existing flow of water was not changed: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to do the survey work when survey crew was here doing other work. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Consider Storm water survey of Second Street to increase size of storm water piping or direct water to go overland west of driveway rather than forcing it underground, currently several 12 inch pipes go to a single 12" pipe. Catch basin previously plugged, but since cleaned out: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to survey area for storm water issues. Ayes all. Amy Bishop added to consider including catch basin repair work with the project so that it could potentially be eligible for \$800,000 CDBG grant.

East Cedar Street extension- V&K survey work/grading for rock: V&K proposed a 29 feet rock road with 3 layers of rock, The first layer being up to 9 inch rock, then the next 6 inches being a layer of smaller rock, and then the final 9 inches be gravel for a total of 24 inches of rock and extends the road to the east property line or a total of 530 feet. Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to proceed with putting the project out for bid to include 4 alternates which would be the full length & ½ length both at 29 foot wide or doing just ½ the width at the full length or ½ the width and ½ the length. Ayes all. Motion carried.

New business discussion and possible action on:

Resolution 2021-8 to approve the plans, specifications, proposed form of contract and engineer's estimate of cost at 3.9 million: Jennifer Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to adopt the resolution approving the plans, specifications, proposed form of contract and engineer's estimate of cost. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman and Lester. Nays: None. Resolution 2021-8 adopted. V&K provided a report on the bids that were received on the project which included Bill Bruce Builders, Inc \$3,795,000; Boomerang Corp \$3,887,134; Woodruff Construction \$4,025,000; WRH Inc \$4,391,700; Tricon General Construction \$4,480,000; and Unzeitig Construction \$4,532,000.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project Award: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve resolution 2021-9 awarding contract for the wastewater treatment plant improvements, following the review of the bids and recommendation by the project engineer pending concurrence from the IDNR and CDBG. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman and Lester. Nays: None. Resolution 2021-9 adopted.

Second reading of ordinance on No Parking on west side of N Linn Street North of E 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: Jennifer Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman, and Lester. Nays: None. Motion carried. Jennifer Lester motioned to waive the 3rd reading. Denise Dochterman seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Jennifer Lester, Denise Dochterman. Nays: Dee Taylor, Amy Bishop, Adam Paidar. Motion failed.

Resignation from park board: Resignation from Shelly Boyd was received. A vacancy on the park board for anyone interested.

Approve IDOT Agreement for maintenance and repair of primary roads in municipalities: Adam Paidar motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the agreement from the IDOT. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman and Lester. Nays: None. Resolution 2021-10 adopted.

Ordinance 318 to change zoning for Pioneer Outlots from A-1/C-1 to R-2: Dee Taylor motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the first reading of the ordinance changing the zoning to R2. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman, and Lester. Nays: None. Motion carried. Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to waive the second and third readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman, and Lester. Nays: None. Motion carried. Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to adopt the Ordinance 318 changing the zoning to R2.

Consider approving proposal for reconnecting open pavilion to electricity and burying line: Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the proposal from Koch's. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman, and Lester. Nays: None. Motion carried

“Save your town” sponsored by Limestone Bluff Small Business Development Grant: Presentation given by Lori Scovel requesting to have Deb Brown come to visit our town, do interviews and visits and then comes back with an outsiders view of the community listing the positives and the negatives to potentially improve upon. Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve having Deb visit our town the week of June 7th at no cost to the city to participate. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set next meeting date: 5/10/2021 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building, social distance, masks required, no zoom available.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Oberbreckling reported that at the last CEDCO meeting discussed Cedar County being recognized as “home based Iowa” and are looking for ways to offer incentives for veterans to move to Cedar County and a welcome packet. Also talked about Trees Forever Grant opportunities.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor