

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2018

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2018 at City Hall. Mayor Dave Furry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Dee Taylor, Rob Davis, Eric Nehring, Pam Cavey, and Andrew Oberbreckling. Others present included Tim Horihan, Nick Lange, Dirk Wieneke, Donna Paup, and representatives from Coberly Investments, LLC.

CONSENT AGENDA: Rob Davis motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from 4/9/18, finance reports, claims and approval of Casey's application for cigarette permit. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Cavey, Davis, Oberbreckling and Nehring. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

A BEAUTIFUL YOU	DEPOSIT RETURN	\$500.00
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$49.99
AGVANTAGE FS INC	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$275.00
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$457.53
ALL FLAGS LLC	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$167.44
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,611.31
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$1,073.20
BANKERS BANK	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$635.21
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$157.94
BLANK PARK ZOO	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$147.24
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,200.02
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$2,297.50
CENTRAL TANK COATINGS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,800.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$2,600.86
CHILDRENS PLUS INC	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$63.75
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$64.45
DEMCO	FURNITURE/FIXTURES	\$317.44
DON & DIANE KRAMER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$189.00
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$330.00
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$12.69
GRAYBILL COMMUNICATIONS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$828.00
GREG KANZ	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$25.00
HACH COMPANY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$143.79
HANSON SHOWS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$300.00
HOMETOWN SEAMLESS GUTTERS	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$395.00
IIW ENGINEERS & SURVERYORS	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$81.00
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$4,463.57
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$243.90
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,097.50
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$361.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$260.40
MARKET STREET	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$339.75
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$367.65
MUSCATINE LAWN & POWER LLC	VEHICLES	\$13,273.20
NAPA AUTO PARTS	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$18.98

NICK LANGE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$187.78
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$120.70
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$215.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$1,429.60
SCHIMBERG CO	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$278.97
TIPTON AMBULANCE SERVICE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$199.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$2,250.00
WALMART	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$123.76
WAPSIPINICON ALMANAC	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$9.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$4,306.87
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREET MAINT EXP	\$404.05
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$1,061.53
WOMANS DAY	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$10.60
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	PRINCIPLE/INT PAYMENTS	\$36,389.08
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$12,747.76

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of April by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	128,543.57	19,025.32
Road Use Tax	5,573.39	4,846.79
Employee Benefit	23,979.94	2,124.31
Local Option Sales Tax	6,428.64	
Library Trust	11.41	
Ballpark Fund		303.75
Ambulance Trust	8,181.50	779.57
Debt Service	20,976.14	
Perpetual Care	150.00	
Water Utility	8,584.74	2,837.47
Sewer Utility	8,448.72	6,478.18
Storm Water Utility	1,003.50	19.44
Solid Waste	9,604.08	12,743.88
Water Deposit	153.26	

Receive visitors/public comment:

Donna Paup commented on the council's decision regarding no expiration date on building permits and shared a photo of a garage foundation from E First Street that was started several years ago and never finished. It now has trees and other vegetation growing up around it.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Coppess reported 21 calls for the month with 1 call to Lowden, 3 calls to Clarence and 2 calls to Stanwood. Yaneth Pena passed the EMT class and will be taking her practical test and the National written test.

Fire Report: Coppess reported 28 calls for the month with 13 being medical assists, 6 prescribed CRP burns; 7 grass fires, 1 weather, and 1 public assist UPRR.

Police report: Tim Horihan gave his summary of activity from 4/9/18 to 5/14/18 which included 49 business checks; 8 agency assists; 2 medical assist; 21 citizen assist; 2 motorist assist; 8 General Public Safety; 2 theft/fraud; 2 warrants; 1 assault/domestic case; 3 harassment; 7 suspicious activity; 5 animal cases; 7 juvenile cases; 1 welfare check; 3 civil cases; 3 nuisance/noise; 1 mental health; 1 community event; 2 training; 15 parking violations; 38 traffic stops; 45 warnings; and 10 citations. Police was informed of a motorcycle parking on the skate park ramp and requested to take an inventory of the junk vehicles around town and serve notices for nuisance abatement.

Public Works Report: Lange reported that the new mower arrived, the water tower was cleaned and inspected and they are advising that the inside should be painted and a cable installed to climb it; sewer plugged on Kohlhase with a lot of sand pulled out, and council informed that the jetter is at Tipton being repaired. Council inquired about the catch basins being cleaned and mowing at the cemetery.

Administration Report: Coppess advised council of a receipt of a donation from the Monsanto Fund of behalf of Cedar County farmer, Dennis and Linda Coppess. The Mechanicsville Sport Complex was selected to receive the \$2,500 through Grow Communities. The purpose of the Grow Communities program is to partner with farmers to make a positive impact in farm communities across the country by supporting local nonprofit organizations. Since the program began in 2010, more than \$29 million has been directed to organizations across rural America.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship issued the Commercial Pesticide Applicator License to the City of Mechanicsville for Dirk Wieneke.

The P&Z meeting that was scheduled for May 16 has been postponed until after the Cedar County Comprehensive Plan is made available and due to lack of quorum being available for that day.

Old business discussion and possible action on:

New business discussion and possible action on:

Jason Gideon, President Energy Consultants Group: not able to attend.

Sr. Citizen's painting donation: The senior citizens asked for permission to hire a painter to paint the blue section of the building and the west side. The letter received states that Rick Crittenden is certified, bonded and insured. Dee Taylor motioned, Rob Davis seconded to accept the donation from the seniors. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Letter for EMT class and volunteers: Council reviewed a draft of a letter to be sent to all box holders looking to recruit additional EMTs for an upcoming class in August. Dee Taylor motioned, Eric Nehring seconded to approve the mass mailing to be completed.

Fire personnel living /working in district: Pam Cavey motioned, Rob Davis seconded to withdraw the approval authorizing the person to participate as a FF on Mechanicsville's roster until written approval was received from the City of Stanwood. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request for "Curb Cut" No parking permit for 501 S Cedar Street-driveway access from S. Elm Street; Chapter 69 Parking Regulations: Coberly Investments LLC requested a 45 foot area in front of overhead doors that they will be installing and a 90 foot area for the Main driveway entrance. In addition AgVantage requested 2-40 foot driveway entrances on the west side of the road to be no parking areas for access to their property. The semi-trailer that is currently parked in the right of way will be moved on to private property. Dee Taylor motioned, Eric Nehring seconded to approve the no parking areas for driveway entrances on South Elm Street. Ayes all. Motion carried. Some discussion on possible required signage.

Tile in alley behind city hall to East Second Street catch basin: Storm sewer collapsed, council requested additional bids to be able to compare it to the one received. The pipe will be \$400 in addition to the labor bid.

2018 Small City Workshop Strategically Investing in Your Community: Information was shared with Mayor and council on the upcoming meetings being sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities.

Sample Social Media Policy: Coppess shared a sample of a social media policy that she received from attending IMFOA in Des Moines. It was for informational purposes only with no action being taken at this time.

Accept low bid on Rock Salt from State of Iowa: Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the low bid of \$78.17 a ton. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposed gutter work at Library: Andrew Oberbreckling motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the bid from Conrad Construction for working on the gutter at the library in the amount of \$985. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Unsigned document in drop box along with a copy of the Clarence Cardinal. Council discussed and was informed that the "City" doesn't have anything to do with the activities mentioned in the newsletter. Most of the work is being done by the Clarence Community Foundation and the Clarence Economic Development group and several volunteers. It is city policy to take no action on unsigned letters.

A copy of the letter of support for the Cedar County Great Places designation application was also shared.

Set next meeting date: 6/11/18.

Mayor Comments: Mayor requested that a topic of discussion for the next meeting be removal of tree stumps in the right of way.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

David L. Furry, Mayor