

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2023

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 102 N John Street, Mechanicsville. Mayor Andrew Oberbreckling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Amy Bishop, Adam Paidar, Randy Brown, Jen Lester, and Doug Weber. Others present included Rick Scott, Daniel Pike, Meredith Dehmer, Lonni Koch, Josh Miller, Calvin Paup, Donna Paup, Pat Albaugh, Dan Paidar, Carla Barnhart, Terry Thien, Jake from Rusty Rench; Jean Miller, Tracy Miller, Angie Brown and others.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Bishop motioned, Jen Lester seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 5/8/23; the finance reports, claims with pay application 21, and cigarette permit for Casey's. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Paidar, Brown, Lester and Weber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

CHASE CARD SERVICES	BUILDINGS	\$5,373.71
IRS	PAYROLL	\$3,455.48
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$81.94
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,523.77
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$5,922.34
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,060.39
ANN JURGESON	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$50.00
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$16.32
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$313.26
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$471.33
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$2,075.00
BILL BRUCE BUILDERS INC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$23,400.00
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,118.72
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFFS RESERVES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$480.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,530.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$345.48
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,666.92
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$804.84
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$269.80
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$332.63
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$765.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$119.98
FULL AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$25.18
GUNNY THE CLOWN	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$100.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$270.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$300.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$30.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$19.80

JACOB DURGIN	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$50.00
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$500.00
KAY PARK REC CROP	OTHER CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$3,086.00
KAYLA SANDER	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$50.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$2,351.85
LITSCHER, BEN	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$53.16
LL PELLING CO	STREET MAINT EXP	\$27,111.70
MATT PARROTT & SONS CO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$430.83
MCKAY LODGE CONSERVATION LABOR	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$9,669.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$467.31
MEYER, MEGAN	TRAINING	\$275.00
MID IOWA SOLID WASTE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,645.93
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$520.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$311.50
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,770.00
SCHIMBERG CO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$189.72
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$254.55
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$3,766.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$86.42
SPRAYLAND USA	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$18.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$491.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$791.84
TRAF-O-TERIA SYSTEM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$454.03
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$259.91
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$105.57
WALNUT CREEK CONSTRUCTION	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,500.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$13,025.07
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$500.00
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,400.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	17,379.55

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of May by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	34,648.27	23,948.14
Road Use Tax	12,660.43	9,776.07
Employee Benefit	4,269.06	10,534.54
Local Opt Sales Tax	14,600.21	
Library Trust Fund		
Ballpark Fund	3,534.75	
Ambulance Trust Fund	19,594.67	1,586.09
Fire Trust Fund	20.00	
Debt Service	2,686.92	59,702.64
Perpetual Care	200.00	
Water Utility	8,648.92	2,912.09
Sewer Utility	28,429.12	48,078.51
Sewer Sinking Fund		113,716.78
Solid Waste	11,663.61	6,261.39
Storm Water Utility	1,126.90	6.84

Water Deposit	250.00	
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Receive visitors/public comment: Terry Thien inquired about the appearance of the street and curb sinking in front of his house, asking if it causes future damage to his sewer line who is responsible for damage. Angie Brown reported flowers being removed from the center of the cemetery less than 2 weeks after Memorial Day.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 35 calls for April and 147 ytd. Community Foundation of Cedar County grant was received for the purchase of 2 portable suction units. Correspondence received from Clarence indicating the coordinator has given notice to resign effective 9/30. Training will be Anaphylaxis and Asthma, per Cedar County Board of Supervisors they will be preparing for November vote on Essential Service Countywide Ambulance.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Jake Koch reported 16 calls, training will be hose handling on First Street June 19 while they wash down the street.

Police Report: Rick Scott police report consisted of 70 Calls for service, 5 traffic stops, 6 citations, 3 warnings, 3 investigations worked, 9 speak with officer; 20 public assists; 4 animal calls, 5 assist other agencies, 2 assaults; 2 domestic, 3 accidents, and 4 arrests.

Public Works Report: Daniel Pike reported mowing, working on cost for tiling into storm drain, water meters, Crestview cold patch repair, will work on removing bump in Madison Street, Roto Rooter televised 1st and 2nd found tree roots; trailer park is working to move the shut offs that are under the trailers so water can be shut off, hydrant flushing found a lot of rust on 4th Street; and lead and copper testing will be done this year for the water testing.

Administration Report: Coppess reported election planning paperwork completed with Jen, Adam and Randy being seats to be filled, history of the past 2 years for nuisance letters forwarded to city attorney along with a June 2 current photo and then June 6 a lot of tires were removed with another photo sent 6/9 for status update; State Hygienic lab will increase testing fees by 6%; pay application 21 should be the last one until everything is completed at the WWTF; 1 building permit denied and is being taken to the board of adjustments to request a variance, and several complaints received about the missing flowers at the cemetery.

Discussion and possible action on:

Car Show sponsored by Rusty Rench on June 24 from 10-3 and is requesting to close street between Cherry and Jackson. The rain date will be June 25. Randy Brown motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve closing the street. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Calvin Paup requested to do landscaping around the Doughboy similar to a patio/brick area that measures 16x18 with pavers. Amy Bishop motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve doing the landscaping. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Overhead door quote for shop door: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve replacing the bottom panel at \$1120. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Update on lift station road work: Daniel Pike reported that he has been in contact with LL Pelling, has met with other property owners concerning an easement for the corner in exchange for putting in fence; approval to remove the fence to the east, discussion about the wet land.

Petition to install a roundabout at the end of East South Street in Mechanicsville IA 6 signatures: In reviewing the map the city does not own any of the land in that area, the property owners that do own the land did not sign and were not asked to sign the petition, Council assumed the petition was for a cul-de-sac or an area to turn around in. Further discussion indicated it would be better to put a drive/street/alley type path from East South and go south to East Cedar St, but again do not own the property to do so. No action taken as it is not feasible to do at this time.

Receipt of Cedar County Community Foundation Grants: \$2486 for bags in the park and \$1639 for suction units for ambulance: Doug Weber motioned, Jen Lester seconded to proceed with purchasing the items. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Would city be interested in partnering with Xerxes employee volunteers for 4-5 hours of work (ex. In Tipton did a cleanup of the sidewalks/gutters in downtown area sweeping the areas): Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to proceed with working out details of the volunteer event. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal from Blue Line Solutions: This is an automated traffic system with the study showing 7740 vehicles in 5 days with 1166 speeding 10+mph over the speed limit in the school zone; Hwy 30 there were 90,000 vehicles in the 5 days with 13,408 speeding. This is free to city, contract with them to collect the fines with city getting 60%. The vendor wants to have a special meeting with council on June 27 at 6 pm at city hall to review the details.

Estimate to remove compressor and tanks, mount new compressor, wire unit, set and secure tanks, plumb air lines for FD Air compressor for SCBA's: Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the bid from Koch's at a cost of \$3,555.00. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Quotes Sandry gloves, pike pole shields at a cost of \$2427.25; quote from Sandry for 4 sets of Coat/pants \$10,486 gear for Ben, Mike, Alex P and Dan P; and quote for 6 tires from Dan's Tire \$1358.26 for 162: Doug Weber motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the 3 quotes, but the fire department should not do any future

business going forward with Dan's tire until the tire mess is cleaned up. Ayes all.
Motion carried.

Matt Pivit Republic Services recycling services: Motion by Jen, second by Doug to request proposal. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Nuisances: Police chief gave update on status of nuisances known as the blue house, Cherry Street camper, vehicle with no license, and Struck trailer. Some legal issues pertaining to who the responsible owners are.

Correspondence stating X-40 sealing pavement joints is taking place this week, and announced that Hwy 1 is closed until Oct with detour coming in on X-40.

Set next meeting date: 7/10/2023 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building and special meeting June 27 to review contract at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor's Comments: None.

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 7:40 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor