

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 2021

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. 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, Denice Dochterman and Jennifer Lester. One vacant seat. Others present included Josh Miller, Will Wagner, Meredith Dehmer, Pat Albaugh, Kyle Schveiger, and Scott Bishop.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adam Paidar motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 5/10/21; finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman and Lester. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$236.90
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$40.97
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,283.94
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$4,330.55
AMAZON.COM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,076.70
AMERICAN TREE SERVICES LLC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$7,150.00
ANTHONY ROSSETTI	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
AUREON COMMUNICATIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$12.99
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$223.00
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,985.00
BILL BRUCE BUILDERS INC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$104,933.89
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$66.98
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$61.33
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$648.10
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,369.50
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$408.19
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	MEDICAL/WELLNESS EXPENSE	\$35.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$57.00
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$801.70
ECONO SIGNS LLC	POSTS/SIGNS	\$126.24
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$330.00
IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIAT	TRAINING	\$70.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$26.10
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$157.43
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$2,735.35
LL PELLING CO	STREET MAINT EXP	\$760.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$419.20
MENS JOURNAL	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$14.95
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$167.83
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$5,745.00
OASIS ELECTRIC LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$6,403.09
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,150.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00

PETERSEN MANUFACTURING CO INC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$4,906.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$376.94
RVM LANDSCAPING	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$3,007.50
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,400.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$495.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$415.00
TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$85.00
THOMAS & CLARK LLC	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$200.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$537.52
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.66
USA BLUEBOOK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$151.48
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$8,175.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$8,371.04
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREET MAINT EXP	\$95.59
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$12,272.02

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of May by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	18,809.46	20,197.81
Road Use Tax	11,677.30	4,753.36
Employee Benefit	4,128.30	2,537.14
Local Option Sales Tax	9,673.22	
Library Trust Fund	501.79	
Ballpark Fund	9,773.65	9,202.31
Ambulance Trust	146.15	2,719.29
Debt Service	2,213.61	57,210.80
Perpetual Care	150.00	
Water Utility	8,409.84	1,402.46
Sewer Utility	13,518.69	5,736.98
Solid Waste	12,211.54	6,683.07
Storm Water Utility	1,024.45	902.24
Water Deposits	100.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: No report.

Fire Report: Fire department had 1 call for the month, reminder June 26 date for Fireman's dance at the ballfield with a \$5 admission.

Police Report: Police Chief William Wagner reported 1 accident, 10 agency assists, 1 animal, 37 business checks, 1 custody exchange; 11 extra patrol, 1 fingerprinting, 5 follow up, 1 harrassment;6 juvenile, 1 medical assist; 1 mental health; 3 miscellaneous; 5 motorist assist; 4 nuisance; 4 parking; 21 speak with officer; 6 suspicious sactivity;1 theft; 43 traffic stops, with 8 citation, 11 school dismissals; 1 arrests; 7 call outs, 1 meeting, and 1 training.

Request to carry old AED in personal vehicle and request to run emergency police lights & siren in personal vehicle: It was noted that the city insurance carrier is “OK” covering the personal vehicle of the police officers for use in the City's business. They do want it to only be occasional and not something done routinely. Amy Bishop motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Tennis net replaced, garage sale signs hung, water meters installed, no parking signs installed, weeds sprayed on streets & sidewalk; mowing, trimming cemetery and parks, bleachers fixed at ballfield, potholes filled in streets. Pump went out at lift station due to sanitary wipes and baby wipes being flushed and getting caught up in the pump.

Administration report: Elite Ambulance Sales contacted about possibly purchasing used cot; Steve submitted paperwork for renewal of sewer permit; 2 sidewalk permits issued; 3 building permits; door fixed at MB, AC went out at post office & Memorial Building Koch's contacted to repair.

Public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement: This being the time and place specified for holding the public hearing and taking action on the proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement, the City Clerk announced that no written objections had been placed on file. Whereupon, the Mayor called for any written or oral objections, and there being none, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Resolution 2021-12 authorizing and approving a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$3,744,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2021: Amy Bishop motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded, to approve the resolution 2021-12. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Adam Paidar, Amy Bishop, Denice Dochterman, and Jennifer Lester. Nays: None. Resolution 2021-12 adopted.

Second reading of Ordinance 320 to establish increase in sewer rates: Jennifer Lester motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to approve the second reading of the ordinance that increases the sewer rates by \$30 more than current rate and goes into effect with the July 1 usage-the bill that is due on August 15, 2021. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Jennifer Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to waive the third reading of ordinance 320. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Jennifer Lester motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to adopt ordinance 320 establishing an increase in the sewer rates. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Adam Paidar, Amy Bishop, Denice Dochterman, and Jennifer Lester. Nays: None. Ordinance adopted.

**New business discussion and possible action on:
LTD Broadband request to rent space on water tower:** No information provided.

Quotation from MVP to repair Fairbanks Morse Pump \$5745: Adam Paidar motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to approve repairing the pump. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal from LL Pelling for seal coating streets: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the proposal from LL Pelling to seal coat streets including the roads in the cemetery, Oak Street, Jefferson and 125th for \$39,944.30. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Approve purchasing 200 replacement water meters @\$272.25 each: Jennifer Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve purchasing meters. Ayes all. Motion carried.

400 E First Street lot for sale, will be sold at auction soon: Clerk was asked to pass along information regarding the property to see if city had interest.

Consider quotations for extension of East Cedar Street: Denise Dochterman motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to gravel the full length and full width and to accept the proposal submitted by Luke Oberbreckling for \$45,789. Ayes all. Motion carried. No other proposals were received.

MB roof Quotes: Council will wait until next month to see if an additional quote for the replacement of the Memorial Building roof is received.

Walking Trail school/ball field: School applied for a Wellmark matching grant for a \$50,000 project. The proposed walkway would go around the outside perimeter of the school and the ballfields. Some discussion about maintaining the snow removal and thickness needed in order to drive trucks across for maintenance of lights at ball field.

Request to purchase 2 additional playground pieces at \$17,236 for Cruse park: Amy Bishop motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposals for tree removal in the park: Two proposals were received one for \$2800 from American Tree Service and the other for \$1300 from Walnut Creek Construction. Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to accept the bid for \$1300 to remove the tree by the new equipment. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposals for stump removal in the park: One proposal was received with the anticipation of receiving 2 others. Council opted to wait to take any action.

Save Your Town highlights: Amy Bishop provided a recap of Deb Browns visit to the community which included comments from 37% wanting recreation or trails, 55% wanting upgrade to city parks, 33% wanting restaurants, bars, grocery, history center and 100% housing. Suggested tools and resources was to do an age specific survey, Electronic Newsletters, forming volunteer groups, share an economic and community

vitality coordinator with other towns, utilize an empty building registry, utilize high school programs for community projects, commercial kitchen in Memorial Building, community events such as dog costume parade, carnival, parades, music in the park, Chalk the walk, art and craft show, sprinklers/slip N Slide in park, street dance to name a few.

Resolution 2021-13 to participate in the Hometown Pride Program at a cost of \$500 for the 1st year of a 5 year program. City can opt out if they decide to for future years. Amy Bishop motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to approve the resolution. WHEREAS, the City of Mechanicsville is taking action to join the Keep Iowa Beautiful Hometown Pride Partnership with East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA), Keep Iowa Beautiful, and cities and counties in Delaware and Cedar County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, this partnership agreement will be in effect for a five year period beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 with optional renewal on an annual basis and dependent on the Hometown Pride program funding for the program as outlined in the attached Hometown Pride Scope of Work;

WHEREAS, the objective of this agreement and Hometown Pride program is to further the economic and cultural vitality of the region, counties and communities by supporting, facilitating and furthering the implementation of county, community and non-profit plans in a coordinated partnership strategy with ECIA providing a full-time equivalency community coach for up to ten municipalities pro-rated based on total municipality participation with services as outlined in the attached Hometown Pride Scope of Work;

WHEREAS, City of Mechanicsville, agrees to the annual match commitment as defined in the Hometown Pride Scope of Work effective for a five year period with optional renewal on an annual basis dependent on the Hometown Pride program funding; Ayes: Adam Paidar, Jennifer Lester, Denise Dochterman, and Amy Bishop. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Repair of E Cedar Street between S Cherry and S Linn Street: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the proposal from Luke Oberbreckling for \$10,494 to repair the street in the two locations. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Appoint volunteers to Park Board: Amy Bishop motioned, Denise Dochterman seconded to approve appointing Emily Blake and Marcy Oberbreckling to the park board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Appoint volunteers to Library Board: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve Jay Hartman to the library board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Appoint volunteer to P&Z: Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to appoint Pam Cavey to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ayes all. Motion carried. One more volunteer is still needed to fill the board.

Appoint to fill Council vacancy: Jennifer Lester announced that she would be abstaining due to conflict of interest. Amy Bishop motioned, Denise Dochterman seconded to appoint Laura Yost to the city council to fill the vacancy. Other applicants expressing interest and considered were Doug Weber and Jim Meyer. Ayes: Amy Bishop and Denise Dochterman. Nays: Adam Paidar. Abstain: Jennifer Lester. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Attention was brought to the Illuminate flyer that was included with the Alliant bill this month as Dorothy Russell, team leader of the Branching Out project in Mechanicsville was quoted and a picture of the mural was included.

Set next meeting date: 7/12/2021 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building

Mayor Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Jennifer Lester 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