

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
June 22, 2020

The Mechanicsville City Council met in special session on Monday, June 22, 2020 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 Dee Taylor, Amy Bishop, and Adam Paidar. Jennifer Lester was absent. One council seat vacant. Mark Schneider from ECIA and others dialed in but not identified.

CONSENT AGENDA: Amy Bishop motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda and the minutes from 6/8/20 and 6/11/20. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, and Paidar. Lester absent. Nays: None. One seat vacant. Motion carried.

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

Public Hearing on proposed CDBG waste water improvement project application for grant funds: Mayor Oberbreckling opened the public hearing to solicit comments on the City's proposed application for a Community Development Block Grant to the Iowa Economic Development Authority at 6:31 p.m. The Council discussed the need to upgrade the City's wastewater system. The application will be submitted to IEDA no later than July 1, 2020. The proposed improvements will be in the amount of \$2,688,500 including construction and administrative fees. The engineering costs are not included in the CDBG budget. The City pledges local effort to the project in the amount of \$2,188,500. The total amount of CDBG funds requested will be \$500,000. Based on ACS estimates, 54.5% of the funds will benefit low-to-moderate income persons residing in the City. By design, no displacement will occur. If displacement is necessary, the City will comply fully with the Uniform Relocation Act and Section 104(d). Mayor Oberbreckling closed the public hearing at 6:35 PM with no negative comments from citizens present and no objections on file. Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to close the public hearing. Ayes all.

Review CDBG Program Community Development and Housing Needs

Assessment: Mark also reviewed the prior needs assessment and no additional changes or updates were needed at this time.

Resolution 2020-13 to approve CDBG application, pledge local match, approve the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment and authorize mayor to sign application documents: Motion by Amy Bishop, second by Dee Taylor to adopt Resolution 2020-13 confirming the City's desire to apply for CDBG funds,

pledging \$2,188,500 in Local Effort toward the project and granting authority to Mayor Oberbreckling to sign application documents for the CDBG funds. Ayes: Dee Taylor, Amy Bishop, and Adam Paidar. Absent: Jennifer Lester. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2020-14 setting salary for Police Chief and authorize to attend the Cedar Rapids Police Academy from July 6 to October 30 (graduation ceremony):

Motion by Adam Paidar, second by Amy Bishop to set the salary at \$18.00 per hour with an increase of \$5.00 after obtaining certification from the academy. Ayes: Dee Taylor, Amy Bishop, and Adam Paidar. Absent: Jennifer Lester. Resolution adopted.

Performance reviews to be done by full council or committee: Motion by Adam Paidar, second by Amy Bishop to have the Mayor do the employee reviews by committee. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Appointment or special election to fill council vacancy: Motion by Dee Taylor, second by Adam Paidar to fill the council seat by appointment. Notice will be published with interested parties to submit a letter of interest to city hall prior to July 13 council meeting. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set next meeting date: 7/13/2020 6:30 p.m.

Mayors Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Dee Taylor motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor