

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2023

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 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, Jake Koch, Josh Miller, Donna Paup, Pat Albaugh, Nancy Kainz, Gerald Niederhauser; Matt Pivitt, Republic Services; and Jay with True Blue.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 6/27/23; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Paidar, Brown, Lester and Weber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

ACE HARDWARE	STREET MAINT EXP	\$268.18
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,607.19
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$980.46
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$18.24
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$21.81
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$1,117.00
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,364.44
CEDAR COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$4,845.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$7,895.31
CHALLIS ENTERPRISES	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$550.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$269.44
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$269.80
DES MOINES STAMP MFG CO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$29.50
ECIA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$754.80
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$574.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$119.98
FLUENT EMS INC	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$436.67
GUNNY THE CLOWN	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$120.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$112.23
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$940.00
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$665.35
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$18.97
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$241.19
LL PELLING CO	STREET MAINT EXP	\$766.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$446.18
MEYER, MEGAN	TRAINING	\$144.00
OVERDRIVE	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$514.20
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PAIDAR, ADAM	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	\$102.18
PENA, LAURA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$118.97
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,872.50

SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,400.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$64.82
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$202.56
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.08
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$400.00
VORTEX OPTICS	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$434.98
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$13,025.07
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,241.67
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,358.26
PAYROLL	WAGES	21,702.27

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of June by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	24,218.02	46,791.45
Road Use Tax	15,746.65	33,078.26
Employee Benefit	1,397.02	10,450.15
Local Opt Sales Tax	11,975.21	
Library Trust Fund	40.94	
Ballpark Fund	350.00	5,373.71
Ambulance Trust Fund	11,216.48	3,161.03
Fire Trust Fund		
Debt Service	884.28	
Perpetual Care	150.00	
Water Utility	8,775.72	4,160.15
Sewer Utility	54,535.02	28,800.29
Sewer Sinking Fund		
Solid Waste	10,757.95	6,399.45
Storm Water Utility	1,066.97	13.43
Water Deposit	250.00	150.00

Receive visitors/public comment: Rick Scott updated the council that he has received a request to close E 1st Street from John Street to Cherry Street for a street dance and live auction at the Rusty Rench on August 18 from 3pm to Midnight.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 33 calls for June and that Shonda Jeffrey has successfully completed testing to be an EMT.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Jake Koch reported 16 calls, training will be on vehicle extrication and fire. Sunday at 2p.m. fire department will be on standby at the fairgrounds with West Branch for the Tuff Truck competition, County fire will be at Atallissa, new radio system is expected to start transitioning in about 4-6 weeks.

Police Report: Rick Scott police report consisted of 80 Calls for service, 2 thefts; 4 traffic stops, 1 citation, 4 warnings, 3 investigations worked, 15 speak with officer; 10

public assists; 7 animal calls with 2 being dog bites and 5 at large; 7 assist other agencies, 1 assault; 1 domestic, 4 nuisances; and 2 accidents.

Public Works Report: Daniel Pike reported receiving bid for Crestview \$1350 and \$4020 for N Fayette Street; Lead and copper sampling changes being made to locations; mowing; spraying; asked about removing flowers on south part of cemetery; reported taking tree branches to Stanwood burn site in exchange for 8 hours of street sweeping for them each year; Cemetery flowers can be removed if the family members are not maintaining and the weeds are growing up into the flowers.

Administration Report: Coppess reported that the Board of Adjustments denied the request for a variance; Friendship roofing last said they would be here the week of June 18 to do roof, no sign of them yet.

Discussion and possible action on:

Proposal from Blue Line Solutions: The answers to the questions that were asked of the vendor at the prior meeting were brought and discussed; Amy Bishop motioned, Jen Lester seconded to approve the revised 2 year contract subject to review by the city attorney along with the sample ordinance from the City of Blue Grass. Ayes all. Motion carried. The proposed ordinance will be drafted and brought back at the next meeting for the first reading.

Matt Pivitt, Republic Services recycling services: Provided information about their company and apologized for not getting formal written proposal sent ahead of time. If the city were to change it would be no glass pick up; carts would be like garbage containers, and it would be every other week instead of each week at same price.

Policy review for possibly adding call-out definition to personnel manual: Council reviewed definition for a call out to be an order to report for emergency or special work, at an unusual time or place; monthly council meetings are part of everyone's regular schedule and are not considered a call out or call back to work, employees get paid for actual time at meeting, not an automatic 2 hours when it's a half hour meeting. Employees may come in late on those days.

Resolution 2023-11 to transfer funds from Sewer into Sewer Sinking Fund: Motion by Adam Paidar, seconded by Doug Weber to transfer the funds. Ayes: Bishop, Paidar, Lester, Weber, and Brown. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Policy regarding ballpark being used as a "dog park": Council discussed both views of being able to let pets run and the issue with the leash law prohibiting the dogs from running loose, unless they were under the control of their owner at all times and there is a law that owners are to clean up after their pets, so would encourage everyone to use the ballpark and all other public facilities responsibly without making a policy change at this time.

Correspondence included an email from resident wanting to know status of the incident where their doorbell camera has recorded an unknown person walking by putting dog feces into their garbage can and complaints of unknown persons speeding and running stop signs needing to be issued citations.

Set next meeting date: 8/14/2023 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building.

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 7:34 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor