

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2022

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at 102 N John Street, Mechanicsville. Mayor Pro-tem Amy Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Amy Bishop, Denice Dochterman, Adam Paidar, Doug Weber and Jennifer Lester. Others present included Donna Paup, Jean Miller, Pat Albaugh, Tracy Miller, Sandra Warren, Collen Svoboda, Randy Rouse, Josh Miller, Rick Scott, and Jake Koch.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adam Paidar motioned, Jen Lester seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 6/13/22; the finance reports, Rusty Rench liquor license, and claims including pay application #13 for \$262,518.75. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Dochterman, Paidar, Lester and Weber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	TAX PAYABLE	\$451.13
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ALEX AIR APPARATUS INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$292.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,068.97
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$911.58
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$17.46
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$401.08
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,304.23
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$6,586.31
CEDAR COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$4,590.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,275.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$90.32
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$107.40
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$212.85
CLARENCE LOWDEN SUN-NEWS & ADV	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$73.20
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$149.29
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$351.50
DIESEL-TURBO SERVICES INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,830.68
EASTERN IOWA WATERWORKS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,117.00
ECIA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$734.40
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,328.77
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$903.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$42.30
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$15,682.80

JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$99.96
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$412.97
JOHN MCPHAIL	STREET MAINT EXP	\$300.00
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$485.94
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$150.95
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$319.99
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$400.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES EXP	\$54.10
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$392.66
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	STREET MAINT EXP	\$745.53
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$250.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$187.07
ROBERTSONS PAINTING & CONSTRUC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$2,000.00
SADLER POWER TRAIN	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$506.81
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,400.00
SCHIMBERG CO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$252.80
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$2,585.60
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$495.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$822.50
THIS OLD HOUSE	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$25.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$297.36
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$194.10
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$111.83
USA BLUEBOOK	CHEMICALS	\$228.26
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$15,819.56
WALNUT CREEK CONSTRUCTION	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$1,700.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$381.54
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WEST BRANCH TIMES	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$123.00
BILL BRUCE BUILDERS INC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$262,518.75
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$15,729.24

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of June by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	23,884.08	34,796.27
Road Use Tax	17,886.50	33,163.07
Employee Benefit	881.54	4,321.52
Local Option Sales Tax	10,057.75	
Library Trust Fund	10.02	
Ballpark Fund		466.59
Ambulance Trust	136.43	2,500.48

Tree Trust	9.97	
Debt Service	683.54	59,379.49
Perpetual Care	100.00	
Water Utility	8,720.54	77,364.44
Sewer Utility	100,476.57	331,471.16
Sewer Sinking Fund		
Solid Waste	10,698.47	7,327.46
Storm Water Utility	1,029.53	
Water Deposits	-150.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Ambulance had 23 calls for the month and 143 ytd. Still following Covid 19 precautions, Congratulations to Will Wagner attaining Paramedic.

Fire Report: Fire 6 calls for the month with plans to do grain bin rescue training, shared information on cost of 6 new air packs being \$57,037.26. Packs last about 10-15 years, compressor needs to be able to fill to 6000 psi.

Police Report: No report.

Public Works Report: Public Works reported mowing parks, sewer plant, lagoon, and cemetery; picked up tree limbs from storm; hauled away branches; treated weeds on street and sewer plant; served 2 nuisances; dialing water testing; ambulance calls, will begin hydrant flushing tomorrow; sense phone is working again at lift station; back flow from lift station after 5 inches of rain as the pump failed to keep up.

Administration Report: Coppess reported Alliant will be installing a temporary substation at the entrance of the lagoon as need to replace transformers and the base at the existing site and clerk plans to use vacation time the last week of July.

Old business discussion and possible action on:

Formalize part time holiday pay and vacation pay: Council reviewed the 2 sections needing to be updated based on the motion that was made at prior council meeting to award paid time off to part time personnel for holiday and vacation. Further discussion on whether part time employees should have paid time off. Doug asked about rescinding the motion that approved awarding it and leave the handbook as is. Motion was then made by Doug Weber, seconded by Adam Paidar to table until next month. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Legion room ceiling w/lights and men's bathroom ceiling: Information was shared to indicate that the water is from heavy rains, the roof needs to be completed and then checked to make sure water issues have been addressed. The roofers are awaiting the arrival of the screws. Doug will get cost proposals for replacing the lights and the drop ceiling and Adam is going to get cost estimates for painting.

New business discussion and possible action on:

Appoint Park Board: Motion by Jen, second by Adam to appoint Debbie Pregler and Brian Preglar to park board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Discussion on police opening: Council was informed of 1 application being received and having been posted in excess of 10 days to meet the Veteran's Preference rule. Discussion on potentially contracting with county; requiring a contract if we pay for training with a minimum of 4 years after becoming certified, need to have communication with county/dispatch in what constituents being called out for an emergency; Rick informed council that he was the 1 applicant, does not need to attend the academy and would be interested in perhaps doing a 30/20 split between police and public works. Adam volunteered to gather data on the calls/dates/times for the past year for further discussion at the next meeting.

Complaints 114 E First St & North John Street: Council was made aware of the public works having to put floor dry down at 114 E First Street and that the city attorney had been contacted regarding the nuisance. City attorney recommended filing a new abatement form since so much time had passed since the last one being dismissed by the court. It was also noted that there was photos of the property on N John Street brought in and the complaint will be handled in the same manner by filing a nuisance abatement. Additional discussion was held about contacting the fire marshal and the DNR, but it was decided to follow up based on the city attorney's recommendation.

C-1 zoning request for word "automotive" to be removed to read "sales, service, and repair, including farm implements: This request will be presented to the planning and zoning commission for a recommendation prior to the council taking any action on it.

Set next meeting date: 8/8/2022 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building

Mayors Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Denice Dochterman motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Amy Bishop, Mayor pro-tem

