

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 12, 2021

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 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, Jennifer Lester, and Laura Yost. Others present included Rick Scott, Josh Miller, Will Wagner, Meredith Dehmer, Jake Koch, Lonni Koch, Pat Albaugh, Donna Paup, Nancy Kainz, Bob Steen, and Sara Doermann.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 6/14/21; finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman, and Yost. Nays: Lester. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$20.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$5,050.61
AMAZON.COM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$221.48
AUREON COMMUNICATIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$12.99
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$32.10
BROWNS WEST BRANCH LLC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$76.99
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$8.73
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,227.44
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$7,375.04
CEDAR COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$4,870.50
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,485.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$57.78
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$477.96
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	MEDICAL/WELLNESS EXPENSE	\$10.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CURT CUMMINGS	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$175.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$95.24
ECIA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$1,452.92
ECONO SIGNS LLC	POSTS/SIGNS	\$509.92
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$626.50
ERIC STORJOHANN	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,200.00
FENTON, BOBBIE	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
GILLESPIE INVESTMENTS	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$130.60
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$938.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$36.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$389.14
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$423.80
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$88.59
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$599.36
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$400.00
M3 AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$64.17
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$424.44

OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$245.50
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$126.10
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$627.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$693.00
TORRES, JAIME	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.56
USA BLUEBOOK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$59.25
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$4,447.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$6,273.26
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREETS	\$101.56
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$18,285.62

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of June by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	34,760.67	36,944.38
Road Use Tax	14,898.08	17,308.33
Employee Benefit	572.09	3,666.84
Local Option Sales Tax	9,673.22	
Library Trust Fund	28.72	
Ballpark Fund	-1.79	18.41
Ambulance Trust	132.11	335.59
Fire Trust Fund	250.02	
Restricted Gift Tree	9.97	
Debt Service	310.03	
Perpetual Care	100.00	
Water Utility	8,557.45	63,750.46
Sewer Utility	13,594.72	114,191.20
Solid Waste	10,632.57	7,146.37
Storm Water Utility	1,024.24	20.02
Water Deposits	-658.91	50.00

Receive visitors/public comment: Bob Steen and Sara Doermann presented information on the topic of Invest in Ourselves. Bob introduced Sara who has recently accepted a job with North Liberty in Public Planning and addressed the questions of What can we do to grow our community? What are our strengths? Kids, education and community well-being are areas to focus on and plan for the future. Mention of the USDA Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) grant which the community's income level is above the level to qualify for.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Ambulance had 22 calls for the month. Rick Scott has been added to the EMT roster. Participated in the Back to Summer event at the park.

Fire Report: Fire department had 9 calls for the month with some accidents on the highway. Dance was a success, applied for a couple grants for a gear washer and 4

sets of Wild Fire gear. Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve Chino attending Summer Fire School for 2 days at a cost of \$125 for the class and mileage. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Police Report: Police reported 3 accidents, 5 agency assists, 2 alarms, 1 animal, 37 business checks; 1 domestic disturbance, 5 extra patrol, 1 fingerprinting, 8 follow up, 1 juvenile, 3 medical assist; 6 miscellaneous; 7 motorist assist; 2 parking; 24 speak with officer; 2 suspicious activity; 1 theft; 21 traffic stops, with 3 citation, 1 arrests, 20 warnings; 1 warrant check, 2 welfare checks; 4 arrests; 9 call outs. Plan to start paramedic training on 8/10 where schedule may differ substantially, talked to Sheriff's Office about coverage while at school and will help out. It last for 9 months, is free, and held in Davenport.

Request to purchase taser and request to purchase handgun: Stated that already own the taser as he purchased taser for \$1000 in 2019 and will sell to the city for \$600 and purchased the handgun a month ago for \$519.99 and is requesting to be reimbursed for it. Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to purchase the taser and the handgun from Will Wagner (\$1,119.99.) Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Mowing & trimming cemetery, parks, ballfield, Waste Water Treatment plant and inside fenced area, installed water meters, painted lines and curbs on street and crosswalks by school, cleaned streets with street sweeper, cleaned out storm gutters, stand by for brush drop off, cleaned pit at WWTP, hauled rock and spread at Country View/125th; water issues in Memorial Building (NC Trucking) fixed; Dave Wendt came in and mowed the ditches (Thank you!); got some spare wheels/axles to repair garbage cans and some more large cans; attempted to repair bathroom door at ballfield, but need to replace and is on order. Some no parking signs have been replaced, clover is bad at the ballfield and will need to be treated this fall; the Hustler mower was taken to Lisbon for repair of the hydraulics; and shared concern of the broken headstones in the Old North part of the cemetery.

Administration report: Reported that the mobile home park was sold; the Board of Adjustments denied a variance for a garage to be 5 feet from the property line rather than the required 15; applied for the city's share of the American Rescue Plan dollars, still need a volunteer to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to replace Jeff Christianson. The State Audit was completed and released June 30th. Vacation request for July was approved with a motion by Jennifer Lester and Denice Dochterman seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Old Business discussion and possible action on:

Quotes from Friendship Roofing and Coating and DC Taylor: Council reviewed the 2 proposals to tear off existing roofing materials down to decking; build in tapered system to promote better drainage, position and install 2x4s covered with PVC along roof edge; fasten flexion 60 mil single ply membrane, thermal fuse hot-air weld overlapping seams for \$72,885. The other proposal was for \$178,864. Jennifer Lester

motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to accept the proposal from Friendship Roofing out of Kalona for \$72,885. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal for stump removal in park: Proposals to remove stumps and do clean up from American Tree Service was \$4875; One World Tree Service was \$2902; or if the city wanted to do removal and no clean up One World Tree Service was \$2007, and Randy Gombert was \$3,000. Jennifer Lester motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to accept the proposal from One World Tree Service for \$2902 to include clean up. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Home Base Iowa Cedar County residency incentives: For Veterans who qualify the City of Mechanicsville will offer to waive the \$50 water deposit for new Veterans moving into the community and will waive the water and sewer hookup fees for Veterans who build a new home in the community. Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve to waive these 3 fees while the program is in place for Cedar County. Ayes all. Motion carried.

New business discussion and possible action on:

Salary Resolution for FY22: Motioned by Amy Bishop, seconded by Jennifer Lester to approve the salary resolution 2021-14 which provides for a 3% pay increase effective July 1. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Paidar, Dochterman, Yost and Lester. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Correspondence from affidavit operator requesting an increase to \$1300 per month. Council did not take any additional action at this time, as operator is currently considered a part time employee and has IPERS and other benefits rather than an independent contractor and was given a 3% salary increase to \$927 per month which was part of the resolution that was just approved.

Appoint volunteers to Library Board: Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve Christa Troughton to the library board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Consider membership to Save Your.Town: Amy Bishop motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to approve joining save your town for the 1 year free membership. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments: Mayor Oberbreckling provided the council with their respective committee assignments for the remainder of the year.

Potential funding of fireworks: Adam Paidar motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to purchase \$15,000 of fireworks for July 2022. Ayes all. Motion carried.

City hosting some sort of event on the 4th of July 2022: Council did some brainstorming of ideas for activities which included slow pitch tournament, bags tournament, music, potentially asking Lion's club to move lunch to evening, getting more

organizations involved, and possibly create a google survey form to get additional ideas from the public. Will discuss more at the October meeting.

VFD repair so pumps at lift station alternate running between the 3 of them:

Jennifer Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to repair the Variable Frequency Drive and the floats for \$6375. Mississippi Valley Pump will also provide training for Rick and Josh on how to operate the controls and the pumps at no additional charge. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Providing garbage service beyond city limits: Jennifer Lester motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve providing garbage service to residents who are technically out of the city limits, but their driveway connects to the city street and is on the existing route at the same monthly rate. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Correspondence from ECIA updating us on the next steps to take for the Keep Iowa Beautiful program.

Committee reports:

Committee meeting for public works: Amy and Adam will set up a time to meet with public works employees.

Mayor Oberbreckling also asked the general government committee to work on developing a credit card policy and a disaster recovery policy.

Set next meeting date: 8/9/2021 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building

Mayor Comments: Updated council that performance reviews are completed.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Jennifer Lester motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor