

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 8, 2022

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022 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, Denice Dochterman, Adam Paidar, and Doug Weber. Jennifer Lester was absent. Others present included Matt Sprecht (ECIA), Josh Miller, Jake Koch, Lonni Koch, Donna Paup, Sandra Warren, Tracy Miller, Jean Miller, Carol Lamont, Pat Albaugh, Tracy Miller, Collen Svoboda, Randy Rouse, Chris Weber, Glen Weber, Meredith Dehmer, and Fire department members Chino Cardenas, Dan Baker, Dan Paidar, Kaleb Galloway, Matt Shields, and Alex Paidar.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Adam Paidar motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 7/11/22; the finance reports, Casey's Liquor license, and claims including pay application #14 for \$222,068.40. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Dochterman, Paidar, and Weber. Nays: None. Lester absent. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$1,100.00
ACE HARDWARE	STREET MAINT EXP	\$308.90
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,034.17
ALTORFER INC.	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$741.20
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$311.04
AMAZON.COM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$155.57
AUSTIN KNAKE	REFUND	\$96.79
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$11.76
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$92.66
BANKERS BANK	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$11.60
BILL BRUCE BUILDERS INC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$222,068.40
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$34.45
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$15.66
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,612.27
CEDAR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOP	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$3,163.00
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFFS RESERVES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$240.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CENTRAL TANK COATINGS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,800.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$233.73
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$232.75
CHASE CARD SERVICES	TRAINING	\$50.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$112.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$177.04
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,307.00
DEMCO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$104.01
DIESEL-TURBO SERVICES INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,109.88
EASTERN IOWA WATERWORKS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,117.00
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,948.81
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$60.00
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$690.00
INTL INST OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$175.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$112.35
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$210.00
JOHNSON COUNTY AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$66.43
LEXIPOL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$307.20

MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$448.95
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$539.14
MICHAEL FREDERICK	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$30.00
OUR IOWA MAGAZINE	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$34.98
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$449.34
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$22.41
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$187.07
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,000.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$200.36
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$111.83
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$11,894.24
WALNUT CREEK CONSTRUCTION	GROUPS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$1,710.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$7,630.51
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$13,253.74

**Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of July by fund**

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	8,020.98	30,058.15
Road Use Tax	10,793.29	3,344.91
Employee Benefit	592.02	3,928.66
Local Option Sales Tax	10,057.75	
Library Trust Fund	12.70	
Ballpark Fund		199.85
Ambulance Trust	2,931.70	1,459.48
Tree Trust		
Debt Service	449.08	59,379.49
Perpetual Care		
Water Utility	7,163.22	6,001.58
Sewer Utility	25,378.12	283,145.94
Sewer Sinking Fund		
Solid Waste	10,436.61	13,358.74
Storm Water Utility	1,071.99	15,702.06
Water Deposits	200.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Donna Paup addressed the council regarding nuisance properties in the city.

**Public Hearing on Status of Funded Activities under 20-WS-033 Wastewater Plant Improvements:** Matt Sprecht, ECIA provided the following information on the Mechanicsville 2020 CDBG Wastewater Project Status of Funded Activities – Contract #20-WS-033

The City of Mechanicsville applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist in cost of new wastewater treatment facility to meet IDNR permit requirements. The city has a 54.50% low-to-moderate income population per the American Community Survey, meeting one of the HUD national objectives for the CDBG program. The total CDBG program budget was estimated to be \$2,688,500 consisting of \$500,000 in CDBG funds and \$2,188,500 to be provided by the City of Mechanicsville through an IDNR State Revolving Fund low interest loan and local funds.

**PROJECT STATUS**  
as of August 8, 2022

The City of Mechanicsville contracted with ECIA for grant administration. The engineering services were not included in the CDBG project budget. The environmental review was completed with the release of funds received on February 26, 2021, the project plans and specifications were completed, and the project was bid on April 8, 2021. The City received six bids for the project and the contract was awarded to Bill Bruce Builders, Inc of Eldridge, IA with the low bid for the total project of \$3,795,000.00. It is anticipated the project will be completed in fall 2022. IEDA is currently monitoring

the project. The CDBG contract has an end date of July 31, 2023. It is anticipated that the grant will be closed in advance of the contract end date.

The following reflects the current CDBG budget as of June 30, 2022.

**BUDGET STATUS**  
as of June 30, 2022

		<u>CDBG</u>	<u>Local Funds</u>
Construction:	Budget:	\$ 477,000.00	\$ 3,318,000.00
	Expended:	<u>116,053.00</u>	<u>532,459.00</u>
	Balance:	\$ 360,947.00	\$ 2,785,541.00
Administration:	Budget:	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 0.00
	Expended:	<u>11,472.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Balance:	\$ 11,528.00	\$ 0.00

**REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Ambulance had 22 calls for the month and 171 ytd.

**Fire Report:** Fire 12 calls for the month with 6 being medical assists and 3 severe weather; plans to do live fire training, working on SCBA's for renewal, working on plan to get both Compressor and Air packs.

**Public Works Report:** Public Works reported mowing, sweeping streets, repaired leak in garbage truck, Madison and Cherry have had some cold patch repairs done.

**Administration Report:** Coppess provided status update on the nuisances that are in progress; Oak Street catch basin is not letting water enter, video will be forwarded to V&K; data from law center for past year showed 1,001 calls for a Mechanicsville address (includes rural) 480 did not involve Mechanicsville Police may have been fire, ambulance or county law enforcement, 217 were traffic stops, leaving about 304 other type calls for the year. The comprehensive plan final draft is available for review and P&Z will be meeting August 17 to approve submitting to the council; State of Iowa Auditor's office working on finishing up field work this past week for FY21.

**Old business discussion and possible action on:**

**Rescind motion to prorate vacation, sick, and holiday pay for part time:** Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to not rescind motion. Ayes: Amy Bishop, Adam Paidar, Denise Dochterman. Nays: Doug Weber. Absent: Jennifer Lester. Motion carried.

**Legion room ceiling w/lights and men's bathroom ceiling:**

**Quote from Miller Construction, dropped ceiling, is registered contractor:** Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the \$4350 for the 9x22 suspended ceiling quote from Miller Construction. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Quote from Koch's Service Supply lighting, is registered contractor:** Adam Paidar motioned, Denise Dochterman seconded to approve the \$1072.07 for the 12 ceiling fixtures quote from Koch's Service and Supply. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Quote from Kasik's Painting, painting 2 color or 1 color:** Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the \$1300 quote for painting with the room to be all one color, clerk to approve color. Ayes all.

**New business discussion and possible action on:**

**Hiring Rick Scott for Police opening:** Adam Paidar motioned, Denise Dochterman seconded to hire Rick Scott at \$30/hour to split time 50/50 between police and public works pending paperwork being turned in to document police training hours. Ayes: Paidar, Bishop, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Abstain: Weber. Absent: Lester. Motion carried.

**Nuisances:** Council discussed what next course of action would be for 207 E First Street and Doug Weber provided a list of addresses that have furniture by the street, trees/bushes overhanging on sidewalk, vehicles with no registration parked in back yard, is house habitable, toys littering front yard, trailer w/multiple snowmobiles parked by street, and mobile home parked by street. List will be given to police to address.

**Resolution and order to abate dangerous building 110 N John Street:** Amy Bishop motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to approve the resolution and order on 110 N John Street. Ayes: Paidar, Dochterman, Bishop, Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Lester. Resolution approved.

**Cemetery Stones-hit by mower/crooked rows:** Shared concerns about stones in the center of cemetery being hit with mower and then not straight on the foundation-will check with insurance on potential coverage and try to get an estimate to correct.

**MVP quote for labor and travel to remove existing and install new VFD and program controller \$6,440:** Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve quote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Legislative Changes affecting city codes:** Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve ordering the legislative changes that affect our code. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Water Tower Inspection (old):** Council reviewed the inspection report provided by Central Tank.

**Waive rental fee for History Center craft show:** Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to waive the fee for the craft show. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Set next meeting date:** 9/14/2022 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 Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor