

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2022

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 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, Adam Paidar, and Doug Weber. Jennifer Lester was absent. Denice Dochterman submitted letter of resignation, seat is vacant. Others present included Rick Scott, Josh Miller, Jake Koch, Lonni Koch, Donna Paup, Sandra Warren, Jean Miller, Pat Albaugh, Collen Svoboda, Meredith Dehmer, and Joe Koehn, Central Tank Coatings.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 8/8/22; the finance reports, and claims including pay application #15 for \$75,753.25 and Urban Renewal Report 2022-14. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Paidar, and Weber. Nays: None. Lester absent. One seat vacant. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$153.44
STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	\$447.79
IOWA MEDICAID ENTERPRISE	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$631.00
ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$408.00
ACE HARDWARE	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$76.95
AGVANTAGE FS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$2,059.95
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,283.85
AMAZON.COM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$452.77
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$11.76
BANKERS BANK	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$659.05
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$26.78
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,159.47
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,530.00
CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER	TAX EXPENSE	\$578.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	STREET MAINT EXP	\$1,014.24
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$867.08
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,376.91
EASTERN IOWA WATERWORKS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,117.00
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,200.17
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$390.00
FAT GUYS MOTOR SPORTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$99.99
FLUENT EMS INC	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$276.49
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$313.00
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$16,650.71
KATHY J WILSON	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	\$275.00
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$2,595.00
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$600.00
LITSCHER, BEN	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$178.22

MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES EXP	\$444.19
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$472.50
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,400.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,399.50
SUMMIT COMPANIES	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$879.75
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$198.71
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$111.83
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$2,844.56
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$7,630.51
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	OTHER SUPPLIES	\$364.17
BILL BRUCE BUILDERS INC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$73,753.25
PAYROLL		13,121.32

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of August by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	7,487.02	22,840.98
Road Use Tax	10,406.58	5,488.12
Employee Benefit		3,928.66
Local Option Sales Tax	8,824.99	
Library Trust Fund	11.50	
Ballpark Fund	5,000.00	252.80
Ambulance Trust	10,818.76	1,132.56
Tree Trust		
Debt Service	3.07	
Perpetual Care		
Water Utility	9,031.59	6,466.04
Sewer Utility	903,128.63	238,719.74
Sewer Sinking Fund		
Solid Waste	11,551.43	6,613.93
Storm Water Utility	1,117.31	7.17
Water Deposits	341.09	

Receive visitors/public comment: Joe Koehn, Central Tanks addressed the council regarding the proposal for the water tower maintenance and water tower painting.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Ambulance had 19 calls for the month and 191 calls year to date, Cedar County Supervisors have been asked to hire a 3rd party consultant to evaluate ambulance needs in the county.

Fire Report: Fire 7 calls for the month; Joann Crock and Austin Schantz as full members, annual Pancake Breakfast will be October 9.

Police Report: Rick Scott reported 14 Calls for service, 1 theft, 6 traffic stops, 6 warnings, found missing child at City Park, 2 child custody issues, 1 arrested for theft, 4 nuisances served, 1 citation issued and went to court and city won, 2 neighbor disputes.

Public Works Report: Rick Scott reported mowed all city property, worked the brush drop off, trimmed trees at cemetery, swept streets with sweeper, Central Tank did tower inspection, water and sewer duties, painted lines on street, went on ambulance calls, called DNR about geese at the lagoon to see what could be done, West Second and Washington Streets completed with new cement, would like to hire part-time person to help with snow removal this winter and for summer help. Council directed to post positions for public works and commented that the entrances to cemetery look good and conversation about spraying the grass for weed control.

Administration Report: Coppess reported annual Urban Renewal report completed, revalidating of Medicare enrollment for ambulance completed, IPERS review information sent in; rained in NC Trucking area which the screws are still on back order, Street Finance Report and will be working on Annual Financial Report and the annual library report.

Old business discussion and possible action on:

Approve adding policy for part time employees paid time off to handbook: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the policy for paid time off being based on the average hours worked the prior year earning 14, 28 or 45 hours of paid time off depending if worked less than 9 hours, between 9 and 19 or more than 19, respectively. Policy also states fire and ambulance incentive positions are not eligible along with Mayor and council positions are not eligible. Ayes: Amy Bishop and Adam Paidar. Nay: Doug Weber. Absent: Jennifer Lester. Vacant seat. Motion carried.

New business discussion and possible action on:

Letter of resignation: Council member Denice Dochterman submitted a letter of resignation due to moving out of the city limits. Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to publish notice of the councils intent to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Legislative Changes affecting city codes:

Ordinance amending the code of ordinances amending provisions pertaining to alcoholic beverage control: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the first reading. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Ordinance to modify C-1 zoning to remove the word automotive from item 1 permitted principal uses and structures: Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the first reading. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for fall clean up: Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded to set October 18 for large item pick up to begin. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for Trunk or Treat 10/30 3-4p.m. in front of fire station: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to set Trunk or Treat for Oct 30 3 p.m. Ayes all. Motion carried. (Traditional Trick or Treat will be on Oct. 31, turn your porch light on).

Community Action of Eastern Iowa begins new fiscal year 10/01 and requesting updated LIHWAP contracts: Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded for clerk to execute the contract with Community Action of Eastern Iowa. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Approve purchase of sampler for effluent \$3642 (refrigerated) Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve purchase for effluent sampler. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for public hearing to hear comments on the comprehensive plan as approved by P&Z & publish notice: Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to set date and publish notice for hearing to be held October 10. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal for maintenance of water tower: Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to extend the contract for the maintenance on the 2 water towers. Ayes all. Motion carried. Some discussion about making plans for adding generator to new tower and budgeting for the painting of the tower.

Proposal for painting water towers (\$84,000 old + \$111,000 new = total \$195,000): No action at this time.

Interest in 28E to fund a school resource officer 80% school, 20% other towns (\$91,000 max) fall of 2023? (\$5,000 approx. each town): Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded for response to be the city is not interested at this time. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Cemetery stones are not covered by city insurance, most homeowner's insurance covers vandalism or other damage. Discussion no action.

Oak Street- V&K suggests trying to use larger rock or continue curb and gutter: Doug Weber motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to try installing larger rock to slow the water. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Scott Schroeder, Health Insurance plan renewal: Reviewed insurance renewal options. Amy inquired about adding vision and dental to the existing plan. No action at this time.

Correspondence: The NC Homecoming parade will be Wednesday in Stanwood.

Set next meeting date: 10/10/2022 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building

Mayor's Comments: Mayor encouraged anyone who may be interested in participating in council decisions to send in a letter of interest to fill the unexpired term.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Adam Paidar motioned, Doug Weber seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor