

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 14, 2015

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2015 at City Hall. Mayor Larry Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Pam Cavey, Dee Cook, Dee Taylor, and Rob Davis. Pam Logue arrived 7:05. Others present included Nick Lange, Tim Horihan, Doug Wolf, Lonni Koch, Dave Wendt, Brad Ratcliff from Cedar County EMA, and Scott Schroeder with Schroeder Insurance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Dee Cook motioned, Rob Davis seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from 8/10/15, finance reports, claims, Resolution 2015-17 to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report, set the date for the fall cleanup for October 13 and the cemetery cleanup will also be that week, Trick or Treating for Halloween will be from 5-7 on October 31, and the Annual Trunk or Treat festivities will be Sunday, October 25 from 3-4 p.m. . Roll call vote: Ayes: Cavey, Cook, Taylor, Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Logue. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$24.30
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	PAYROLL	\$686.44
IPERS	PAYROLL	\$2,865.33
IRS	PAYROLL	\$4,896.25
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$4,200.00
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$3,103.82
WELLMARK BC BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$6,379.20
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	CHEMICALS	\$430.00
WALMART	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$15.72
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$12.91
USA BLUEBOOK	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$54.93
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$144.10
TURNER, BRENDA/WILLIAM	WATER REFUND	\$7.41
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$178.52
SULZNER, CHAD	ROCK HAULING	\$65.00
SPAHN & ROSE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$6.39
SCHIMBERG CO	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$301.74
RADAR ROAD TEC	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$70.00
QUILL	OTHER SUPPLIES	\$253.81
P & K MIDWEST	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$54.50
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$360.12
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$445.29
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$226.12
KNUTH LAW OFFICE	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$63.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$269.50
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,097.50
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	GROUND MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$31.15
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	STREET MAINT EXP	\$2,410.00
JIMS AUTO BODY	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$75.05
JAMES TUTTON	LIBRARY CAPITAL	\$56.49

IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$89.10
IOWA LIBRARY SERVICES	TRAINING	\$35.00
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$450.00
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$2,778.34
HANKS CONSTRUCTION	BUILDINGS	\$1,474.34
FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$150.00
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$660.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$301.88
CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER	TAX EXPENSE	\$598.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,350.00
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$785.25
BUTLER, LARRY	OTHER SUPPLIES	\$47.02
BUSINESS RADIO SALES & SERVICE	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$32.50
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY CAPITAL	\$1,193.74
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,060.52
AGVANTAGE FS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$70.00
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$5.97
ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$355.40
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$13,132.48

#### Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of August by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	5002.40	21602.07
Road Use Tax	15873.82	2287.19
Employee Benefit		2064.11
Local Option Sales Tax	7441.87	
Library Expendable Trust	5.11	
Ball Park Fund	707.76	848.94
Ambulance Trust	137.68	1348.18
Debt Service	6.77	
Perpetual Care	450.00	
Water Utility	8691.73	9675.30
Sewer Utility	6827.74	5183.83
Solid Waste	8222.35	5649.82
Storm Water Utility	1020.26	
Water Deposit	-92.59	

**Receive visitors/public comment: None.**

**Public Hearing: To hear comments for or against the recommendation from the P&Z Commission to rezone Out lot 26 and the west ½ of lot 10 and lots 7-9 in Block 12 from R-3 to C-2:** There were no oral or written comments received and after due consideration the motion to close the public hearing was made by Dee Cook and seconded by Rob Davis. Ayes all. The hearing was closed.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch reported 17 ambulance calls for the month, received correspondence from Jones Regional Medical Center that the charges for medications will increase, the Cedar County Public Health Vaccines are available to responders for \$40 per injection; Ron Baker has retired after 15 years of service to EMS. He will remain on the Fire Department.

**Fire Report:** Lonni Koch reported 5 calls for the month including a house fire with assistance from Stanwood and Lisbon, a train vs semi accident; grass fire, train fire, and a hay bales fire. A thank you from Mt. Vernon for assisting with the bowling alley fire last month was acknowledged; 1 will attend CITA Fire School at \$60; Fire Prevention week is Oct. 4-10 with 225 students being instructed on how to escape from a smoke filled bus; pump ops class testing and books will be Sept 16 pending enough register; a Hazardous Material Recertification class will be Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.; and a request to reimburse the Mechanicsville Fire and Ambulance Volunteers Inc for \$125.70 for water, Gatorade, donuts and breakfast pizza that was purchased the morning of the house fire. Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Cook seconded to approve fire requests. Ayes all. Motion carried. A Cedar County Outdoor Warning System Activation (Storm Ready) protocol has been written and is in the process of being approved by all of the communities in Cedar County.

**Pam Cavey Motioned, Pam Logue seconded to approve Resolution 2015-19**

**Whereas**, the City of Mechanicsville recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and **Whereas**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and **Whereas**, the City of Mechanicsville possess an outdoor warning system capable of providing an audible alert to the community; and **Whereas**, the use of an outdoor warning system during severe weather provides a way to communicate that "urgent attention is needed" to the community; and **Whereas**, the City of Mechanicsville desires to maximize its ability to ensure for the safety and security of its community; and **Whereas**, an adopted Outdoor Warning System Activation Protocol is needed as a condition of the National Weather Service Storm Ready Application; and **Whereas**, adoption by the governing body for the City of Mechanicsville demonstrates the jurisdictions' commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals outlined in this Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan **Whereas**, adoption of this protocol authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan; **Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the City of Mechanicsville shall adopt the Cedar County Outdoor Warning System Activation Protocol. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Davis, Cavey, Logue, Taylor, and Cook. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

**Police report:** Chief Tim Horihan presented a summary of activity from 8/11/15-9/14/15 which included 156 business checks; 21 citizen assists; 6 agency assists; 3 motorist assists, 3 medical assists; 11 animal cases; 6 juvenile cases; 4 parking violations; 2 burglaries; 1 vandalism; 1 fraud case; 13 parking violations, 1 citizen ride along; 5 theft cases; 1 disorderly conduct; 3 welfare checks; 1 noise complaint; Juvenile Crime prevention task force meeting; Active Shooter Training at Tipton; 2 Civil cases; 4 harassment; 1 tornado warning, 1 motorist stuck on tracks; 1 disposal of wild marijuana; 50 traffic stops with 76 warnings and 7 citations.

**Public Works Report:** Lange reported replacing a hydrant that got stuck on as a result of the house fire; the ditch was dug out south of Hwy 30 to facilitate water draining still need to do culvert under Hwy 30 and Madison; one aerator is still at MVP and are not able to fix due to bad shaft; suggested to camera the entire sanitary system to determine what repairs are required. Vacation requested from October 19-23 was approved for Albaugh with a motion by Pam Cavey and a second by Dee Cook. Ayes all. Lang also indicated that leaf pick will be done 5 times this fall most likely on Tuesdays and/or Fridays. A schedule will be posted and made available so that leaves can be raked to the curb. It was noted that the leaves will need to be as close to the curb as possible and no more than 3 feet or they will not be able to be picked up.

**Administration Report:** Coppess requested permission to attend the fall IMFOA in Des Moines on October 22-23. Pam Cavey motioned and Rob Davis seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried. Also reported receiving a thank you from the Cedar County Naturalist for use of the Park pavilion for a program that had 44 kids and 8 adults attend and Alex Graber with Telepharm stopped by to discuss possible interest in the community supporting a local pharmacy. Instead of a cash contribution of \$50,000 for the start up an alternative would be to provide "a building" (i.e. former medical center) for say 3 years that would be equivalent to the cash contribution. It would depend upon the support and interest of the community. Please provide feedback to your council members.

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

**Farm lease terminated, new lease prepared and provided:** Pam Logue motioned, Rob Davis seconded to rescind the motion that was made at the July 13 meeting to set the rent at \$200 per acre. Ayes all. Motion carried. Pam Cavey motioned, Rob Davis seconded to set the rate at \$145 per acre. Ayes all. Motion carried. Coppess was asked to prepare a new lease using the \$145.

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

**Ordinance 276 amending the zoning ordinance to rezone Out lot 26 and the west ½ of lot 10 and lots 7-9 in Block 12 from R3 to C2:** Dee Cook motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 276. Ayes all. Motion carried. Dee Cook motioned, Rob Davis seconded to waive the second and third readings or the ordinance. Ayes all. Motion carried. Dee Cook motioned, Rob Davis seconded to adopt the ordinance 276. Roll Call: Ayes: Logue, Cavey, Taylor, Cook and Davis. Nays: None. Ordinance adopted.

**2015 Legislative changes from Iowa Codification:**

**Ordinance 277 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Disorderly Conduct**

**Ordinance 278 repealing provisions pertaining to Railroad warning signals**

**Ordinance 279 amending provisions pertaining to amusement devices**

Rob Davis motioned to approve the first reading of each of the Ordinances 277-279 and Pam Logue seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried. Rob Davis motioned, Dee Cook seconded to waive the second and third readings. Ayes all. Motion carried. Rob Davis

motioned Pam Cavey seconded to adopt the three ordinances. Roll Call: Ayes: Logue, Cavey, Taylor, Cook and Davis. Nays: None. Ordinances 277-279 were adopted.

**Renew Health Insurance plan:** Scott Schroeder reviewed the highlights of the plan being grandfathered and a slight decrease in the premium. Dee Cook motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to authorize renewing the plan with no changes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Renew offset program Memo of Understanding (2015-18):** Coppess briefly reviewed how the offset program works and Pam Cavey motioned, Rob Davis seconded to authorize the clerk to complete and return to the State of Iowa Administrative Services. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 280 Amending water ordinance to establish a fee for door tagging final notices:** Dee Cook motioned to approve the first reading of the Ordinance 280 and Rob Davis seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried. Dee Cook motioned, Rob Davis seconded to waive the second and third readings. Ayes all. Motion carried. Dee Cook motioned Rob Davis seconded to adopt the ordinance. Roll Call: Ayes: Logue, Cavey, Taylor, Cook and Davis. Nays: None. Ordinance 280 adopted.

**Authorize Mayor/Clerk to execute agreement to join Amerigroup DHS network as a provider (2015-20):** Pam Cavey motioned Rob Davis seconded to authorize Mayor and Clerk to execute and sign the agreement. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** from DNR indicating that they accepted our response to the significant deficiencies noted in the sanitary survey.

#### **Committee reports**

**Mayor's comments:** Mayor Butler reported having observed a badger digging in the cemetery and has obtained various permissions in order to capture/destroy it. Also, reported that soils samples were taken for the ball field through Ag Vantage. Samples indicated it was low in organic matter. After application of the organic matter it will be harrowed, seeded, and rolled. Challis Lawn Care will apply some weed prevention chemicals.

**Set next regular meeting date:** 10/12/15 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Rob Davis motioned, Pam Cavey seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC  
City Clerk/Finance Officer

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Larry Butler, Mayor