

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 2020

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. as an electronic zoom meeting due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' proclamation declaring a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency in Iowa, the current COVID-19 situation makes it "impossible and impractical" to meet in one location. Public participation will be conducted electronically with the public able to hear and participate in the Council meeting by joining the zoom meeting or calling the phone number.

Mayor Andrew Oberbreckling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Dee Taylor, Amy Bishop, Adam Paidar, Jennifer Lester, and Denice Dochterman. Others present included Bryan Lovell, Lonni Koch, Jake Koch, Will Wagner, Meredith Dehmer, Becky Wheeler and others who were dialed in but not identified.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Bishop motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 10/13/20 & 10/16/20; finance reports including the AFR, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar. Lester, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$4,287.46
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$1,653.96
AUREON COMMUNICATIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$12.99
B&K MOWING SERVICES LLC	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$860.00
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$25.99
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$36.74
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$463.27
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFFS RESERVES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$800.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$2,321.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR & POSTAGE	\$429.06
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	MEDICAL/WELLNESS EXPENSE	\$35.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
HI LINE INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$122.76
IEMSA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$100.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	\$150.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	POSTS/SIGNS	\$127.16
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OTHER SUPPLIES	\$47.27
KATHY J WILSON	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
KIECKS	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$192.85
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	\$485.00
KLOCKES EMERGENCY VEHICLES	VEHICLE AMBULANCE	\$210,713.00
KNUTH LAW OFFICE	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$379.75
LOVELL, BRYAN	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$421.08
MID IOWA SOLID WASTE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$501.16

MT VERNON LISBON SUN	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$84.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
POSITIVE PROMOTIONS	SAFETY SUPPLIES	\$336.25
QUILL	OTHER SUPPLIES	\$180.04
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$761.34
SAFELITE FULFILLMENT, INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$349.97
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,800.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,741.50
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$376.20
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$369.78
TUMBLEWEED PRESS INC	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$350.00
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$147.24
USA BLUEBOOK	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$11.26
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$14,312.60
WELLMARK BC BS	INSURANCE	\$1,848.79
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$13,867.53

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of October by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	118,276.87	26,467.86
Road Use Tax	9,910.80	12,521.03
Employee Benefit	27,501.18	2,183.92
Local Option Sales Tax	9,628.97	
Library Trust Fund	571.76	
Ballpark Fund		14.47
Ambulance Trust	2,445.23	1,763.03
Tree Trust Fund		500.00
Debt Service	14,721.22	
Water Utility	8,963.85	2,706.04
Sewer Utility	13,973.04	12,738.60
Solid Waste	11,165.07	6,971.45
Storm Water Utility	1,109.11	20.34
Water Deposit	250.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Library Report: Librarian Meredith Dehmer provided council with an update on the annual library activities the included an upgrade to the fiber internet and many modifications being made due to the Covid 19 pandemic and adapting the programs being offered in an attempt to keep patrons safe and healthy. Meredith also reviewed the 2021 budget items for the library.

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 29 calls for the month with 13 for Mechanicsville, 7 Tipton, 4 Clarence, 3 Stanwood, 1 Lowden, and 1 Olin. Will Wagner approved as EMT on ambulance, increase in the Covid cases and reminded everyone to practice precautions, the new ambulance is coming the week of November 23.

Fire Report: Jake Koch reported that Fire had 9 calls for the month which included 2 public service, 1 grass fire, 2 tractor fires, 1 helicopter/trapped victim, 1 car accident, 1 medical assist; and 1 building fire. The department will not be doing the fall fruit baskets due to Covid 19 precautions; Tyler Bauer no longer a member. Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve Will Wagner to the fire department as an EMT and FF. Ayes all. Motion carried. The new officers for the year are Chief Jacob Koch, 1st Assistant Matt Shields, 2nd Assistant Adam Paidar, 3rd Assistant Dan Baker, Training Kaleb Galloway, President Dan Paidar, Vice President Ben Litscher, Secretary Yaneth Pena, and Treasurer Ron Baker.

Police Report: Sheriff's office reported 18 traffic stops, 5 Stop signs, 7 speed, 3 railroad crossing, 3 ATV/go cart complaints, 1 motorist assist flat tire; 1 welfare check, 1 firework, 1 OWI/no insurance/suspended license. Council congratulated Will Wagner on the completion of the Law Enforcement Academy of which Mayor Oberbreckling was also asked to speak at the graduation ceremony. The October calls included 1 vandalism, 3 traffic stops, 4 warnings, 6 business checks, 1 theft, 2 parking warnings, 1 follow-up, 3 suspicious subjects, and 1 motorist assist.

Dee Taylor motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve purchasing a body camera from Watch Guard and installation from Keltek for a total cost of \$2055 and include in the budget amendment. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Public Works director Bryan Lovell reported completing the fall city wide clean up on 10/22; the baseball concession stand and the Lions pavilion have been winterized, fall leaf pick up with Lowden was done as scheduled on 11/3 and 11/6 with the last day for pick up scheduled for 11/13. The snow fence was set up for leaves to be deposited in at the city shop and the final yard waste drop off day at the city shed was held on 11/7.

Administration report: Coppess reported vacancy on the Board of Adjustments looking for a volunteer; met with Engineers, Mayor, Bryan, and Ryan Hill to discuss the extension of East Cedar Street; working on supplying FEMA with documentation needed for the derecho and Covid 19 disaster declarations; Budget amendment is being prepared for publication and public hearing; many thanks to the volunteers who worked to remove the wooden play structure in the park. Vacation days were approved with a motion by Dee Taylor and a second by Denice Dochterman. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Old business discussion and possible action on: Proposal for digging out cement pillars by canon and 3 uprooted tree roots at a cost of \$1550.00 was received from Luke Oberbreckling and Sons and was approved with a motion by Amy Bishop and seconded by Adam Paidar. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request to enlarge play area east of pavilion to combine the two play areas into one utilizing the rubber mulch and eliminate the play area on west side of pavilion: Motion by Amy Bishop, seconded by Jen Lester to approve the request. Ayes all. Motion carried.

New business discussion and possible action on:

Set date for PW interviews: Friday, November 13 at 4:30 pm to interview candidates with a CDL and a high school diploma or GED.

Resolution 2020-21 setting wage for police chief: Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to set the wage for Police chief at \$23.00 per hour since obtaining certification at the end of October. Ayes: Taylor, Paidar, Bishop, Dochterman, and Lester Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Set date for public hearing on budget amendment: Motion by Dee Taylor, seconded by Amy Bishop to set the date for December 14 at 6:30 p.m.. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020 -22 authorizing budgeted transfer to be completed as budgeted: Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the resolution for the budget transfers to be completed. Ayes: Taylor, Paidar, Bishop, Dochterman, and Lester Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2020-23 Adopting an Affirmative Fair Housing Policy; Resolution 2020-24adopting Code of Conduct; the Equal Opportunity Policy Statement; Resolution 2020-25 adopting policy prohibiting the use of excessive force against individuals engaging in non-violent civil rights demonstrations, resolution 2020-26 adopting procurement policy; and resolution 2020-27 adopting residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan were all approved with a motion by Jennifer Lester and seconded by Denice Dochterman. Ayes: Taylor, Paidar, Bishop, Dochterman, and Lester Nays: None. Resolutions and Policies adopted.

Wieneke Land Solutions invoice stating balance \$1944.00 Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve paying balance of \$1944 to Wieneke. Ayes: Lester & Paidar. Nays: Taylor, Bishop, and Dochterman. Motion failed.

Correspondence from the DNR included a revised Water Supply Operations Permit for an additional water test to be done fourth quarter.

Committee Reports: Mayor Oberbreckling reported that Cedar County Solid Waste commission and the Cedar County Economic Development Commission would be meeting this week.

Set next meeting date: 12/14/20 6:30 p.m. and special meeting for interviews on 11/13/20 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Dee Taylor motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor