

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 11, 2017

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2017 at City Hall. Mayor Dave Furry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Dee Taylor, Dee Cook, Rob Davis, Pam Cavey and Andrew Oberbreckling. Others present included Lonni Koch, Tim Horihan, Nick Lange, Meredith Dehmer, Eric Nehring, Bobby Kaufman, Emily Linebaugh, V&K.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Dee Cook motioned, Rob Davis seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from 11/13/17, finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Cavey, Cook, Oberbreckling and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	PAYROLL	\$343.22
IRS	PAYROLL	\$2,675.41
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$29,181.69
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,325.36
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,630.94
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$1,139.29
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$25.34
BRITTANY ROGERS	TRAINING	\$137.70
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$60.26
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$660.92
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$995.73
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,116.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$238.42
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	MEDICAL/WELLNESS EXPENSE	\$55.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$47.00
DEMCO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$96.90
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$272.55
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$375.00
FULL AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$167.95
HENDERSON, DENISE	WATER REFUND	\$50.00
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$165.00
IOWA FIREMENS ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$351.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$33.30
JILOVEC, BRENDA	WATER REFUND	\$50.00
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,097.50
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$336.00
KNUTH LAW OFFICE	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$82.50
KOCH BROTHERS	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$3,141.00
KOCH, DANIEL & YOLUNDA	TRAINING	\$126.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,938.30
MATT PARROTT & SONS CO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$288.55
MCKILLIP, MARYSUE	TRAINING	\$135.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$334.39
NICK LANGE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00

OSBORN, EMILY/ADAM	WATER REFUND	\$50.00
OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$977.00
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,285.08
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$1,784.17
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$225.01
TRI-STATES MILLWRIGHT & CRANE	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$600.00
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$94.15
WALMART	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$147.37
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	CHEMICALS	\$428.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$4,971.47
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$27,924.59
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$12,749.83

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

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	25,621.29	18,747.01
Road Use Tax	13,236.81	3,493.62
Employee Benefit	4,445.45	2,842.86
Local Option Sales Tax	7,591.73	
Library Trust	10.42	
Ambulance Trust	10,355.61	1,472.18
Debt Service	3,904.18	
Perpetual Care		
Water Utility	8,738.45	2,140.46
Sewer Utility	8,108.95	6,294.66
Storm Water Utility	974.31	
Solid Waste	10,013.66	5,792.89
Water Deposit	150.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment:**

Bobby Kaufman visited and provided an overview of the upcoming session including some topics about tax reform and having EMS be a mandatory service; oversight committee with review of the DHS and the case with the 2 girls that were starved to death; water quality bill and getting financial assistance for small towns to meet the federal mandates and the short time lines; meeting with the DOT and getting the federal and state to pay for the overpasses on I-80 rather than them trying to make Cedar county residents pay for them; and announced that there would be no changes to IPERS.

**REPORTS:**

**Library Annual Report/Budget:** Library director, Meredith Dehmer, presented council with many facts and figures regarding the circulation and programs offered at the library throughout 2017 and some of the things looking at for 2018. The four popular programs included the visit to the fire department, Bubbleman, magician, and Puppeteer. The Mechanicsville Public Library received a grant from the Community Foundation of Cedar County to set-up and provide programming for a STEAM Maker

Space which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. A copy of the proposed budget was also provided to council members.

**Ambulance Report:** Koch reported 15 calls for the month with 201 runs for the year. The incentive payments were approved to be paid as presented with a motion by Dee Taylor, second by Andrew Oberbreckling. Some discussion about EMT's who do not appear to be participating in the meetings and training to find out that is due to work schedule and their training is obtained elsewhere. Would like to see the volume of calls more evenly distributed. Motion carried. Koch informed council about Dan Siebels being voted on by the members as a new member to drive the ambulance and be FF. Discussion concerning being on two fire departments at same time and whose liability insurance is going to cover if something would happen. Council indicated that fire lines are there for a reason; ok with responding as a driver for medical calls as there is always a schedule and you know who is supposed to be responding. Fire calls do not have a schedule and often times are simultaneously paged with the other department. If person is on one department, then there isn't an issue with which department they are responding with. Council wants issue resolved before something would happen. Person(s) would be available to respond to any of the calls, if the other department was called for mutual aid.

**Fire Report:** Koch reported 11 calls for the month with 139 for the year. 69 were EMS assist.

**Police report:** Tim Horihan gave his summary of activity from 11/13/17 to 12/11/17 which included 38 business checks; 4 agency assists; 1 medical assist; 16 citizen assist; 6 motorist assist; 1 general public safety; 3 theft/fraud; 2 assault; 1 harassment; 4 suspicious activity; 1 animal case; 2 juvenile case; 1 MVA; 1 civil case; 1 Nuisance/Noise; 1 meeting; 27 traffic stops; 35 warnings; and 3 citations. The annual report was also provided. Tim will extend offers to both applicants Rick Scott and Nathan Baughan. There will be no more than three 8 hour shifts each month. Dee Taylor motioned to approve the 2 part time candidates and Dee cook seconded. A copy of the schedule will also be provided to the mayor. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Public Works Report:** Lange reported the top outlet pipe being cleaned out on the third cell at the lagoon, the lift station was also cleaned out; new aerator was installed, a new phosphate pump was installed and the fence for the leaves has been taken down for the year.

**Administration Report:** Coppess informed council that Nathan with Cedar County GIS will be visiting on Tuesday to share information about possibly sharing the cost of a ARC GIS software license with Cedar County. He is trying to identify if there is interest from any of the 8 towns in Cedar County to share in the cost of a \$25,000 enterprise license agreement with \$13,000 being covered by the county and the balance to be split among the interested cities. The potential cost is between \$1,500 and \$3,000 depending on how many towns participated.

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

### **Lagoon/Wastewater Improvement Project-Facility Plan Project Schedule from**

**V&K:** The tentative project schedule was provided and reviewed. Emily Linebaugh, V&K reviewed the agreement for Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan with and without Ecolotree Consultation fee. After a lengthy discussion about what is anticipated to happen after completed the Flows and Loads analysis is completed then design basis, preliminary cost estimates, size the system and if the Ecolotree project was significantly less expensive than a pilot plant would be established. Ecolotree is asking for a \$5000 consultation fee to do design work. Normally that is part of the research expense paid by the developer. Pam Cavey motioned to accept the agreement from V&K but to delete the \$5000 consultation fee to Ecolotree, the option can be included for free with our other viable options. Dee Cook seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Cook, Oberbreckling, Davis and Cavey. Nays: None. Agreement approved.

**Water meter issue:** Many of our water meters are reaching the 10 year mark, with issues beginning to arise with the Hot Rod radio antenna not responding when being read. A meeting with a rep from the manufacturer determined that we have a 10 year 100% warranty on the meters, and then the next 5 years it is a 50% cost share on the defective part and then the last 5 years is a 75% cost share. We have been sending the meters in but it has been taking up to 90 days or so to get 10 back and so we are back logged on getting the defective meters replaced. Today the manufacturer confirmed that they will do an advance replacement and sent out a return authorization for 72 meters. So they will be sending these in the next few weeks and then we will have 90 days to send the defective ones back in. If the meters continue to fail, may want to look at changing the system out rather than continuing with the Hersey brand.

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

**Resignation of P&Z member:** James Glover submitted his letter of resignation to the planning and zoning board. Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to accept the resignation and authorized a notice to be posted regarding the vacancy. Any interested person may submit a letter of interest to city hall. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Deadline for accepting applications for public works, interview date:** Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to set December 31 as the deadline for applications to be submitted. Ayes all. Motion carried. Applications will be reviewed at the next council meeting and date set for interviews.

**Median Railroad crossing on Madison Street:** Lange met with the RR on Friday regarding funds being available to install medians at the crossing on Madison Street. The purpose of the median is to prevent vehicles from going around when the arms are down. It was shared with the railroad that a bigger safety concern is the lack of a turning lane from the highway on to Madison Street when there is a train coming through. It was indicated that this concern would need to be directed to the IDOT rather than the RR. It was also noted that it would be difficult for semi traffic and farm

equipment to get through the crossing if the lanes were narrowed up with a median. Rob Davis motioned, Dee Cook seconded to decline having a median put in at this time. Ayes all. Motion carried. It was also noted that future maintenance would have had to be at city expense.

**Oath of Office and Election results:** The abstract of votes from the Board of Supervisors was as follows: Mayor: David Furry, 66; scattering 11. Therefore David Furry duly elected as Mayor for 4 years. Council person at large: Eric Nehring, 61; Lorraine Polhamus, 28; DeAnna Taylor, 68; Therefore Eric Nehring and DeAnna Taylor duly elected for councilperson for 4 years. Council person at large to fill a vacancy: Andrew Oberbreckling 77, scattering 3; Therefore, declared Andrew Oberbreckling duly elected for councilperson for 2 years. Oaths of Office were also completed.

**Cedar County Great Places Steering Committee Agenda** was distributed for the meeting on 12/15/17 at 10 am.

**Meet the Press and Emergency responders** meeting on 12/14 at 9:30 am in Tipton.

**Resolution to Welcome the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride across Iowa (RAGBRAI) to Cedar County in 2018:** No action at this time. Didn't feel a resolution was needed.

**Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 1/19/18** at 1 pm the meeting agenda was distributed.

**LL Pelling proposal** was reviewed and will be taken into consideration when doing the budget.

**Fence violation:** Council was updated with information from attorney and the engineer regarding a land survey. PW will measure from the north sidewalk to the fence to determine the relationship of the fence to the length of the lot.

**Cedar River Water shed:** Dee Cook motioned, Rob Davis seconded to approve the resolution approving the articles of agreement creating the lower Cedar River watershed management authority. Roll Call: Ayes: Cook, Davis, Taylor, Cavey, and Oberbreckling Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

**Correspondence:** Received correspondence from the Freedom Rock group and individuals were encouraged to give, however, the city will not be using tax payers money to support.

**Set next meeting date:** 1/8/18

**Mayors Comments:** Thanked Dee Cook for her time and stated that she has been a very good member of the organization and it will be hard to see her go.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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David L. Furry, Mayor