

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 11, 2019

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2019 at City Hall. Mayor David Furry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Dee Taylor, Pam Cavey, Andrew Oberbreckling, and Eric Nehring. Rob Davis absent. Others present included Tim Horihan, Dirk Wieneke, Donna Paup, Carla Barnhart, Jean Miller, and Steve Struck.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from 2/11/19, finance reports, claims, and renew liquor license for Bubba's Sports Bar and Grill. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Cavey, Oberbreckling and Nehring. Nays: None. Davis absent. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER		\$250.00
IRS		\$2,207.02
ACE HARDWARE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$5.00
ADAM PAIDAR	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	\$386.53
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$31.55
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,192.52
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$54.47
BANKERS BANK	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$165.97
BATTERIESPLUS	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$78.59
BIBLIONIX	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$1,000.00
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$117.98
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$693.10
CEDAR COUNTY EXTENSION	TRAINING	\$45.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,152.00
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$180.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$50.44
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$360.00
FELD FIRE CO INC_	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$357.00
FULL AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$59.63
FUTURE LINE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$44.03
GRAINGER	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$195.36
HD EQUIPMENT INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$24.15
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$129.25
HIGHWAY 30 COALITION	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$150.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$651.00
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,336.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$35.72
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,097.50
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$459.00
KINION AUTO SALES & SERVICE	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$750.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$313.69
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
LUKE OBERBRECKLING & SONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$2,460.00

MARKET STREET	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$95.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$424.22
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$74.02
MIDWEST FRAME & AXLE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$180.45
NAPA AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$32.88
NICK LANGE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$450.00
P & K MIDWEST	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$70.83
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$277.08
ROGERS ROCK & SAND	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$241.10
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$112.80
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$49,741.00
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$3,896.40
TIME	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$72.28
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$336.51
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$95.21
WALLYS WELDING	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$347.75
WALMART	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$5.48
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$4,157.92
WOMANS DAY	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$12.72
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$14,640.71

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

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	13,642.56	43,360.57
Road Use Tax	12,391.11	8,404.59
Employee Benefit	253.09	2,652.56
Local Option Sales Tax	7,620.24	
Library Trust		
Ambulance Trust	1,409.49	2,291.19
Debt Service	166.55	
Water Utility	7,951.43	1,896.14
Sewer Utility	10,532.51	4,804.35
Solid Waste	9,466.97	5,387.86
Storm Water Utility	983.09	
Water Deposit	50.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Donna Paup questioned the hiring of personnel that was seen moving snow and stated it was a violation of the city nepotism policy. The request for additional help was approved by the Mayor for a total of 6 hours at \$12.50 per hour for a total of \$75 for 1 day.

**Steve Struck** also addressed the council regarding the nuisance abatement letter he was sent and requested if he could have more time to remove the accumulation of personal property. Council agreed to provide more time for him to put the items away. He went on to ask if the city would use the power jetter to work on enhancing the flow of water out of the mobile home park.

**Public hearing:** Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures as published: Mayor Furry opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. and the clerk stated that no oral or written comments concerning the budget had been received. Hearing no other comments a motion was made by Pam Cavey, seconded by Dee Taylor to close the public hearing. Ayes all. Davis absent. Hearing was closed.

## **REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Coppess provided copies of Koch's report which included 11 ambulance calls. More discussion about establishing a participation policy with expectations regarding payment for education, hotel expenses and mileage. Clerk shared a response received from clerk net in that they rarely pay for overnight travel or mileage as the EMT's are expected to attend the monthly meetings and get their training hours locally. Council proposed a method where training dollars could be earned for each shift the person signs up for. For example, if the person was on the schedule for 6 times and they could earn \$5 per shift or a total of \$30 to be used as training dollars. They also requested that the group of EMT's look at this type of incentive to increase schedule participation rather than just increasing the amount paid per call. The projected costs were reviewed using the projected \$20 per call increase that was discussed last month. It was also noted that the department is trying out a new piece of equipment that could be used to help lift patients who have fallen into tight spaces called a Binder Lift which costs \$750.

**Fire Report:** Coppess also provided a copy of Fire Chief Jake Koch's report which contained 2 calls for the month which involved a semi truck accident on Hwy 30 and a car accident on Hwy 30 near Indian Ave. An upcoming Haz Mat class will be on March 23 and the Annual Fireman's Dance will be March 30 at Bubba's. April 2 is Fire Ground Leadership and Operations Challenges on Today's Demanding Firegrounds at FSTB in Ames with Jake requesting mileage and \$75 for the class in order to attend. Batteries were ordered for SCBA and the Right Angle lights for 164. Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the \$75 training and mileage for Jake to attend. Ayes all. Davis absent. Motion carried.

Council updated on the status of the fireworks fund being still short of the goal of \$7,000. Some donations have come in since placing it on the back of the water bills.

Council was also updated on the plans for the 125<sup>th</sup> which currently includes a parade, street dance, softball, and open house.

**Police report:** Tim Horihan gave his summary of activity from 2/11/19 to 3/11/19 which included 18 business checks; 4 agency assists; 1 medical assist; 13 citizen assist; 3 General Public Safety; 3 theft; 1 burglary; 6 warrants; 1 assault case; 2 harassment; 2 suspicious activity; 1 animal case; 3 civil cases; 1 nuisance; 1 meeting; 35 parking violations; 13 traffic stops; 15 warnings; and 1 citation. A request to attend baton instructor re-certification April 10 at \$125 and a request for vacation days was approved with motion by Pam Cavey and a second by Dee Taylor. Ayes all. Davis absent. Motion carried.

**Discussed Shield Ware program** for in car computer w/update on car schedule: Tim stated that West Branch is moving to this records management system this year. The subscription for full access is \$3000, plus \$1000 for the installed, and \$1000 for training for a total of \$5,000. The main purpose for this request is so that can generate own call information rather than going through dispatch. No action.

**Public Works Report:** Wieneke reported that the dump truck is has been repaired, generator serviced, and Nick has been painting at the library and has the number of LED lights needed for the various areas.

**Administration Report:** Coppess informed council about a faucet leak at the sink in the Memorial Building and the exhaust fan making extra noises. Requested council to set the Cemetery cleanup for April 15, Spring cleanup for April 16, Yard waste to begin April 6 with the hours being 8-11am, inquired about renewing the food permit for the ball games and the concession stand operation, and provided some information about being able to accept debit and credit cards as payment options for utility bills.

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

**Waste water treatment options:** No action.

**Solar Power:** No action.

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

**Resolution 2019-3 to adopt 2019-2020 Budget:** Pam Cavey motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to approve the resolution adopting the city budget. Roll call: Ayes: Pam Cavey, Dee Taylor, Eric Nehring, and Andrew Oberbreckling. Nays: None. Absent: Rob Davis. Resolution adopted.

**Request for bank to be shaved like the park bank:** No action taken other than if the resident is willing to be assessed the charges along with the other neighboring residents in order to have the work completed, council could consider checking into it further.

**Correspondence from Zippy's Salt Barn and building permit including South Walnut Street, South Elm Street, and East Cedar Street:** Council reviewed and directed clerk to contact engineer regarding necessary street improvements to tolerate the weight of a semi without damaging the storm sewer underneath Cedar Street. Council also directed that nuisance abatement letters once again be sent to property owners to remove property from the south side of the street. The building permit meets the setback requirements for a 70x198 building.

**Johnson County Recycling contract:** Council was informed the correspondence will be coming from Johnson County Recycling indicating their desire to terminate our contract with them due to the issue of them not being able to hire adequate staff for their business. Council will be exploring various options which include hiring another contractor or purchasing totes and picking up the recycling with our existing garbage truck and then hauling the co-mingled product to Cedar Rapids. The vendor in Cedar

Rapids does not take glass so residents would need to put the glass in the regular garbage. They anticipate a July 1 cancelation date. The recycling will also most likely be picked up on alternating weeks rather than every week and residents would be issued a 65 gallon tote to roll out to the curb.

**Dumpster services:** Johnson County has also notified the city that they will no longer be picking up our 9 dumpsters at commercial businesses. Businesses have the option to select their garbage vendor. The city is planning to prepare contact and pricing information for businesses to be able to choose a garbage vendor. Businesses will also be able to choose one of the city's totes if that is a viable option.

**Public Health Annual Report:** The report was received from Cedar County and available for review.

**Cemetery:**

**Veteran's headstone grant from Cedar County:** The City had a total of \$7600 of work to be done on Veteran's headstones with 2 grants now being received from Cedar County, the Legion, Lions, Auxiliary and Senior Citizens also donated last year. Currently there is a balance of \$2425 left to be raised to complete the project.

**Mowing:** Post help wanted ad again and run ad requesting to receive sealed bids for the mowing of the center of the cemetery and a separate bid for the 2 sides.

**Resolution 2019-4 to adopt code supplement:** Pam Cavey motioned, Eric Nehring seconded to adopt the resolution to replace the supplemental pages into the city code book. Ayes all. Davis absent. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Committee Reports:** Dee Taylor and Andrew Taylor will meet to develop plan for establishing changes in recycling, garbage, and upcoming mowing season.

**Set next regular meeting date:** 4/15/19.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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David L. Furry, Mayor