

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 8, 2019

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 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, Eric Nehring, and Rob Davis. Others present included Nick Lange, Tim Horihan, Dirk Wieneke, Lonni Koch, Jacob Koch, Donna Paup, Jean Miller, Amy Bishop, Glen Weber, Keith Lehrman, Jason Gideon, and Emily Linebaugh.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from 3/11/19 with a correction on the committee reports, finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Cavey, Oberbreckling, Nehring, and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX PAYABLE	\$441.31
STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX PAYABLE	\$1,374.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	WAGES	\$250.00
IRS	WAGES	\$2,189.75
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$142.92
ADAM PAIDAR	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	\$257.60
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$816.81
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$60.55
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,036.34
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$1,940.68
BANKERS BANK	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$514.20
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$30.14
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$885.67
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,152.00
CHILDRENS PLUS INC	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$276.15
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$360.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING	\$300.00
FULL AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$32.12
HI-LINE INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$123.74
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,097.50
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$361.00
KLOCKES EMERGENCY VEHICLES	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$905.05
KNUTH LAW OFFICE	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$128.50
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$81.94
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$145.03
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$420.91
MT VERNON LISBON SUN	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$51.50
NICK LANGE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
P & K MIDWEST	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$59.87
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$59.75
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$477.42
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$342.61
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$95.21

WALMART	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$13.97
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREETS	\$563.62
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$13,086.41

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

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	10,331.70	49,875.85
Road Use Tax	10,092.60	15,554.12
Employee Benefit	1,959.86	2,652.56
Local Option Sales Tax	7,620.24	
Library Trust	592.41	
Ambulance Trust	3,000.03	5,217.33
Fire Trust	200.00	
Debt Service	1,320.41	
Water Utility	9,195.19	5,822.51
Sewer Utility	11,244.23	4,818.76
Solid Waste	9,977.50	8,666.98
Storm Water Utility	1,031.77	
Water Deposit	50.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Jean Miller addressed the council regarding the appearance of the cement where the water main was replaced and was informed that the contractor has been contacted, but has not been here to look at it yet. The project has a two year workmanship warranty which will expire in October, 2019.

**Lou Licht** was unable to attend but sent a written request for Ecolotree staff to continue the phytoremediation trial using trees to clean pollutants from the Mechanicsville lagoon water. The pump was started last week and will have the system operate through early November. They will be taking several samples during the growing season to measure the removal efficiency for ammonia nitrogen and pathogens. Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to approve his request through December 31, 2019 with the condition that he remove any of the extra trees that are not being used for the testing purposes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch reported 17 calls for the month, Updated on Stanwood service affiliation agreement being delayed due to Cedar County 911 director wanting the proposal presented to the 911 board, but State of Iowa has issued license to transport; still working on incentive; A-9 down due to needing a part for the air ride, will be starting to plan for replacement of ambulance. Updated on the plans for the 125<sup>th</sup> year celebration and shared a preview of the challenge coin that is available for sale at \$10.00. Also stated that there has been 376 members join the department over the past 125 years.

**Fire Report:** Jacob Koch reported 10 fire calls. Friday went to Alexis to view the new truck which is anticipated to be finished in a couple weeks. Also advised that any future disciplinary action that is needed will be requested to come from the city council to avoid retaliation and anger confrontational issues. The 4x4 brush truck has been put back on the website for sale. The delay in delivery has caused the tentative sale to fall through.

**Police report:** Tim Horihan provided a summary of activity from 3/11/19 to 4/8/19 which included 20 business checks; 9 agency assists; 2 fire assists; 1 motorist assist; 2 general public safety; 2 theft; 1 trespass; 2 911 alarms; 5 suspicious activities; 1 animal case; 1 motor vehicle accident; 2 nuisance/noise; 1 mental health; 3 meetings; 7 parking violations; 13 traffic stops; 16 warnings; and 5 citations. Summary of traffic related charges and citations; 4 speeding, 1 stop sign.

**Public Works Report:** Lange reported pulling the no parking signs along South street and installing the ones on South Elm. Has been running the street sweeper, 2 aerators are not working at the lagoon and there is a discharge issue which will need to be cleaned out by having rotor rooter come.

**Administration Report:** Coppess requested to attend the ECIA Spring clerks meeting in Dubuque on May 14 and advised council of submitting the grant application for the Cedar County Community Foundation grant for one area of Cruse Park to remove the sand and install the shredded rubber. (Volunteers will be needed to help with installation.) A culvert request was received for the east side of X40 south of Highway 30 with confirmation being received from the Cedar County Engineer that if the property is inside city limits the county policies do not have to apply. The city will share ordinance 135.13 regarding driveway culverts with the property owner and request a 6:1 slope be put on the south side to ensure traffic that leaves the road goes up and over versus coming to a complete stop with a maximum top width of 40 feet. Dee Taylor motioned, Eric Nehring seconded to approve attending meeting. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

**Decision on Waste Water Treatment options:** Emily reviewed the two most likely options to be selected along with additional information about the NitrOx project installation from questions asked last month regarding locations of installed plants. The city is behind schedule with submitting a facility plan with a construction permit being applied for, but should be able to make a decision soon and still put out for bid next spring and still meet the compliance date. Suggested asking the financial advisor to attend next meeting to review financial options available.

**South Walnut, South Elm, East Cedar Street-questions for legal counsel?**

Engineers were asked about developing these plotted but undeveloped streets, primarily in an attempt to prevent the destruction and damage to the storm sewers below. Discussion concerning special assessments and who pays for the upgrade to the street. Council directed to proceed with having a conversation with the attorney.

**Solar Power:** Jason Gideon was present to address the concern the city expressed with the proposed contract having a 3% annual increase and starting off at a rate very similar to what we are already paying to Alliant and wondering where the cost savings was by going solar. Jason stated that the contract could become 2.5% and a balance between the quality vs price for the equipment being installed. Also stated that Alliant would probably front the costs to change out the equipment or at least 75% of it. There were no issues at city hall for the power change over and restated the need to get it done this year so that the investor would get his tax credit. City will do follow up with Alliant (Tom Henry was given as contact name) to determine if city will proceed with contract or not.

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

**Recycling – purchasing carts? Color? Quantity?** Discussion about whether city should contract out or purchase carts and do in house. Request proposals for doing curb side recycling utilizing contractor. The cost for 460 carts with shipping and set up fee was \$18,930 which would be a one-time purchase.

**Cemetery mowing: Interviews or contract?** Council reviewed one application and will interview that person this week before proceeding with opening any of the bids that were received.

**Resolution for Salary 2019-2020:** Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the salary resolution for wages payable July 1, 2019. Ayes: Davis, Oberbreckling, Cavey, Taylor and Nehring. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

**Inspection and Appeals renewal application for food service establishment:** No action taken will discuss after hearing proposal from park board and NC Kid League for ball park concession stand.

**Cleary proposal for repairing roof at city shed:** Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to accept the proposal from Cleary to replace the ridge cap at the city shed. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Cedar County Envisioning a New Horizon- Mechanicsville section:** Pam Cavey requested that feedback be given to ECIA in order to make corrections in some of the data that was reported.

**Rock Salt for 2020:** Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to request the proposal from the IDOT state bid for 50T of salt which would include the resale amounts for Clarence and Stanwood based on this past years usage. Also, to request price from Zippy's. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Police Car proposal:** Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to order white car through the state bid and all items including the Shieldware for a one time purchase cost not to exceed \$58,550. This exceeds the budgeted one time purchase amount by

\$6,250 which will delay the purchase by another month in order to pay for with Local Option Sales Tax and will require a budget amendment. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Hazard Mitigation Assistance for non-planning projects:** No action at this time.

**Tires Dump Trailer:** Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Tayler seconded to purchase the replacement tires at a cost of \$560. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Proposal from Park Board and NC Kid League on ball park and concession stand:**

Glen Weber and Keith Lehrman proposed that the park board be responsible for the diamonds and the concession stand and the city purchase the toiletries. Proposing that the league parents split the proceeds of the concession stand with 40% going to the park and 60% to the rec league parents, whereas now 100% goes into the Ballfield Trust Fund. Discussion continued about who would be purchasing the food, getting the supplies, setting up the inspections, and being identified as the person in charge who is licensed by the state of Iowa through the inspections and appeals department. These questions were not answered. It was also noted that businesses selling food are required to pay sales tax on food sales and who would be holding the sales tax permit? When 100% of the proceeds go back to the city, the city is exempt. It was suggested that the Rec League be the one to purchase the food, be the holder of the licenses, and identify who the licensed food safety person will be and then just write the city a check for the 40%. The city will continue to mow the grounds and pay for the utilities. The city requested that the proposal be put in writing and then submitted for review.

**Board of Review Cedar County Assessor's Office:** Communication regarding the outcome of the Care Initiative settlement with the property being taxed as residential property rather than commercial.

**Erosion Control Socs:** Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to proceed with doing the water and erosion control matting at the east park. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Set next regular meeting date:** 5/13/19.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Pam Cavey motioned, Eric Nehring seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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David L. Furry, Mayor