

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
May 14, 2020

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:30 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 pro-tem Andrew Oberbreckling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Dee Taylor, Amy Bishop, Andrew Oberbreckling, Adam Paidar and Jennifer Lester. Others present included Lonni Koch, Rick Scott, and others who were dialed in but not identified.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Amy Bishop motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes: Oberbreckling, Taylor, Bishop, Paidar and Lester. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Consider postponing fireworks show till next year:** Lonni reported back on a poll of the fire department officers with general consensus to postpone until 2021 for safety reasons. Dee Taylor motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to postpone the Mechanicsville Fireworks until 2021. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Interview candidate for Police position:** The council may go into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5 item i. to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. The candidate was asked if he would like to request a closed session and he declined. The council stayed in open session. The candidate provided a summary of his experience with the council asking various interview questions. At the close of the interview, Adam Paidar motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to offer \$25.00 per hour to the candidate for the Police Chief position. Ayes all. Motion carried. Candidate Rick Scott stated he would respond to the offer by Tuesday.

**Set next meeting date:** 6/8/20 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Jennifer Lester motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor Pro-Tem