

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 10, 2019

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 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, and Andrew Oberbreckling. Rob Davis was absent. Eric Nehring has relocated and resigned. Others present included Tim Horihan, Jacob Koch, Lonni Koch, Amy Bishop, Kyle Nuezil, Donna Paup, Becky Wheeler, Emily Linebaugh, Scott Schroeder, Maura Pilcher, and Alexis Beucler.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from 5/13/19, finance reports, claims, 5 day liquor license for Mechanicsville Fire & Ambulance Volunteers Inc, Cigarette license Casey's General Store. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Cavey, and Oberbreckling. Davis absent. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

IRS		\$512.58
ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$236.90
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$52.89
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,318.96
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$31.55
ALGER, DAKOTA	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$20.38
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$5,221.60
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$921.91
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$96.83
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,985.00
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$82.83
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$315.75
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,152.00
CEDAR VALLEY MOBILITY	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$725.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$495.26
CITY OF STANWOOD	TRAINING	\$7.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DEMCO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$306.32
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$375.00
FAT GUYS MOTOR SPORTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$20.43
FULL AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$79.50
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL	TRAINING	\$45.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$29.70
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,097.50
KATHY J WILSON	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$361.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	\$40.00
KNUTH LAW OFFICE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$14.00
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$58.45
MATT PARROTT & SONS CO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$845.19
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$467.47
NICK LANGE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$180.00
ODD JOBBER	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$550.00

PETERSEN, QUERIDA	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$321.30
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$1,370.95
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,550.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$894.00
SHREEVES, BECKY	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$255.13
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$95.11
USA BLUEBOOK	CHEMICALS	\$709.78
WALMART	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$304.62
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$14,196.30

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

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	22,316.42	27,979.06
Road Use Tax	13,815.86	5,110.80
Employee Benefit	2,505.12	2,403.83
Local Option Sales Tax	7,759.57	
Library Trust	68.88	1,899.60
Ambulance Trust	3,490.81	1,354.49
Ballfield Trust	200.00	1,071.21
Fire Trust		107,467.00
Debt Service	1,707.59	56,718.74
Water Utility	9,619.46	4,023.14
Sewer Utility	12,366.86	3,275.70
Solid Waste	11,870.80	6,753.61
Storm Water Utility	1,100.82	2,980.00
Water Deposit	-29.62	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Paul Seitz addressed the council regarding the ash trees in the right of way and junk cars on nearby properties. Kyle Neuzil addressed the council regarding a citation he received for failing to abate a nuisance within the timeframe allotted. Expressed concern that he was being singled out and targeted. Council shared that there are several properties that are being addressed regarding nuisance property issues ranging from grass not being mowed, blowing grass in the street, junk vehicles and other items.

**REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Ambulance had 8 calls for the month with 72 YTD. Danko stopped by with a demo ambulance for viewing.

**Fire Report:** Jacob Koch reported 7 calls. Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to approve replacing chain saw for use in cleaning up storm damage at a cost not to exceed \$900. Ayes all. Motion carried. The final details of the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration were shared along with the parade route and identification of the streets being closed temporarily. Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to approve the parade route. Ayes all. A mass mailing will be going out on Tuesday to all residents in the community.

**Police report:** Tim Horihan provided a summary of activity from 5/13/19 to 6/6/19 which included 13 business checks; 4 agency assists; 1 fire assist; 2 medical assist; 7 citizen assist; 1 motorist assist; 2 general public safety; 1 burglary; 1 assault; 5 suspicious activities; 3 animal case; 2 welfare checks; 3 civil cases; 28 nuisance; 3 meetings; 2 trainings; 11 parking violations; 10 traffic stops; 15 warnings; and 3 citations. Summary of traffic related charges and citations; speeding, registration, insurance, improper overtaking on the right, and equipment.

**Public Works Report:** Nick Lange provided written report including lift station being cleaned, 4 water valves cleaned out, DNR completing the wastewater inspection, and an issue with the samples being over the permitted temperature to test, so consideration being given to utilize a different lab so there isn't so much time in transit.

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported completion of the Wellmark re-credentialing & provider participation agreement with Iowa Total Care Network was also completed, Drug & Alcohol Training webinar for complying with IDOT regulations July 9, Cedar County Great Places Project ideas has a survey to complete, Park board will be meeting 6/12 to discuss planting of flowers which is currently done by the Garden Club; 2019 City Candidates Guides are available; Road salt bid was accepted from the State of Iowa; and 6/25 the Cedar County Quarterly Clerk's lunch meeting will be held at Bubba's.

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

**No parking request: update on surveying street:** Emily with V&K indicated that they are working on the survey yet with the land surveyor wanting to complete the drawing and then proceed with staking out the lines. Communication was sent to Zippy's indicating that no decision on their requests would be made until after the surveying was done.

**Wastewater Facility Plan due 6/3/20:** Emily also updated council on the Intended Use Plan application being completed and submitted with the plan to have final construction plans completed by March and with bids being done in April. The Proposed engineering contract includes SRF record keeping to be in compliance with the Davis Bacon Wages for the contractor to comply with. Dee motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign the proposed Engineering Services agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements 2020 at a cost of \$464,000 for engineering services to be rendered under the contract. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 303 to set increase in recycling rate:** The current ordinance was reviewed with the collection fees being modified by deleting commercial dumpster service pricing and increasing the monthly recycling fee from \$5.40 per month to \$7.95 per month for each customer. Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Ayes all. Motion carried. Additional readings to follow.

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

**Mural Project: to approve proposed design and contract for artist.** Council reviewed drawing and discussed ways to invite the public to the event on June 20 and June 27 starting at 1 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. for anyone who would like to participate in the painting. Other discussions on event insurance for public desiring to paint from scaffolding, placing barricades in the parking spot next to the building, and a 5 year term for the time for the mural to remain in place. Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign off on the design. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2019-7 to declare a disaster area for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs, and funds available from the State of Iowa:** Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to approve the resolution 2019-7 Roll call: Ayes: Taylor, Oberbreckling, and Cavey. Nays: None. Absent: Davis.

**Trees:** Council reviewed the list of the remaining Ash Trees to be taken down. Had a general discussion on insurance claims arising from damage from trees during storms and the cost of cleanup.

**Nuisance abatement letters (grass, sidewalks, vehicles)** General discussion on changing ordinance so that letters would be sent once to notify resident of a noncompliance issue, whether it be grass or other debris being put in the street or alley right of ways, grass not being mowed, junk vehicles in yards, or sidewalks needing to be repaired. The notice could be a publication 1 time in the newspaper, or a door tag and within 5-10 days to resolve the complaint, and if not resolved or abated a fine of \$500 or \$750 would be issued. Further research will be done to expedite the current method of resolution to the complaints being received.

**Applications are available for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation** through Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Corporation Housing Trust Fund. Brochures and applications are available on the city web site, the post office, city hall, and the bank. Applications are due August 1 to ECIA.

**Proposal for Christmas Lighting Contest in Memory of JoAnn Randolph:** The council has elected to refer the family to the Lion's Club to see if they could work together on the special event.

**Proposal for Culpepper & Merriweather Circus:** No action taken.  
PT Public Works resignation-cemetery mowing: Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to authorize clerk to contact temp agency for 3 or 4 people to come one day each week to do mowing and weed whip. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Resignation of Council member Nehring due to relocating:** Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to accept the resignation of council member Nehring due to his relocating and to proceed with publishing notice of the councils intent to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. Any person interested in being considered may fill out an application expressing interest and return to city hall by July 3. Applications are available at City Hall and the post office bulletin board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Cheerleaders request permission for sidewalk/driveway paintings:** Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling motioned to approve the paintings being done by the cheerleaders. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Citizens input received:** Pictures of damage done by the garbage truck and the containers being tipped over with trash spilled out of them were reviewed. Council member Taylor and Oberbreckling will work on resolution.

**Proposal to regrade and prep hillside for seed:** Wieneke proposed to regraded and seed the hillside at the east park due to the erosion that occurred with the spring rains at a cost of \$175. Taylor motioned, Cavey seconded to approve the work to be done after hours. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

**Committee Reports:** Council member Oberbreckling shared an outline of what he would like department reports to look like.

**Set next regular meeting date:** 7/8/19.

**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 9:40 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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David L. Furry, Mayor