

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 2019

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 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, and Andrew Oberbreckling. Rob Davis was absent. Others present included Nick Lange, Tim Horihan, Jacob Koch, Lonni Koch, Amy Bishop, Donna Paup, Becky Wheeler, Barb Flynn, and Colleen Svoboda.

CONSENT AGENDA: Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from 6/14/19, finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Cavey, and Oberbreckling. Davis absent. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$8,796.13
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$726.86
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$5,188.07
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$657.05
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$11,959.04
CEDAR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOP	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$3,163.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,120.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$212.67
CLARENCE LOWDEN SUN-NEWS & ADV	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$20.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$80.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,258.50
ECIA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$779.28
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$390.00
FLUENT EMS INC	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$436.67
INTL INST OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$170.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$131.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	\$150.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	TRAINING	\$1,010.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$48.60
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,232.50
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$555.00
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$211.99
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,138.66
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$114.07
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$381.35
NICK LANGE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
P & K MIDWEST	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$770.73
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$271.70
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$600.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$638.53
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$812.38
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$95.11
USA BLUEBOOK	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$537.32

VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$4,249.76
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$4,157.92
WIENEKE, DIRK	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$765.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$17,612.90

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of June by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	34595.52	21526.25
Road Use Tax	1199445	3120.46
Employee Benefit	781.77	
Local Option Sales Tax	7759.57	
Cemetery Gift		47.68
Tree Trust	57.34	
Library Trust		
Ambulance Trust	5340.96	136.94
Ballfield Trust		547.47
Fire Trust		136.94
Debt Service	514.39	
Water Utility	9553.01	5777.78
Sewer Utility	11897.80	3480.29
Solid Waste	10372.03	5037.66
Storm Water Utility	1109.30	20.52
Water Deposit	-2750.00	120.38

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Ambulance had 19 calls for the month. In the year 2020 the ambulance department will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of being in existence.

Fire Report: Jacob Koch reported 5 calls for the month and 41 YTD. Discussed a potential need for a storage shed for the '47 and the parade truck. Pam Cavey motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to approve purchasing 2 sets of gear. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Police report: Tim Horihan provided a summary of activity from 6/6/19 to 7/5/19 which included 10 business checks; 3 agency assists; 1 medical assist; 16 citizen assist; 2 motorist assist; 8 general public safety; 4 theft/fraud, 2 warrants executed, 1 harassment, 10 suspicious activity, 1 animal case; 1 welfare checks; 5 civil cases; 21 nuisance; 1 meetings; 3 trainings; 13 parking violations; 17 traffic stops; 23 warnings; and 1 citation.

Public Works Report: Nick Lange provided written report including ridge cap installed on the shop, rubber mulch installed at the park but need dirt to build up on the outside of the border and seed it to install the ramp, check engine light came on in the street sweeper, hydraulic line couplers on tractor are leaking, received the wastewater

inspection report from the DNR which states the new plant will required a grade 2 facility license and recommends continuing to correct sources of I/I.

Administration Report: Coppess reported 5 cemetery spaces being sold, 1 building permit issued, new contractor for mowing started last week, new recyclers started July 1, quarterly sales Tax and WET tax reports were filed, monthly FICA/MC and Federal withholding reports filed, Quarterly State withholding filed, monthly department of labor report filed, report of badger making a mess in the cemetery along with the ground squirrels, request from resident about painting/replacing no parking sign post, and consider a solar speed sign on X-40. The report form for the grant received from the Cedar County Community Foundation for the park improvements will be completed after taking some pictures.

Old business discussion and possible action on:

No parking request: update on surveying street: Survey has been completed and council requested that property owners be invited to next meeting to further discuss the no parking request for the south side of Cedar Street. Further discussion on adding seal coating to the street so that the street remains defined. Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to sealcoat from Walnut Street to the east side of the east property line of 607 E South Street at a cost not to exceed \$7000. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Third reading for Ordinance 303 setting the increase in recycling rates from \$5.40 per month to \$7.95 per month effective with the bills that are due August 15. Pam Cavey motioned to approve the third reading. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dee Taylor, Andrew Oberbreckling, and Pam Cavey. Nays: None. Absent: Rob Davis. Ordinance adopted.

New business discussion and possible action on:

Garden Club request "Old Lincoln Highway Main Street Project" Colleen Svoboda and Barb Flynn presented information about a Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation grant with the donors intention to provide resources to communities along the old Lincoln Highway to make their main streets more welcoming and beautiful. The terms of the donation are \$2000/year for two years. The funds are to be used to purchase containers or hanging baskets and flowers and requested the city to be the fiscal agent for the project. The Garden club will purchase, plant and maintain the containers, with the containers being placed at the four corners of John and E First. Dee Taylor motioned, Andrew Oberbreckling seconded to approve the project with the city being the fiscal agent for the garden club for this project.

Tree on Kohlhase storm damage: Andrew Oberbreckling motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the city paying to remove the tree on Kohlhase Street. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Building permit for damaged deck: Council determined that a second permit would not be required.

Resolution 2019-09 to approve budget adjustment for public safety moving \$100 to the ambulance budget from within the Public Safety group: Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to approve the resolution. Roll call: Ayes: Dee Taylor, Pam Cavey, and Andrew Oberbreckling. Nays: None. Absent: Davis.

Nuisance abatement letters (vehicles) Follow up discussion on ordinance regarding junk vehicles in that several vehicles were identified as potential nuisances (12) as they appear to be not operable and unlicensed, not moved for several weeks, however, after checking license find all but 5 had a current registration on file. Consider potentially changing the “and” to “or”. Follow up with city attorney.

Resignation and appointment to park board: Jodine Lovell submitted a letter of resignation and Collen Svoboda was appointed. Pam Cavey motioned, Dee Taylor seconded to approve the resignation of Lovell and the appointment of Svoboda. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Appointment to fill vacancy for council: Letters of interest were received from Amy Bishop and Becky Wheeler. Dee Taylor motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to appoint Amy Bishop to fill the vacancy as created by Eric Nehring’s resignation/relocation. Amy will serve until the city election in November. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence: A copy of SF512 Water Quality Bill was received, citizen provided photos of recycling tubs and garbage can being tipped over and thrown about the yard, inspection report from DNR of which council requested some costs projection of doing camera work on sewer lines to lower I/I, and thank you letter received from Steve Scheer.

Committee reports: Assign committee to work on Community Catalyst building remediation criteria/plans. Tabled.

Set next meeting date: 8/12/19

Mayor Comments: Thank you to Lonni Koch, Jake Koch, and the entire committee for the planning and work that went into preparing for the 125th celebration this past weekend, the parade was a lot of fun for everyone and a very nice program to honor the volunteers for their years of service. Also, welcome Amy to the council.

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 8:30 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

Amy Bishop took the Oath of Office following the close of the meeting.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

David L. Furry, Mayor