

City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2026

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 102 N John Street, Mechanicsville. Mayor Andrew Oberbreckling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Randy Brown, Brian Steele, James Studer, Tracy Miller and Zac Randolph. Others present included Tyson Scott, Griffin Gravel, Matt Shields, Lonni Koch, Deb Jack, Pat Albaugh, Kate Heffner, Mary Day, Angie Himes, Bob and Linda Steen, Margaret Glover, Jean Miller, and Howard Siver.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Brian Steele motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from the 12/08/25 meeting; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Miller, Randolph and Studer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$158.31
STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	\$448.08
IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$2,695.86
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$302.52
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,066.61
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$296.06
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$10,140.07
ALTORFER INC.	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$289.01
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$234.35
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$29.68
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$80.65
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BOUND TREE MEDICAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$274.06
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$383.20
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,093.98
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,027.46
CEDAR COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$155.95
CEDAR COUNTY COOP	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$31.30
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,870.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$398.95
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$652.69
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$201.36
EO JOHNSON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$750.11
FUTURE LINE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$312.61
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$636.18
IEMSA	TRAINING	\$450.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,700.00
IOWA FIREMENS ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$567.00
JIMS AUTO BODY	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$286.99
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$128.87
KATE HEFFNER	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$31.51

KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$108.25
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$800.00
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL	\$40.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$124.42
MACQUEEN	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$7,010.41
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$445.37
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$97.98
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$453.55
MTL TRUCK REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,068.51
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$9,404.00
OMNISITE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$290.00
P & K MIDWEST	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$505.87
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$228.95
SANDBERG BUILDERS	GROUPS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$218.93
SCHIMBERG CO	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$515.86
SCOTT AREA LANDFILL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$98.12
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SCOTT, TYSON	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
shawn stoecker	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
STAR EQUIPMENT LTD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,209.67
SULZNER, CHAD	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$160.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$528.90
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$79.80
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$107.69
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$198.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$10,762.73
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$284.07
ZIPPYS SALT BARN LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,510.60
CARTER, TONY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,000.00
KOCH, LONNI	TRAINING	\$189.00
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$40.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$124.42
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$99.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$53,782.84

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of December by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	50,830.24	31,908.72
Road Use Tax	11,318.68	5,427.97
Employee Benefit	5,089.65	9,887.28
Local Option Sales Tax	22,158.07	
Library Trust Fund	47.77	855.74
Ambulance Trust Fund	6,720.73	8,473.96
Fire Trust Fund		112,128.00
Tree Trust	170.47	
Debt Service	1,957.92	1,414.91
Water Utility	9,293.71	4,180.01
Sewer Utility	28,920.84	16,495.26
Sewer Sinking		
Solid Waste	11,487.15	2,519.23

Storm Water Utility	1,154.81	6.55
Water Deposit	200.00	

Open Public hearing Budget Amendment FY26: The public hearing was opened by Mayor Oberbreckling. There were no oral or written comments received. The mayor closed the public hearing.

Resolution 2026-01 to approve Budget Amendment FY26: Brian Steele motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the resolution adopting the budget amendment as published. Roll call vote: Ayes: Tracy Miller, Brian Steele, Randy Brown, Zac Randolph, and Jim Studer Nays: None. Resolution 2026-01 adopted.

Receive visitors/public comment: Howard Siver presented information regarding a plan he and his son Kolter have to refurbish the old grocery store, Roxy's place, the old opera place, and 2 upper apartments. They both attended a workshop in Des Moines on a catalyst grant application and are working with Marla Quinn from ECIA. The grant application requires the city to participate financially and to be the applicant and the administrator of the grant. The pre-application is due January 29 and the city would be invited to do a full application if the pre-application scores are high enough. The applications are very competitive for the \$100,000.00 grant. The grant writing fee of \$3000 does not contribute toward the project match. Jim Studer motioned, Brian Steele second to pledge \$10,000 towards the project and grant application. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Bob and Linda Steen addressed the council proposing to pledge \$1,000,000 towards the establishment of a day care facility on the south side of highway 30 if the community would match the pledge within 18 months. Currently, there are limited facilities at the school and the 200 plus students that are open enrolled or home schooled is thought to be due to a lack of day care. Parents are taking their kids to work with them and then enrolling them in that school district. The new owners of the bank have committed to gifting the property to build on, Bob recommends that the building not have a basement at that location, but be built "storm protected". Some questions were asked in reference to if there was a total cost to complete such a project, whether there was a survey of interest for additional day care needed, and what vision there was for managing it and employees to work there. If council should determine there is not interest in the community, just let him know.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 223 calls for the year with both ambulances being out 7 times at the same time. Thursdays were the most popular day for an ambulance call with Saturday being the least, Jan, March, and July all had 23 calls during the month and October the least at 12 calls, the ambulance transported to St. Luke's the most at 68 calls, the Univ at 27, Mercy Cedar Rapids 23 times, Jones Regional 10, the VA 4 were most popular, the 60-89 years of age group was the majority of patients followed by 20-59, the most frequent complaint was shortness of breath

followed by infectious or sepsis, it was also noted that the crew delivered a baby in March, the average time from page to go in route was 5.87 minutes, enroute to scene was 5.34, scene to left scene was 19.3 minutes, left scene to destination 35.35 minutes, and average unit enroute to unit back in services was 95.40 minutes. Lonni also provided some interesting information on a break down of the time spent on calls by crew members with the total for all crew members being 43 days, 17 hours and 53 minutes or 62,993 minutes for the year!

Fire Report: Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 13 calls for December for a total of 140 calls for the year, the training this month will be truck walk throughs and January 20 will be meeting with the trustees at 6pm. Matt reported that the transition from NFIRS to NERIS has been completed, the 911 meeting will be January 8 at Cedar County EMA building, 5 members have been placed on the no interior structure fire list until state required 24 hours training has been completed, and some discussion about bylaw changes.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 25 calls for service, 1 theft, 4 traffic stops; 4 warnings; 1 investigation worked, 5 speak with officer, 5 public assists; 1 animal call; 3 assist other agency, and 1 accident.

Public Works Report: Tyson Scott reported they worked on cleaning some catch basins with the warmer weather, ran street sweeper, cleaned out the shop drains, snowblower on skid loader went to Star Equipment as it needed the harness replaced, the garbage truck has a hydraulic oil leak will be taking to Elliot under warranty, reminder to residents to have trash and recycling out by 7 am, replaced some of the piping in the well house with pvc pipe but the shower head broke and still needs repaired, roto roter was called to clean a main on East Second Street, added some manhole rings to raise the man hole lid, on Sunday notified of the fire hydrant on South Elm and E Cedar Street was leaking and has been shut off until can get replaced, some discussion about meter installs. Request for both to attend Iowa One Call training in North Liberty on 1/15 and a workshop in Coralville on 2/25 covering the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices work zone activities and traffic control safety at a cost of \$110 each. Request was approved with a motion by Randy Brown, seconded by Tracy Miller for both to attend the two classes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Administration Report: Coppess reported working on the end of the calendar year and quarterly reports (W-2s, 1099's, Unemployment, Ipers, filing with State and Social Security). The Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan was worked on, information in packet on the Scott Area Recycling Center Pricing calculations, Ion Environmental is working on the Annual Water report and other items are later on the agenda.

Discussion and possible action on:

FY27 Budget items: Library Annual Report and proposed budget: Librarian Kate Heffner introduced herself for those who may not have known her and gave a power point presentation handout highlighting the library activities for the past year. The library has 9,625 physical items in it including books, Wifi hotspots, DVD's, sound system,

audio books, recreation equipment, local history collection, play station, Wii and Switch 2, Seed library, magazines, board games, Tonies Children audio system, and 6 public computers. The value of the loanable materials is over \$140,000. The collection includes a rare book collection, family scrap books, Cedar County Dockets (1860), history pamphlets, University research papers on Mechanicsville, School Yearbooks from 1954-. There were 8,350 physical items checked out in 2025, rural circulation has increased, and an increase in usage of the Kanopy Streaming Services with 994 titles being played with the Children's Story Times and PBS Kids educational content being the most played. Programs offered include Children's Story Time, 3 Book Clubs, Knit/Crochet night twice a month, a monthly movie night, expanded Story Walk program and a Spring Break STEM program for middle school children. The proposed budget detail was also provided to council for review with some questions being asked.

Resolution 2026- 02 to approve township 28E agreements (fire/amb): Brian Steele motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the resolution and to proceed with preparing the contracts for the trustees to review and sign on January 20. Roll call vote: Ayes: Tracy Miller, Brian Steele, Randy Brown, Zac Randolph, and James Studer. Nays: None. Resolution 2026-02 adopted.

Other FY27 Budget items: LL Pelling rate proposal for street maintenance was reviewed, public works provided information on a range of costs for a used tractor with loader, gator to utilize for sprayer/spreading calcium on gravel, sand and salt, and many other grounds keeping tasks, utility trailer or 2nd dump trailer, improvements to the leaf pick up equipment, as well as potential well house improvements, the widening of highway 30 and the relocation of the water and sewer utilities, ideas for the Community Foundation Grant to change out the remaining sand areas for in the parks, and a thermal camera for the police department. Discussion about the COLA pertaining to wages with a motion by Brian Steele, and second by Jim Studer to calculate a 3% wage adjustment. Ayes all. Motion carried.

First meeting of the new year items: included appointing Randy Brown to be Mayor Pro-tem, Tipton Conservative named as the official newspaper, Lynch Dallas-Doug Herman continue as city attorney, and the Mayor appointed committee assignments were distributed.

Consider adding information to the handbook :Discussed adding 24 hour training standards to handbook rather than by-laws: Council determined they would like the standards to be in the handbook.

Correspondence: American Family insurance correspondence was reviewed and forwarded to EMC insurance. The DNR noncompliance letter was reviewed and the allegations that were made in it pertaining to the grease, council requested that a letter be sent informing all parties on the dead end line informing them that if this should happen again, prior to opening the line, samples will be taken and the source of the grease will be identified and the cost to open the line will be charged to them. It may be more cost effective for the party (or parties) dumping the grease into the sewer line to

be proactive and install a grease interceptor now to prevent it from entering the system. The resident who contacted DNR without calling city hall to report the issue, was asked to provide information to the City if there is a future back up or potential sewer issue going on so that it can be investigated and possibly corrected before it becomes a bigger problem.

Set next meeting date: 2/12/26 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steele seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor