

City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 9, 2026

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 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 Rick Scott, Tyson Scott, Matt Shields, Lonni Koch, Deb Jack, Dan Baker, Mary Day, Angie Himes, Margaret Glover, Pat Albaugh, Jean Miller, Dave Furry, Kate Heffner, and Holly with ECIA.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from the 1/12/26 meeting; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Studer, Miller and Randolph. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$152.25
STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	\$410.81
IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$2,666.55
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$209.10
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$264.69
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$759.51
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$11,933.74
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$926.97
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$29.84
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$629.35
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$865.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$183.06
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$80.00
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$385.44
CARDENAS, CHRISTIAN	TRAINING	\$543.21
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$647.64
CEDAR COUNTY COOP	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$102.84
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,496.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$396.28
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$501.50
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,200.10
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$2,745.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$58.51
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING	\$150.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$300.00
IMFOA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$50.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,748.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	\$25.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$19.90
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRAINING	\$220.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$236.96

KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$240.76
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$800.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$624.70
MACQUEEN	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$709.83
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$446.06
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$430.77
RADAR ROAD TEC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$80.00
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,613.75
SCHIMBERG CO	STREETS	\$385.68
SCOTT AREA LANDFILL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$51.70
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SCOTT, TYSON	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$298.20
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$157.19
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$99.47
USA BLUEBOOK	CHEMICALS	\$272.57
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$891.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$10,762.73
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$18,392.50

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

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	25,106.63	26,652.40
Road Use Tax	11,744.88	7,000.88
Employee Benefit	179.66	9,866.88
Local Option Sales Tax	13,874.86	
Library Trust Fund	45.32	
Ambulance Trust Fund	4,965.12	4,885.72
Fire Trust Fund		
Debt Service	79.63	
Water Utility	10,708.66	3,849.65
Sewer Utility	27,881.61	15,489.06
Sewer Sinking		52,515.00
Solid Waste	10,840.20	3,275.11
Storm Water Utility	1,064.36	6.84
Water Deposit	250.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** None.

Holly with ECIA introduced herself and explained that ECIA was fulfilling the staff role of CCEDCO. Dues will be reduced. Explained some of the programs that they have available in the areas of housing assistance, community development, codification, and economic development. She left copies of the annual report and welcomed any questions.

**REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch reported 12 calls in January, 17 ytd; the ambulance 3 year inspection is coming up, Zoll maintenance is up for renewal, and Dr. Rachel Mutnick will be the temporary interim medical director.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 8 calls 4 medical, 2 accident, 1 good intent, 1 cancel. Chino attended Winter Fire school.

**Police Report:** Police Chief Rick Scott reported 30 calls for service, 3 thefts, 1 burglary, 10 traffic stops; 8 warnings; 2 citations, 5 investigations worked, 8 speak with officer, 4 public assists; 2 animal calls; 3 assist other agency, 1 assault, 2 accident and 1 criminal mischief. Rick also provided a recap of 2025 for council. Informed council that he plans to hit the nuisance abatements hard this year with the nicer weather moving in.

**Public Works Report:** Tyson Scott reported 28 meters being installed, door tagged homes requesting them to contact city hall by 2/14 to schedule an appointment, 2/16 will be holiday so garbage will be picked up Tuesday and recycling on Wednesday, camera wasn't working on garbage truck found out mice had chewed a wire; traps with poison have been placed, chemical shower was installed in well 3, plan to replace signs on Country View that say No parking this side of street, rather than no parking anytime, replaced 2 stop signs and plan to run the sweeper when weather turns nice.

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported that the State Auditors office will be doing annual audit the week of March 2-6; copy of correspondence between engineer Emily Linebaugh and IDOT regarding Highway 30 with information that the preconstruction agreement document is assuming that the sewer and water can remain in place with the recommended improvements like moving the fire hydrants, possible manhole adjustment, and lining the sewer pipes, a conference call will be held on Wednesday 2/11. Information pertaining to the cost of insurance for side by sides if the city were to change its policy from prohibiting the units from being driven on the streets to a fire at a cost of nearly \$2000 per year. Policy remains to be trailered to a fire scene. Notified that the SLFRF is ready for close out and once done the city will no longer need to do the annual reporting on those grant funds. Updated council on changes to the annual cemetery reporting process and fee structure.

**Discussion and possible action on:**

**Renewal of Concession stand license:** Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve completing the renewal. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Request no parking on John Street both sides at crest of hill:** Some discussion and pictures of the concern meeting vehicles head on, the police and council member Brown will measure out to determine a safe distance to include in the ordinance and bring back to a future meeting.

**Request Handicap parking space line to be painted 24 feet from sign:** Brian Steele motioned, Jim Studer seconded to approve painting the line on the street. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Request to purchase additional water meters:** Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve purchasing additional meters needed to complete the change over of the meter system. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**FY27 Budget items:**

**Set the date for maximum property tax rate hearing** for March 26: Brian Steele motioned, Jim Studer seconded to set the public hearing March 26 at 6:00 p.m. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A second meeting will be held following the above meeting at 6:30pm to set the date for public hearing on the budget.

**Review rates:** The preliminary budget rates indicate that the valuations have decreased over \$5 million dollars in comparison to last year which translates to \$26,153 less than what the city started with last year in terms of revenue for the General Fund, the Liability, property and self-insurance, the support of local emergency management commission, the FICA, IPERS, and employee insurance are expected to increase with the debt service fund levy amount to decrease providing a net decrease of about \$10,000 in expense and revenue for non-general fund items. The total dollars being collected in taxes is projected to decrease by \$15,640 but the rate will increase from 14.98 to 16.11 in order to generate those dollars. Council discussed consideration for cutting the library full time hours back to part time hours, this would result in approx. \$30,000 expenditure reduction. Council will review other options before making a decision.

**Skywalk Group Proposal, mandatory training on Harassment and Hostile Work environment-set date:** Randy Brown motioned, Jim Studer seconded to approve setting the date for March 23 at 6 pm for the training. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Set next meeting date:** 3/9/26 at 6:30 p.m., work session 2/25 at 6:30 and special meeting 3/26 at 6:00.

**Mayor Comment:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Brian Steele motioned, Jim Studer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor