

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 19, 2025

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 2025 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, Tracy Miller, Doug Weber and Dave Furry. Others present included Rick Scott, Lonni Koch, Daniel Pike, Tyson Scott, Matt Shields, Adam Paidar, Pat Albaugh, Jean Miller, Margaret Glover, Deb Himes, Donna Paup, Sandra Warren, Lacey Sauer, and Emily Linebaugh from V&K Engineering.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from the 4/14/25 meeting; the finance reports, claims, and Casey's Cigarette Permit. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Miller, Weber and Furry. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

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| IRS                           | PAYROLL TAXES                  | \$5,768.56   |
| IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY        | PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENT | \$136,760.00 |
| ACE HARDWARE                  | GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR   | \$14.99      |
| AGVANTAGE FS INC              | VEHICLE OPERATIONS             | \$711.88     |
| ALLIANT ENERGY                | ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE           | \$7,682.05   |
| Armor Equipment               | VEHICLE REPAIR                 | \$5,403.11   |
| BADGER METER                  | OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE      | \$29.04      |
| CASEYS GENERAL STORE          | VEHICLE OPERATIONS             | \$2,116.63   |
| CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE      | PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES     | \$2,669.00   |
| CHASE CARD SERVICES           | POSTAGE/SHIPPING               | \$266.00     |
| COPPESS, LINDA                | TELECOMMUNICATIONS             | \$30.00      |
| CVIKOTA                       | OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE      | \$1,917.65   |
| DANIEL PIKE                   | TELECOMMUNICATIONS             | \$30.00      |
| DANS TIRES & MORE             | VEHICLE REPAIR                 | \$2,130.12   |
| DELTA DENTAL                  | GROUP INSURANCE                | \$442.80     |
| FELD FIRE CO INC_             | MINOR EQUIPMENT                | \$228.00     |
| FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE        | GROUP INSURANCE                | \$80.89      |
| JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC          | OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE      | \$15,933.28  |
| JOHN DEER FINANCIAL           | BLDG MAINT & REPAIR            | \$32.85      |
| LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE    | OTHER PROF SERV EXP            | \$800.00     |
| LL PELLING CO                 | STREET MAINT EXP               | \$25,198.92  |
| MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO   | TELECOMMUNICATIONS             | \$408.30     |
| ODD JOBS INC                  | OTHER PROF SERV EXP            | \$300.00     |
| OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC | OTHER PROF SERV EXP            | \$3,150.00   |
| RACOM CORPORATION             | OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR       | \$837.19     |
| RICKARD SIGN & DESIGN         | VEHICLE REPAIR                 | \$150.00     |
| ROTO-ROOTER                   | OTHER PROF SERV EXP            | \$337.50     |
| SCOTT, RICKY                  | TELECOMMUNICATIONS             | \$30.00      |
| STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY     | OTHER PROF SERV EXP            | \$601.00     |
| UNITY POINT HEALTH            | OPERATING SUPPLIES             | \$400.57     |
| US CELLULAR                   | TELECOMMUNICATIONS             | \$107.67     |
| USA BLUEBOOK                  | CHEMICALS                      | \$566.73     |

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| WELLMARK BC BS                 | GROUP INSURANCE              | \$10,336.52 |
| AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL           | OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE    | \$125.80    |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES        | OPERATING SUPPLIES           | \$1,610.00  |
| BANKERS BANK                   | LIBRARY MATERIALS            | \$684.86    |
| BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK          | PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS           | \$61,032.99 |
| CHALLIS ENTERPRISES            | GROUPS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR  | \$300.00    |
| FRY FUNERAL HOME               | GROUPS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR  | \$2,886.00  |
| HAWKINS INC                    | CHEMICALS                    | \$988.07    |
| KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC     | MINOR EQUIPMENT              | \$185.43    |
| LL PELLING CO                  | STREET MAINT EXP             | \$315.00    |
| MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO    | TELECOMMUNICATIONS           | \$40.25     |
| METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION | UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES | \$2,448.92  |
| MTL TRUCK REPAIR               | VEHICLE REPAIR               | \$1,381.14  |
| ODD JOBS INC                   | OTHER PROF SERV EXP          | \$500.00    |
| QUILL                          | OFFICE EQUIPMENT             | \$562.23    |
| SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION  | SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL   | \$500.00    |
| TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS | PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP    | \$728.83    |
| UNITY POINT HEALTH             | OPERATING SUPPLIES           | \$152.24    |
| WENDLING QUARRIES INC          | STREET MAINT EXP             | \$271.46    |
| PAYROLL                        | WAGES                        | \$17,343.39 |

#### Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of April by fund

| Fund                 | Receipts   | Disbursements |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|
| General              | 151,999.63 | 21,524.79     |
| Road Use Tax         | 11,934.61  | 5,818.22      |
| Employee Benefit     | 60,668.34  | 8,601.88      |
| Local Opt Sales Tax  | 10,953.60  |               |
| Library Trust Fund   | 54.18      |               |
| Ambulance Trust Fund | 7566.34    | 3167.18       |
| Debt Service         | 21,720.34  |               |
| Perpetual Care Fund  |            |               |
| Water Utility        | 9,277.50   | 3,533.40      |
| Sewer Utility        | 30,634.94  | 4,815.22      |
| Solid Waste          | 12,291.45  | 6,597.85      |
| Storm Water Utility  | 1,240.53   |               |
| Water Deposit        | 100.00     |               |

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Donna Paup provided the city with information from Stanwood on what they do for the large item pickup day. Pat Albaugh provided pictures and information on the weeds and tall grass on the property to the east of her and the nuisance will be addressed by the police department.

#### REPORTS:

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch reported 17 calls for the month, 85 calls YTD. Letter was received from James Dinsch regarding EMS Week and County EMS System

Development and a copy of the EMS Proclamation declared for the week of May 18-24, 2025 signed by supervisors Jon Bell.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 17 calls for April with 3 medical assists, 4 control burns, 4 grass fires, 2 gas leaks, 1 accident, 1 storm watch 1 hazardous condition and 1 house fire. Trevor Borden was approved as a member with a motion by Doug Weber, second by Brian Steele. Ayes all. Motion carried. 164 pumper, 160 tanker, 165 back up tanker are all in service. Discussion on selling 161 followed with a motion by Brian Steele, seconded by Doug Weber, to proceed with selling it. Ayes all. Motion carried. Matt also announced that this will be the last year for the fireworks display put on by the fire department.

**Police Report:** Police Chief Rick Scott submitted a written report with 35 calls for service, 9 traffic stops; 1 citation, 8 warnings; 3 investigations worked, 10 speak with officer, 6 public assists; 3 animal calls; 1 accident, 1 assault, 1 domestic, and 3 arrests and 2 disturbances. Door tags for mowing and blowing grass in the street are being issued. The female on the water tower was charged with trespassing and interfering with official acts, request that residents keep their dogs and cats on a leash to prevent them from being at large. Some discussion about putting no trespassing signs up at the tower.

**Public Works Report:** PWD Daniel Pike reported that the storm door at park was repaired, cemetery flag was replaced, hole below the cannon was patched, decals for the F350 were installed, items for sale were cleaned, mobile home park is not interested in doing 1 meter for the entire park; listed other suggestions for replacing the city wide cleanup; follow up on the projected cost of a basic splash pad would be more than \$150,000, increase our daily water usage by 25-35%, and a potential issue with the rust in the water staining the concrete padding.

Started street sweeping, requested bids for FY 26 storm drain repairs, hauled 12 loads of compost and brush to Stanwood, bids for recycling cans in packet, 7 loads of junk from city wide clean up taken to the transfer station, met with DOT project manager requesting to have the light poles moved/removed due to visibility, request for no parking on the North side of Short Street between Madison and Monroe, and for a stop bar to be placed at intersection of Short and Madison, repaired taillight on F350, and a hydraulic line on grapple bucket. Working on repairing picnic tables, removed mulberry trees from the ditches along X40 and 125th, flowers picked up from cemetery, received confirmation from the Iowa DNR that we no longer need to use UV disinfection system as long as our E-coli samples stay within permit allotment, pumps were pulled at the lift station, 2 pumps having intermittent stoppages and needed cleaned to prevent failures.

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported that the budget amendment can not be done until after July 1, but can set the date for the public hearing at the June meeting, request from an additional food vendor will also be at the June meeting, SF303 prohibits local governments from restricting consumer fireworks on July 3, July 4, and December 31 so that code section will also need to be modified by July 1. Received notice that the library back wall was leaking and Dan was able to caulk, Kate was given information for

calling a carpet cleaner; inquired about public works seeding the graves at the cemetery, and shared an email with the council that was received regarding the sale of the garbage truck which is sealed bids will be opened July 1.

**Discussion and possible action on:**

**Emily Linebaugh to address council on potential contract for relocating the utilities in the ROW on the south side of Highway 30:** Emily updated the council on a recent request from the IDOT for our relocation plans to be sent in within 60 days. She has spoken with George who is the utility coordinator who is also new to the project. He was following up with supervisor to find out who is responsible for paying for the relocation, what are the available options, and an understanding of the limitations of the city for the expense of such a move. V&K is willing to do an hourly fee not to exceed "x" amount that they will prepare for the next meeting for council review.

**Open sealed bids for mower, snow plow, 3 pt blade:** The city received 3 bids for the mower \$4500, \$3026, and \$300. Dave Furry motioned, Brian Steele seconded to sell the mower to Dale Dingerson for \$4500. Ayes all. Motion carried. No bids were received for the other 2 items. Will relist and try again.

**Approve purchase of stair chair, grant received \$6000:** Brian Steele motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve purchasing the stair chair as specific in the grant application from the Cedar County Community Foundation that Linda completed on behalf of the ambulance. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Approve purchase of lights for walking trail, grant received \$5145.00:** Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve purchasing the LED solar lights to be installed along the walking trail by the ballfield/school. Ayes all. Motion carried. The grant will purchase 15 lights with the installation being done by the volunteers/spouses of the ballpark/walking trail committee. The grant application was completed by Linda and funds also came from the Cedar County Community Foundation.

**Approve quote to purchase rubber mulch for up to 3 play areas in the park:** Brian Steele motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve purchasing the rubber mulch for all 3 play areas, along with the borders to put around the areas with the 2 being in Cruse park and the 1 being at the East park. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Approve \$19/ton for clean sand in the volleyball court (Olin Quarry):** Dave Furry motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve purchasing the clean sand. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Approve quotes for moving the dirt from the WWTF to the 2 ditches:** Brian Steele motion, Doug Weber seconded to approve the quotes from JJJ Enterprises to move the dirt and install the tile for drainage. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Approve purchase of security cameras for exterior of City Hall:** Brian Steele motioned; Doug Weber seconded to approve the purchase of cameras that will monitor the activities going on outside of city hall. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Recycling? Plan to purchase containers? Size? Or plan to proceed w/contract?**

Council suggested a goal to switch by September 1, residents will be asked to select a medium or large recycle bin, with recycling to be picked up every other week by the city rather than a contractor. Council suggested a blue container with a yellow lid. Notice for selecting will be on the back of the water bill.

**Quote to paint inside of park pavilion** was not received, but it was reported that the senior citizens will purchase a new door if the city installs, the missing screens are down at the city shed, and clerk was directed to proceed with purchasing a replacement stove.

**Ordinance 343 pertaining to no parking:** The first reading of the ordinance was approved with a motion by Randy Brown, second by Brian Steele to add no parking on Country View Drive on both sides of the street for the first 69 feet from Elm Street and no parking on the north side of Short Street between Madison Street and Monroe Street. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Randy Brown motioned, Dave Furry seconded to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of the ordinance. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Dave Furry motioned, Randy Brown seconded to adopt the ordinance pertaining to the additional no parking areas. Roll call: Ayes: Tracy Miller, Randy Brown, Dave Furry, Brian Steel, and Doug Weber. Nays. None. Ordinance adopted.

**Handbook policy: Clothing allowance-** Council reviewed several sample policies and asked that 2 policies be combined and be prepared for approval at the next meeting.

**Handbook policy: Definitions fulltime employment:** Council reviewed the definitions in the handbook and compared the wording with another town and determined that the definition of full time is 40 hours per week. Directed clerk to continue to have sections of handbook reviewed so that it can be updated in it's entirety.

**Mississippi Valley Pump \$5,525-** Brian Steele motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve having the pump repaired. The pump is one of 3 at the lift station. The cost of a new one is estimated at \$23,000. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Quotes/specs fire truck:** Fire department presented two quotes on the same specs for a truck with a 3000-gallon pumper tanker. The one from Midwest Fire is \$70,000 less than the other quote. The purchase would require a \$10,000 down payment, the chassis then paid for in about 12 months or \$160,000 with the balance due at final delivery in 18-24 months. The fire department was directed to bring a contract back to the next meeting for further review.

**Correspondence** -CCEDCO Update: Mayor Oberbreckling informed council that Rod Ness was resigning and strategic planning and discussions with ECIA to possibly continue this work. Tipton and Mechanicsville are the only 2 cities along with the county are the remaining members.

**Set next meeting date:** 6/9/2025 at 6:30 p.m.

**Mayor Comment:** No additional.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Brian Steele motioned, Randy Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor