

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 102 N John Street, Mechanicsville. Mayor pro tem Amy Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Randy Brown, Doug Weber, Brian Steele, and Amy Bishop. Tracy Miller was absent. Others present included Daniel Pike, Josh Miller, Lonni Koch, Meredith Dehmer, Adam Paidar, Dan Paidar, Alex Paidr, Donna Paup, Pat Albaugh, Matt Shields, Joan McFarlane, Linda Beck, and Lauri Jewel.

CONSENT AGENDA: Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 8/13/24; the finance reports, claims, and the Resolution 2024-08 Annual Urban Renewal Report FY 23-24. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Weber, Steele, and Bishop. Nays: None. Miller absent. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	WET AND SALES TAX	\$693.93
IRS	PAYROLL TAXES	\$2,833.83
ACE HARDWARE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$65.98
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,394.03
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$103.02
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,534.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$167.38
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$21.28
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$280.75
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$30.89
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,286.84
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER	TAX EXPENSE	\$1,558.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$441.19
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,504.21
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$354.18
DEMCO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$117.21
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,000.00
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$16,539.15
EO JOHNSON	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$166.79
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$120.02
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$535.88
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,220.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$210.00
KELLY TREE FARM	GROUPS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$455.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLES	\$46,366.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$445.75
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$402.34

SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SHERWIN	STREET MAINT EXP	\$174.85
SPAHN & ROSE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$97.49
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$885.50
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$229.14
TNT TUCKPOINTING	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,461.50
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.61
USA BLUEBOOK	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$79.87
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$14,876.78
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$298.11
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$18,271.54

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of August by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	15,678.44	34,354.83
Road Use Tax	10,712.21	7,130.50
Employee Benefit		11,435.82
Local Opt Sales Tax	10,864.74	
Library Trust Fund	57.15	
Ambulance Trust Fund	22,374.17	5,312.69
Debt Service	9.77	
Water Utility	9,969.67	6,126.13
Sewer Utility	31,045.04	6,715.58
Solid Waste	11,685.17	5,762.54
Storm Water Utility	1,202.19	7.08
Water Deposit	100.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: Invitation to PFC Dennis Weber Highway X-40 Dedication was extended by Linda Beck on behalf of the Weber family. It will be Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11 am.

Josh Miller, public works assistant, announced his resignation and last day will be 9/20/2024.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 30 calls for August; 209 calls ytd 1 in orientation, 1 taking National test.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 13 calls for August. Annual Fire Dept picnic September 14, bylaw committee will meet; parts for 161 have not come in and is out of service. Discussion regarding training requirements for the Fire Chief position and the criteria that was established and agreed upon last December 2023 and the failure to attain credentials within the time line and lack of keeping council informed of any issues pertaining to progress.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 31 Calls for service, 7 traffic stops; 3 citations; 4 warnings, 2 investigations worked, 8 speak with officer, 10 public assists; 1 animal call; 5 assist other agencies, and 1 accident.

Public Works Report: PWD Daniel Pike reported handicapped sign was installed this week; a fire hydrant was hit after the last meeting by a semi truck and a nearby valve was also repaired while the hydrant was replaced; the boring crew hit an unmarked water line along Linn Street near South Street, they will be replacing some service lines; working on the Lead and Copper Inventory; mowing and weed whipping.

Administration Report: Coppess reported band/music canceled for Sept 28 so the Party in the Park will be canceled for that day; there were about 110 participants in the after school event on August 23; working on SFR and AFR.

Discussion and possible action on:

Request to make West 61 feet of Country View Drive no parking: Joan McFarlane was invited to attend the council meeting to discuss potential impact of implementing a no parking area at the corner, and she explained that she has 3 teenagers in the house and they do have friends over. The one has left for college and in 2 years she will have an empty nest. They have to have a place to park. Motion by Brian Steele, second by Doug Weber to table action. Ayes all. Miller absent. Motion carried.

Keep Iowa Beautiful- Jennifer Walker, ECIA, report: Jennifer provided power point slides that highlighted who ECIA was and her responsibilities with the Keep Iowa Beautiful committee.

2024 Legislative Summary ordinances: Ordinances 335-341 were read with the 1st reading being approved with a motion by Randy Brown, seconded by Doug Weber. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 335 Amending provisions pertaining to fire officials authority to city violations 35.14 AUTHORITY TO CITE VIOLATIONS. Fire officials acting under the authority of Chapter 10A, Subchapter V, Part 2 of the *Code of Iowa*, may issue citations in accordance with Chapter 805 of the *Code of Iowa*, for violations of Chapter 10A, Subchapter V, Part 2 of the *Code of Iowa* or a violation of a local fire safety code. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 100.41*)

ORDINANCE 336 Amending provisions pertaining to pedestrians right of way: SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 60.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mechanicsville, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

60.02 DEFINITIONS. Where words and phrases used in the Traffic Code are defined by State law, such definitions apply to their use in said Traffic Code and are hereby adopted by reference. Those definitions so adopted that need further definition or are reiterated, and other words and phrases used herein, have the following meanings:

1. “Business District” means the territory contiguous to and including a highway when 50 percent or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of 300 feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(7)*)

2. “MPH” means miles per hour.

3. “Parade” means any march or procession of persons or vehicles organized for marching or moving on the streets in an organized fashion or manner or any march or procession of persons or vehicles represented or advertised to the public as a parade.

4. “Park” or “parking” means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

5. “Peace officer” means every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

6. “Pedestrian” means a person afoot or a person using a pedestrian conveyance.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(51))

7. “Pedestrian conveyance” means any human-powered device by which a pedestrian may move other than by walking or by which a pedestrian may move another person, including but not limited to a wheelchair, stroller, skateboard, scooter, or other similar device. Pedestrian conveyance also includes an electric personal assistive mobility device and any other device used to move a person sitting or standing on the device regardless of whether the device is powered by an electric motor, so long as the electric motor produces less than 750 watts. Pedestrian conveyance does not include a bicycle.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(51A))

8. “Residence district” means the territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business, suburban, or school district, where 40 percent or more of the frontage on such a highway for a distance of 300 feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(63))

9. “School district” means the territory contiguous to and including a highway for a distance of 200 feet in either direction from a schoolhouse.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(70))

10. “Stand” or “standing” means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

11. “Stop” means when required, the complete cessation of movement.

12. “Stop” or “stopping” means when prohibited, any halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or traffic control sign or signal.

13. “Suburban district” means all other parts of the City not included in the business, school, or residence districts.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(78))

14. “Traffic control device” means all signs, signals, markings, and devices not inconsistent with this chapter, lawfully placed or erected for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

15. “Vehicle” means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway. Vehicle does not include:

- A. Any device moved by human power, including a low-speed electric bicycle.
- B. Any device used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

C. Any personal delivery device operated pursuant to Chapter 321O of the *Code of Iowa*.

D. Any integral part of a truck tractor or road tractor which is mounted on the frame of the truck tractor or road tractor immediately behind the cab and which may be used to transport persons and property, but which cannot be drawn upon the highway by the truck tractor or another motor vehicle.

E. Any steering axle, dolly, auxiliary axle, or other integral part of another vehicle which in and of itself is incapable of commercially transporting any person or property but is used primarily to support another vehicle.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(90)*)

SECTION 2. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 65.09 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mechanicsville, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

65.09 PEDESTRIANS' RIGHT-OF-WAY. Where traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping, if need be, to so yield to a pedestrian or a person riding a bicycle crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.327*)

ORDINANCE 337 Adding new section pertaining to adult establishment nuisances:

SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances of Mechanicsville, Iowa, is amended by adding a new Section 50.14 entitled, ADULT ESTABLISHMENTS, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

50.14 ADULT ESTABLISHMENTS.

1. As used in this section, "adult establishment" means any business that provides nude or topless dancing or operates any other adult-oriented business.

2. A public safety nuisance exists when it is established by clear and convincing evidence that an owner, manager, employee, contemporaneous patron, or guest of an adult establishment commits any of the following acts either on the premises or in any parking lots or areas, including but not limited to public rights-of-way, adjacent to the premises:

A. Unlawfully discharges a firearm or uses an offensive weapon, as defined in Section 724.1 of the *Code of Iowa*, regardless of whether it inflicts injury or death.

B. Assaults another person with a dangerous weapon as defined in Section 702.7 of the *Code of Iowa* resulting in injury or death.

C. Engages in a riot as defined in Section 723.1 of the *Code of Iowa* on three or more dates within a 12-month period to which the police respond and disperse a crowd. The participants need not be the same persons for each incident.

3. When the City Attorney believes a serious threat to the public safety exists, the City Attorney or any other attorney on behalf of the City Attorney, may file a suit in equity in the district court without bond seeking abatement of the public safety nuisance arising from an adult establishment.

1. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.12*)

ORDINANCE 338 Amending provisions pertaining to electronic meetings

5.06 MEETINGS. All meetings of the Council, any board or commission, or any multi-membered body formally and directly created by any of the foregoing bodies shall be held in accordance with the following:

1. Definitions. The following terms are defined for use in this section.
 - A. “Closed session” means a meeting to which all members of the public do not have access as allowed by Section 21.5 of the *Code of Iowa*.
 - B. “Hybrid meeting” means a meeting involving both remote participation and in-person participation by members.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.8(4)(a))
 - C. “Open session” means a meeting to which all members of the public have access.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.2(3))
 - D. “Remote participation” means real-time participation by a remotely located individual in a meeting which is being held in a different physical location using integrated audio, video, and other digital tools.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.8(4)(b))
 - E. “Reasonable notice” means advising the news media who have filed a request for notice with the governmental body and posting the notice on a bulletin board or other prominent place which is easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office of the body holding the meeting, or if not such office exists, at the building in which the meeting is to be held.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.4(1))
 - F. “Teleconference participation” means participation using audio conference tools involving multiple participants in at least two separate locations.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.8(4)(c))
 - G. “Virtual meeting” means a meeting involving real-time interaction using integrated audio, video, and other digital tools, in which participants do not share a physical location.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.8(4)(d))
2. Notice of Meetings. Reasonable notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting and its tentative agenda shall be given.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.4)
3. Meetings Open. All meetings shall be held in open session unless closed sessions are held as expressly permitted by State law.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.3)
4. Minutes. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings showing the date, time, and place, the members present, and the action taken at each meeting. The minutes shall show the results of each vote taken and information sufficient to indicate the vote of each member present. The vote of each member present shall be made public at the open session. The minutes shall be public records open to public inspection.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.3)
5. Closed Session. A closed session may be held only by affirmative vote of either two-thirds of the body or all of the members present at the meeting and in accordance with Chapter 21 of the *Code of Iowa*.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.5)

6. Cameras and Recorders. The public may use cameras or recording devices at any open session.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.7)

7. Electronic Meetings. A governmental body shall provide for hybrid meetings, teleconference participation, virtual meetings, remote participation, and other hybrid options for the members of the governmental body to participate in official meetings. A governmental body conducting a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall comply with all of the provisions of Chapter 21 of the *Code of Iowa*.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.8)

ORDINANCE 339 Amending provisions pertaining to fiscal management: SECTION 1.

SECTION MODIFIED. Section 7.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mechanicsville, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

7.05 OPERATING BUDGET PREPARATION. The annual operating budget of the City shall be prepared in accordance with the following:

1. Proposal Prepared. The finance officer is responsible for preparation of the annual budget detail, for review by the Mayor and Council and adoption by the Council in accordance with directives of the Mayor and Council.

2. Boards and Commissions. All boards, commissions, and other administrative agencies of the City that are authorized to prepare and administer budgets must submit their budget proposals to the finance officer for inclusion in the proposed City budget at such time and in such form as required by the Council.

3. Submission to Council. The finance officer shall submit the completed budget proposal to the Council each year at such time as directed by the Council.

4. Annual Statement.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 24.2A(2))

A. On or before 4:00 p.m. on March 5 of each year, the City shall file, with the Department of Management, a report containing all necessary information for the Department of Management to compile and calculate amounts required to be included in the statement mailed under Paragraph B.

B. Not later than March 15, the County Auditor, using information compiled and calculated by the Department of Management shall send to each property owner or taxpayer within the County, by regular mail, an individual statement containing all of the required information as provided under Section 24.2A(2)(B)(1-10) of the *Code of Iowa*.

C. The Department of Management shall prescribe the form for the report required under Paragraph A, the statements to be mailed under Paragraph B, and the public hearing notice required under Paragraph D.

D. The Council shall set a time and place for a public hearing on the City's proposed property tax amount for the budget year and the City's information included in the statements under Paragraph B. The proposed property tax hearing shall be set on a date on or after March 20 of the budget year immediately preceding the budget year for which the tax is being proposed. At the hearing, the Council shall receive oral or written testimony from any resident or property owner of the City. This public hearing shall be separate from any other meeting of the Council, including any other meeting or public hearing relating to

the City's budget, and other business of the City that is not related to the proposed property tax amounts and the information in the statements shall not be conducted at the public hearing. After all testimony has been received and considered, the governing body may decrease, but not increase, the proposed property tax amount to be included in the City's budget.

(1) Notice of the public hearing shall be published not less than 10 nor more than 20 days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper published at least once weekly and having general circulation in the City. However, if the City has a population of 200 or less, publication may be made by posting in three public places and at the City library

(2) Notice of the hearing shall also be posted and clearly identified on the City's internet site for public viewing beginning on the date of the newspaper publication and shall be maintained on the City's internet site with all such prior year notices.

(3) Additionally, if the City maintains a social media account on one or more social media applications, the public hearing notice or an electronic link to the public hearing notice shall be posted on each such account on a date no later than the date of publication of the notice.

(4) Failure of a newspaper to publish a required notice under this paragraph shall not be considered a failure of a political subdivision to provide required notice under this paragraph if all of the following conditions are met:

a. Notice of the public hearing was provided to each property owner and each taxpayer within the political subdivision in statements required under Section 24.2A(2)(b) of the *Code of Iowa*.

b. The political subdivision can demonstrate to the county auditor that the political subdivision provided sufficient time for the newspaper to publish the notice.

5. Council Review. The Council shall review the proposed budget and may make any adjustments it deems appropriate in the budget before accepting such proposal for publication, hearing, and final adoption.

6. Notice of Hearing. Following, and not until the requirements, of Subsection 4 of this section, are completed, the Council shall set a time and place for public hearing on the budget to be held before April 30 and shall publish notice of the hearing not less than 10 nor more than 20 days before the hearing. A summary of the proposed budget and a description of the procedure for protesting the City budget under Section 384.19 of the *Code of Iowa*, in the form prescribed by the Director of the Department of Management, shall be included in the notice. Proof of publication of the notice under this subsection must be filed with the County Auditor.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.16[3])

7. Copies of Budget on File. Not less than 20 days before the date that the budget must be certified to the County Auditor and not less than 10 days before the public hearing, the Clerk shall make available a sufficient number of copies of the detailed budget to meet the requests of

taxpayers and organizations, and have them available for distribution at the offices of the Mayor and Clerk and at the City library.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.16[2])

8. Adoption and Certification. After the hearing, the Council shall adopt, by resolution, a budget for at least the next fiscal year and the Clerk shall certify the necessary tax levy for the next fiscal year to the County Auditor and the County Board of Supervisors. The tax levy certified may be less than, but not more than, the amount estimated in the proposed budget submitted at the final hearing, unless an additional tax levy is approved at a City election. Two copies each of the detailed budget as adopted and of the tax certificate must be transmitted to the County Auditor.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.16[5])

SECTION 2. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 7.08 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mechanicsville, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

7.08 FINANCIAL REPORTS. The finance officer shall prepare and file the following financial reports:

1. Monthly Reports. There shall be submitted to the Council each month a report showing the activity and status of each fund, program, sub-program, and activity for the preceding month.

2. Annual Report. Not later than December 1 of each year there shall be published an annual report containing a summary for the preceding fiscal year of all collections and receipts, all accounts due the City, and all expenditures, the current public debt of the City, and the legal debt limit of the City for the current fiscal year. The Annual Financial Report shall be prepared on forms and pursuant to instructions prescribed by the Auditor of State. Beginning with the Annual Financial Report published by December 1, 2025, each report shall include a list of bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by the City during the most recently completed fiscal year, and the applicable lists for other fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2024, for which obligations remain unpaid, payable from any source, including the amount of the issuance, the project or purpose of the issuance, whether the issuance was approved at election, eligible to be subject to a petition for an election, or was exempt from approval at election as the result of statutory exclusions based on population of the City or amount of the issuance, and identification of issuances from the fiscal year or prior fiscal years related to the same project or purpose.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.22)

ORDINANCE 340 Amending provisions pertaining to publication of minutes: 18.03

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES. The Clerk shall attend all regular and special Council meetings and within 15 days following a regular or special meeting of the Council, the Clerk shall cause the minutes of the proceedings of the Council, including the total expenditure from each City fund, to be delivered to a newspaper of general circulation in the City for publication. The publication shall include a list of all claims allowed and a summary of all receipts and shall show the gross amount of the claims.

ORDINANCE 341 Amending provisions pertaining to bond requirements: SECTION 1.

SECTION MODIFIED. Section 5.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mechanicsville, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5.02 BONDS. Surety bonds are provided in accordance with the following:

1. Required. The Council shall provide by resolution for a surety bond or blanket position bond running to the City and covering the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and such other officers and employees as may be necessary and advisable except as allowed in Subsection 5.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 64.13)
2. Bonds Approved. Bonds shall be approved by the Council.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 64.19)
3. Bonds Filed. All bonds, after approval and proper record, shall be filed with the Clerk.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 64.23(6))
4. Record. The Clerk shall keep a book, to be known as the "Record of Official Bonds" in which shall be recorded the official bonds of all City officers, elective or appointive.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 64.24(1)(a))
5. Insurance Policy in Lieu of Bond. In lieu of a bond, a public officer required to obtain a bond pursuant to Chapter 64 of the *Code of Iowa* may obtain an insurance policy in an amount not less than the amounts required of a bond.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 64.3)

Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of ordinances 335-341. Ayes all. Motion carried. Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steele seconded to adopt the ordinances. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Weber, Steele, and Bishop. Nays: None. Miller absent. Motion carried.

ESTIMATE FOR ALLIANT TO BURY THE ELECTRICAL LINE AT THE PARK: Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the proposal. Ayes all, Randy Brown abstain conflict of interest and Tracy Miller absent. Motion carried.

Set Date for Fall Clean Up: October 8 was approved with a motion by Randy Brown, seconded by Brian Steele. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for cemetery Clean Up October 14-18: Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Renewal of Lease with USPS: Brian Steele motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve renewing the lease. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request for erosion fence to be removed between the farm ground and the lagoon, Doug Weber motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve pending response from engineer on the storm water permit. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request from St. Mary's to utilize picnic tables for Harvest dinner: Brian Steele motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Letter of resignation from library director: Meredith Dehmer has announced that she has decided to retire, Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to accept the letter of resignation. Ayes all. Motion carried,

Set next meeting date: 10/14/2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Comments: Amy commented that she appreciates the passion people have for their positions but it's not necessary to raise voices as we work to find common ground and solutions for our community.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Brian Steele motioned, Doug Weber seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Amy Bishop, Mayor Pro tem