City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2026

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 13, 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, Zac Randolph, Dave Furry, and Amber Hotz. Others present Rick Scott, Tyson Scott, Matt Shields, Lonni Koch, Dan Baker, Dana Erikson, Jean Miller, Pat Albaugh, Adam Paidar,Mary Day, Janice Moffit, Angie Himes, Margaret Glover, Linda Walker, Lynn Tuel, and Emily Linebaugh with V&K Engineering.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Randy Brown motioned, Zac Randolph seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from the meeting on 9/14/26; the finance reports, and claims, Roll call vote: Ayes: Randy Brown, David Furry, Zac Randolph and Amber Hotz. Nays: None. 1 vacant seat. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

IRS	PAYROLL	$2,649.44
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE	$561.73
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	$174.76
STATE OF IOWA	PAYROLL	$631.88
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	$103.97
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	$1,082.06
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	$155.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	$9,243.74
APPARATUS TESTING SERVICES	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	$477.75
AT&T	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	$87.87
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	$41.85
BANKERS BANK	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	$31.18
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	$272.99
CANNON, DANNY	TRAINING	$52.75
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	$2,343.16
CEDAR COUNTY COOP	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	$31.46
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	$1,584.00
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	$80.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	$1,481.74
EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES	INSURANCE EXPENSE	$828.00
EO JOHNSON	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	$244.90
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	$58.51
GRIFFIN GRAVEL	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	$72.54
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	$907.65
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	$196.39
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	$3,095.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	$120.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	$26.30
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	VEHICLE REPAIR	$22.48
KANOPY INC	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	$35.00
KIECKS	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	$153.85

KOCH, LONNI	TRAINING	$50.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	$1,390.16
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	$200.00
LL PELLING CO	STREET MAINT EXP	$14,750.00
LUKE OBERBRECKLING & SONS	STORM DRAINAGE & STREET REPAIR	$60,568.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES EXP	$447.57
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	$300.00
OUTDOOR CANVAS DESIGNS	VEHICLE REPAIR	$734.85
PAIDAR, ADAM	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	$152.73
PEARSON, MICHAEL	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	$557.84
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	$114.17
SCOTT AREA LANDFILL	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	$64.69
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	$30.00
SCOTT, TYSON	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	$30.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	$572.29
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	$292.62
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	$13,343.90
VISA	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	$4.17
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	$10,742.09
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREETS	$499.44
UTILITY SERVICES CO INC	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	$135,606.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	$18,748.31

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of September by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	37,549.15	23,549.15
Road Use Tax	11,957.23	4,605.54
Employee Benefit	10,723.31	9,871.04
Local Option Sales Tax	14,218.83	
Library Trust Fund	40.30	
Ambulance Trust Fund	14,249.09	3063.72
Fire Trust Fund		253,299.00
Debt Service	1,086.35	
Perpetual Care	100.00	
Water Utility	9,062.30	3807.15
Sewer Utility	26,232.16	11,809.81
Sewer Sinking		
Solid Waste	10,119.40	4,081.57
Storm Water Utility	980.68	9323.72
Water Deposit		

Receive visitors/public comment: Janice Moffit requested the council review a building permit that was issued to her neighbor. Council found permit to be in compliance with the code.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 20 calls for the month, with 200 calls ytd. Training will be on Pediatrics. Shared a letter that she received from Cedar County

EMS, Jim D.and that he will be co-responding with agencies that signed a 28E agreement.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 11 calls in September. Training will be on driving and pump operations, requested Michael Pearson be reimbursed for mileage to Lavern, Minnesota to get the new truck (734 miles) and Danny Cannon be reimbursed for Hazmat Testing. The new truck has arrived and will be in service.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 35 calls for service, 9 traffic stops; 5 warnings; 4 citations, 3 investigations worked, 15 speak with officer, 2 public assists; 4 animal calls; 4 assists another agency, and 2 accidents. Animal neglect charges were filed.

Public Works Report: Tyson Scott reported mowing and weed whipping, hauling 7 loads of trash for the fall clean up, cleaning up grass in the street, yard waste, swept streets in Stanwood, Cemetery cleanup completed, put 2 new belts on Hustler mower, dump trailer needs lights repaired and tires for trailer; kids were hanging on the volleyball net after it was repaired, Dave Furry motioned, Amber Hotz seconded to allow Tyson to carryover an extra week of vacation. Ayes all. Motion carried. Randy motioned, Dave Furry seconded to replace tires on the trailer and the light plug from Dans. Ayes all. Motion carried. The mayor also stated that Griffin passed the Wastewater 1 test.

Administration Report: Coppess reported that IDED has recommended an Emergency Grant instead of the Catalyst grant, still $100,000 but shrink the project to not include the grocery store area at this time, Debbie Durham and Jeff Kaufman will be here on November 3 at 12:45; the Library received a semi load of Lego's from a grant, and the glass on the door to NC trucking office was broken. Amber Hotz motioned, Randy Brown seconded to replace the glass for about $500. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on:
Approve pay request for recoating water tower: Randy Brown motioned, Dave Furry seconded to approve Pay request 1. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Hwy 30 bids for relocating water: No quotes were received. Tabled

Hwy 30 bids for lining sewer: Dave Furry motioned, Zac Randolph seconded to approve the low quote from Visu-Sewer for $119,478 to line the sewer pipes on Hwy 30. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Snowmobile trail request for permit from the IDOT: Randy Brown motioned, Dave Furry seconded to approve signing the request for a permit, with the understanding of potential construction equipment could be in the area. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Approve renewal of employee benefits (health, dental, eye) Randy Brown motioned, Amber Hotz seconded to approve renewing. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Follow up no parking on John Street: Further discussion will include adding a stop sign at the bottom of the hill at Kohlhase, possibly a 3-way stop at that intersection, no parking on the west side, but allow parking on the east side. Ordinances will be prepared for next meeting and discussed again.

1st reading of Ordinance to update Chapter 35 Fire Department: Further discussion on whether there should be a set radius (10 miles from station) or it be the township boundaries, and wanting to add a stipulation that the ordinance can't be changed without going to the fire department. No action taken.

Power washer purchase: Additional quotes were provided, Dave Furry motioned, Amber Hotz seconded to purchase the hot water power washer from Tipton Electric for $4980. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal from ISA for selling Fire Truck: Need a buy now price or just sealed bid? $15,000 will be the buy now price.

Request to store flags in tower: Dave Furry motioned, Amber Hotz seconded to allow the Legion to temporarily store their flags in the base of the tower, on the stipulation that they will not have a key to the tower, but can get access by asking a city employee to let them into the secured area. Ayes all. Motion carried.

2026 Legislative changes affecting city codes: Dave Furry motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve ordering the 2026 Legislative changes affecting the city code for the updates. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Appointment to fill council vacancy. Amber Hotz motioned to appoint Adam Paidar to the seat. Motion died for lack of second. Zac Randolph motioned to appoint Mary Day. Dave Furry seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried. Mary took the Oath following the council meeting.

Correspondence: Council review correspondence from Steve Hooten regarding the bill for $100 for cleaning the grass up in the street in front of his house. Charges will stand as billed. Movie in the Park will be Sat. Oct 17 at 8pm.

Set next meeting date: 11/09/26 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Comment: Mayor Oberbreckling reminded everyone to be respectful towards the employees and the individual council members should not be contacting public works employees directly with work that needs done. It should be scheduled through the mayor or clerk's office unless there is some emergency.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Zac Randolph 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	Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor