

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 14, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2024 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, Doug Weber, and Tracy Miller. Brian Steele and Amy Bishop was absent. Others present included Daniel Pike, Meredith Dehmer, Donna Paup, Pat Albaugh, Matt Shields, Jean Miller, Margaret Glover, and Scott Schroeder.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 9/9/24; the finance reports, claims, the Annual Financial report as published, and the 2024-009 Street Finance Report. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Weber, and Miller. Nays: None. Bishop and Steele were absent. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$156.98
STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	\$451.53
IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$2,311.82
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IPERS	PAYROLL	\$3,253.36
AAA PEST CONTROL	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$350.00
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$9.00
AFFORDABLE HEATING AND COOLING	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$322.82
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,865.81
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$124.15
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$21.35
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$335.56
BANKERS BANK	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$127.92
BATTERIESPLUS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$198.72
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$170.39
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$145.10
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,261.89
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,530.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$693.83
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,377.94
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$4,007.89
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$269.80
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$660.00
EO JOHNSON	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$121.77
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$92.52
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$115.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$65.10
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,504.13
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$220.67
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	\$180.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$81.70

LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$400.00
MACQUEEN	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$3,841.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$452.44
MEYER, MEGAN	SAFETY SUPPLIES	\$27.80
NELLANS, ALICIA	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PAIDAR, DAN	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$41.99
QUILL	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,355.60
SCHIMBERG CO	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$116.04
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
Shields, Matt	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$86.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$673.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$833.56
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$234.49
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.67
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$14,876.78
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$111.44
WOMANS DAY	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$16.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$17,908.40

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

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	33,136.24	22,512.72
Road Use Tax	16,203.97	50,134.12
Employee Benefit	9,122.62	11,435.82
Local Opt Sales Tax	9,410.43	
Ambulance Trust Fund	9,522.94	2,342..69
Debt Service	3,274.15	
Perpetual Care	350.00	
Water Utility	8,649.27	4,160.50
Sewer Utility	28,055.36	4,555.32
Solid Waste	10,717.49	22,686.11
Storm Water Utility	1,103.15	7.20
Water Deposit	103.82	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Donna Paup made comments about committee interviewing process.

#### REPORTS:

**Ambulance Report:** The ambulance had 25 calls for September; no new information on Essential Servies other than what has been in the paper. There are 4 -5 considering going to IEMSA and will request reimbursement for training, mileage, and hotel upon completion of the training.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 5 calls for September including a grass fire, 1 medical assist, 1 structure fire mutual aid cancelled in route, 1 motor vehicle accident, and 1 oil spill; parts for 161 have not come in, 164 Pumper needed new rear

duals at cost of 2764.80 as they were “chunking”; Doug Weber motioned and Randy Brown seconded to approve Chase Miller taking the FF1 class at Kirkwood starting October 17. Claims for a fog machine for training and a label maker were previously approved. Discussion on purchasing 4 sets of wildland firefighting gear at a cost of \$4108, according to proposed schedule Ryan, Dan, Adam, and Kaleb are to get. Randy motioned, Tracy seconded to approve purchasing the gear. Ayes all. Motion carried. Dominic Graves has resigned from both the Fire and Ambulance service. Mayor approval needed to remove Dan, Luke, and Dominic and to add Chase to the I am responding app.

**Police Report:** Police Chief Rick Scott reported 31 Calls for service, 1 theft, 1 burglary, 4 traffic stops; 1 citations; 3 warnings, 4 investigations worked, 5 speak with officer, 4 public assists; 5 animal calls; 3 assist other agencies, 1 assault, 3 arrests and 2 criminal mischief.

**Public Works Report:** PWD Daniel Pike reported that the Lead and Copper Inventory was submitted; mowing and weed whipping, large item pick up was done; step feed process working well, WWTF inspection report was done; leaf box set up is ready.

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported competing a letter of support for the trees forever and acknowledging the permission slip that were both needed for the grant application that they were submitting this year.

**Discussion and possible action on:**

**Schroeder Insurance:** Scott Schroeder reviewed options for Health insurance for employees. The renewal price decreased this year, recommends renewing the existing plan. Doug Weber motioned; Randy Brown seconded to authorize signing the renewal contract. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Request to make West 61 feet of Country View Drive no parking:** No changes will be made at this time as the parking situation has greatly improved in the past few months.

**IDOT to fund speed feedback signs on state highways:** Doug Weber motioned; Randy Brown seconded to apply to receive the equipment at no up front charge. Ayes all, Motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-10 for setting wage for Assistant Public Works Director:** Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the recommendation as submitted by the committee of Amy Bishop and Brian Steele, setting the wage at \$22.00 per hour. Roll call: Ayes: Randy Brown, Tracy Miller, Abstain: Doug Weber due to conflict of interest. Absent Amy Bishop and Brian Steele. Mayor signed the resolution.

**Estimates for curb replacement near bank solar panels (\$580) and street repair on Walnut where water valve was replaced (\$600):** Randy Brown motioned; Doug Weber seconded to approve both estimates as submitted by Luke Oberbreckling. Ayes all. Motion carried

**Handicap parking for History Center:** Council requested more information on hours of History Center as concern for adding more handicapped spots to eliminate other business customer parking. Donna will provide feedback.

**Resolution 2024-11 to change Federal Functional Classification for Walnut and Elm**

**Street:** Tracy moved, Doug seconded to approve the resolution requesting the change in classification. Roll call: Ayes: Brown, Weber, and Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Bishop and Steele.

**Application to perform work in right of way for snowmobilers:** Randy Brown motioned; Tracy Miller seconded to approve the application to be submitted to the IDOT. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Agreement with CJ Cooper:** Randy Brown motioned; Tracy Miller seconded to approve the updated administrative agreement with CJ Cooper. Ayes all, Mayor signed the agreement.

**Correspondence:** Letter from IDOT proposing construction 2025 was reviewed. The Highway 30 construction will continue from the west Stanwood City Limits to Charles Avenue during 2025. Project is being let for bid October 2024.

**Set next meeting date:** 11/12/2024 at 6:30 p.m. (Tuesday, due to Veteran's Day on Monday.)

**Mayor's Comments:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Doug Weber motioned, Randy Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor