

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 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, Tracy Miller and Amy Bishop. Brian Steele was absent. Others present included Rick Scott, Daniel Pike, Lonni Koch, Meredith Dehmer, Adam Paidar, Daniel Paidar, Matt Shields, Donna Paup, Nancy Kainz, Jean Miller, Angie Brown, Susan Robinson, and Kevin and Carmen Casey.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Doug Weber motioned, Randy Bishop seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 10/24/24; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Weber, Miller and Bishop. Nays: None. Absent: Steele. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$2,921.23
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$267.96
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$203.90
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$9,070.64
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$21.42
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$397.80
BAKER, DAN	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
BANKERS BANK	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$89.98
BIG DECK MOWERS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$50.66
BOOMERANG	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$8,185.00
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$29.69
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,310.69
CEDAR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOP	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$3,163.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$2,326.00
CHALLIS ENTERPRISES	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$2,100.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$371.88
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$350.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
COVE EQUIPMENT	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$279.47
CROCK, JO ANN	TRAINING	\$647.67
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$828.98
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$185.42
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$65.02
FUTURE LINE	VEHICLES	\$16,817.64
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$689.28
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$300.00
IA DIV OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATI	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$15.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	TRAINING	\$50.00
IOWA RURAL WATER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$355.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$39.96
KNIGHT, MICHAEL	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00

KOCH, DANIEL & YOLUNDA	TRAINING	\$790.64
LISI, TAMMY	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$445.12
MEYER, MEGAN	TRAINING	\$301.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
POSITIVE PROMOTIONS	SAFETY SUPPLIES	\$186.52
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$255.00
SPAHN & ROSE	OTHER SUPPLIES	\$97.40
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$567.00
SUMMIT COMPANIES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,442.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$252.97
TRUAX, MICHAEL	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$206.65
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.67
VANDENBERG, ANDREW	REFUND DEPOSIT	\$50.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$9,286.98
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,400.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$15,044.01

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of October by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	184,071.35	24,216.41
Road Use Tax	11,425.40	2,563.12
Employee Benefit	79,106.26	11,407.85
Local Opt Sales Tax	11,868.19	
Library Trust Fund	57.60	
Ambulance Trust Fund	8,408.91	2,732.82
Debt Service	28,319.31	
Water Utility	10,155.58	4,431.54
Sewer Utility	31,294.12	4,353.45
Solid Waste	12,293.92	5,733.86
Storm Water Utility	1,257.46	6.48
Water Deposit	2-,200.00	50.00

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 30 calls for October; 262 calls ytd BOS has interviews planned for the new Essential Service Director. IEMSA attendees Lonni, Megan, Kim and JoAnn.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 11 calls for October, 3 vehicle accidents, 3 field fires, 2 medical assists, 2 ag equipment fires, 1 mutual aid canceled in route. November 24 they will be delivering Thanksgiving fruit baskets to community; Dec 1 annual recognition banquet and years of service awards. Adam received a donation of 12 SCBA's and high pressure bottles from the Hartford Iowa Fire Department. Same

age as existing low pressure bottles. This will eliminate potential misuse of the new Cascade System which is a high pressure system when filling bottles. The department took possession of an Electric Vehicle disable plug in October. Tanker 161 is still out of service (8 months) it is a 1987. The officers elected are as follows: Fire Chief Matt Shields, 1st Asst Adam Paidar; 2nd Assistant Ryan Steinberg, 3rd assistant Kaleb Galloway, Training Officer William Tuthill, President Dan Paidar, VP Dan Baker, Secretary Alex Paidar, Treasurer Ron Baker, Ambulance Director Lonni Koch. Amy Bishop motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve Matt as Fire Chief. Ayes all. Motion carried. It was also reported that there are 3 leaks in the roof where the 2 buildings meet, Matt will request quotes to repair and bring back to council. Matt also made statements regarding his desire for the 28E agreements to have all of the rural taxation funds go to the Fire Department. It was noted that the ambulance provides a service to the rural as well and a share of the funds should go to the ambulance. No change will be made in the distribution of funds for the upcoming year.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 22 Calls for service, 4 traffic stops; 4 warnings, 3 investigations worked, 6 speak with officer, 4 public assists; 2 animal calls; 2 assist other agencies.

Public Works Report: PWD Daniel Pike reported doing leaf pick up; Tyson started and is doing a good job; has passed a portion of the CDL; Linda sent out the public notices for water survey per the DNR's request; Any galvanized or lead pipes will need to be replaced with copper or plastic within 13 years. Another mandate without any funding attached for these privately owned service lines. Meter installs will be done at the same time as the rest of these lines are verified. The Waste water inspection report was also reviewed by the council.

Administration Report: Coppess reported the Ground Ambulance Data System survey being completed which will keep us from automatically having 10% deducted from what Medicare pays for ambulance calls. Information from the company that built the water tower suggested that it is getting close to having to be repainted in order to keep it from rusting. They recommend every 20 years and ours is about 23 years old, Estimated to cost in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range. Depending on other maintenance that might be needed. Some towns have been near \$400,000. Tracy Miller inquired about reviewing the 90 day trial of the shortened work week which will be on next months agenda. Also the 2 street/curb repairs on Cherry Street need to be done.

Discussion and possible action on:

Carmen Casey: Dust control on 125th- There is about 300 feet of the roadway that was not seal coated and with the dry weather has been very dusty. Discussion on permits may be needed for the "county" portion of the road. Calcium flakes could be put down with the spreader in the months of May and August with permit.

Larry McCall: Wreaths Across America project: Communication was received from Larry that stated they have reached the goal to be able to lay a wreath on every veterans grave but wanted to request that we share that the ceremony will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church on December 14 at 11 am and the wreath laying will

immediately follow. Clean up will be held January 18 weather permitting. Everyone is welcome as they will be laying 365 wreaths that day, one at a time.

Handicap parking for History Center: Sue Robinson was present to state that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the History Center members are 70+ and they are requesting 2 handicapped spaces in front of the building. Currently open on Wednesday and Saturday 10-2. The railings are loose and they didn't want to set times for the handicapped parking as the times may vary as to when the location is open. Randy volunteered to gather more information as to how many handicapped reserved spaces are currently and other pertinent data regarding how it would limit the parking for other individuals who aren't handicapped, especially if the center is not open.

Terracon requested approval for DOT permit for work in the ROW for Fox/X40 for a DOT project: Amy Bishop motioned; Doug Weber seconded to approve the permit. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Potential Snow fence installation: In an attempt to decrease the amount of snow that blows in on Washington Street, public works will seek permission from the landowner to put up a snow fence west of the cemetery on a trial basis.

Resolution 2024-14 setting wage for Librarian: Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the resolution setting the wage for the new librarian pending return of the background check to be \$22.00. Ayes: Doug, Randy, Tracy, and Amy. Nays: None. Absent: Brian. Resolution adopted.

Correspondence: An email was read from Care Initiatives Hospice in Cedar Rapids seeking volunteers in the Mechanicsville area to be friendly visitors to patients on hospice.

Set next meeting date: 12/9/2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor