

City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 8, 2025

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 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, Doug Weber and James Studer. Tracy Miller was absent. Others present included Tyson Scott, Griffin Gravel, Matt Shields, Lonni Koch, John Mullan, Deb Jack, Zac Randolph, Dan Baker, Nancy Kainz, Sandra Warren, Lena, Carol Hayes, and Glen Weber.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from the 11/10/25 meeting; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Weber and Studer. Miller was absent. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX AND WET TAX	\$570.04
WALMART	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$285.55
ACE HARDWARE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$97.47
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,827.49
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$888.30
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,761.91
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$48.70
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$29.36
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$1,064.00
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$1,414.91
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$243.02
CARDENAS, CHRISTIAN	TRAINING	\$443.20
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,089.06
CEDAR COUNTY COOP	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$24.47
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,496.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$2,261.50
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$219.00
CROCK, JO ANN	TRAINING	\$417.40
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,489.21
Dans Overhead Doors	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,520.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$201.36
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$58.51
HIGHWAY 30 COALITION	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$150.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,700.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	\$25.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$36.90
IOWA RURAL WATER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$365.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$99.94
JOHNSON COUNTY AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$400.00
MACQUEEN	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$35.05
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$447.54

METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$34.07
MEYER, MEGAN	TRAINING	\$470.96
MIDWEST FIRE EQUIPMENT AND REP	VEHICLES	\$112,128.00
P & K MIDWEST	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$1,060.86
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$272.83
RVM LANDSCAPING	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$3,269.75
SCOTT AREA LANDFILL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$66.14
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SCOTT, TYSON	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$368.10
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$107.71
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$3,205.50
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$10,762.73
KOCH, LONNI	TRAINING	\$179.60
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$9,879.84
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$18,711.00

**Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of November by fund**

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	23,881.85	25,615.27
Road Use Tax	12,136.43	6,066.14
Employee Benefit	6,165.77	9,910.26
Library Trust Fund	47.69	
Ambulance Trust Fund	1,216.17	2,595.40
Fire Trust Fund	100.00	
Debt Service	2,369.51	
Water Utility	7,897.02	3,727.42
Sewer Utility	26,424.74	5,181.49
Sewer Sinking		52,515.00
Solid Waste	10,656.58	2,982.74
Storm Water Utility	1,046.63	6.77
Water Deposit	100.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Dan Baker addressed the council about the quality his water. Mayor requested that Dan contact city hall to set up an appointment for city to test the water at his address and to check for a house filter, Nancy Kainz stated that her water is sometimes discolored and she too was asked to set up an appointment to have it tested. Others said there water was good. The random house here and there indicates there is a filter or something unique at the address causing an issue as houses next door and across the street are reporting good water.

Carol Hayes then addressed the council to express her appreciation for the Fire and ambulance responders, specifically Rick, Megan, and Tyson for coming and “saving her life”. She calls Iowa home and is thankful for the city she lives in. Many thanks to all for what they do.

**REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch reported 19 calls in November, 207 ytd. Request for council to approve the incentive payments for the ambulance crew, with motion by Doug Weber, seconded by Jim Studer. Ayes all. Motion carried. Lonni also stated that the tree lighting last night had about 50 people and it was a nice job by all.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 12 calls for November including 3 grass/crop fires, 3 medical assist, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 smoke in business, 1 tractor fire, 1 structure fire mutual aid to Clarence. 128 calls YTD. Santa will be at the Fire Station 12/20 at 1pm, annual FF banquet will be December 14 at 4 pm, Fire dept is assisting with Pork Center Days hosting children's water bowling, Fire Fighter Water Ball and regular citizen water ball tournaments, CPR recertification 12/22; members with less than 24 hours annual training may be prohibited from participating in structural firefighting duties until the training is completed, per Standard 661-251.103(100B). Austin Sawyer was approved as a member with a motion by Randy Brown, seconded by Jim Studer. Ayes all. Motion carried. The fire department presented a copy of the revised by-laws with questions about a 12 mile response area and mandated training. Mayor Oberbreckling assigned council person Tracy Miller to be on committee with Randy Brown to review bylaws and bring back to a future meeting. Some discussion about replacing scene lighting with 3 LED lights

**Police Report:** Police Chief Rick Scott reported 32 calls for service, 5 traffic stops; 5 warnings; 3 investigations worked, 10 speak with officer, 3 public assists; 2 animal calls; 3 assist other agency, 1 assault, 1 domestic, 1 accident and 1 criminal mischief.

**Public Works Report:** Tyson Scott reported 12 locates being done, 3 water meters installed, leaves picked up and extended thanks to Rick, Linda, and Randy for helping to pick them up, 2 rounds of snowfall, Roto-rooter unplugged sewer line by trailer park camera indicated no collapsed line, rocks and gravel were put in by kids through an uncapped connection in the mobile home park; no electricity in UV building discovered mice got into transformer and blew, water pipes froze in well house due to heater not turned up warm enough, added insulation board,

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported Oath of Office being taken by James Studer, Zac Randolph, and Andrew Oberbreckling. Spoke to Dave Wendt about the water coming to the surface in the field next to the lagoon, to advise that a tile was installed during the construction process and is continuing to drain.

#### **Discussion and possible action on:**

**Election Canvas of votes:** The abstract of votes were read where Andrew Oberbreckling was duly nominated for the office of Mayor and James Studer and Zachary Randolph were duly nominated for the office of City Council.

**Fire Truck Auction—sealed bid:** Coppess reported that the on line Auction posted the fire truck for sale without the minimum bid threshold being met. A sealed bid was also received at the time of the posting and council opted to open it and read that William

Tuthill offered \$500 to purchase the 1987 Ford as is where is. Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to accept the sealed bid. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Set date for public hearing Budget Amendment:** Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to set the date for January 12, 2026 at 6:30pm. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Transfer Station Rates for FY 26/27:** Cedar County Solid Waste Commission sent out communication stating that the board intends to increase the waste by \$1 per cubic yard. The increase will take tipping fees from \$17 per cubic yard to \$18.

**Library Annual report including budget proposal for FY26/27:** Librarian not present.

**Pork Center Days committee request for street closure June 26 & 27:** Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the request to close First Street between Cherry Street and John Street for the 2 days, to allow the use of the garbage cans, and to install orange fencing for the “beer garden”. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Pork Center Days parade route:** Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the parade route and to have a temporary no parking on the route for 1 hour before the parade. It will have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July theme to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US. Ayes all. Motion carried. The parade route is set to begin on the East end of First Street, turn North on Cherry Street, turn West on 4<sup>th</sup> and Reeder Street, ending at St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

**Tile line/Crestview drive washing out:** A map of a proposed tile line was provided by Bob Steen. Council would like to have details clarified on how this tile line fixes the wash out. No action taken.

**Appoint P&Z Board of Adjustments:** Doug Weber motioned, Jim Studer seconded to appoint Dave Furry to the Board of Adjustments. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Appoint P&Z Commission:** Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to appoint Carla Barnhart to the P&Z Commission. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Snow removal priorities:** Council left the snow removal as the streets, alleys, and sidewalks and would not be adding the area in the back of the city buildings to the list.

**Transformer at WWTF:** Mice had gotten into the transformer at the UV building and it knocked out the electrical for the entire building. Brian Steele motioned, Jim Studer seconded to approve the quote from Koch’s to repair the transformer for \$8,942.48. Insurance was contacted as a possible claim. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** The Broker compensation disclosure form from Schroeder & Associates was provided for council to review. Information on the Dates/Times for the Open Meetings trainings were also provided to the new council member.

**Set next meeting date:** 1/12/26 at 6:30 p.m.

**Mayor Comment:** Mayor Oberbreckling thanked Doug Weber and Dave Furry for the time they contributed for being on the council. The no parking on Country View will remain as is because there is not enough width in the street to support changing it.

**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 7:45 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor