

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 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, Amy Bishop. And Brian Steele. Tracy Miller was absent. Others present included Daniel Pike, Tyson Scott, Lonni Koch, Meredith Dehmer, Matt Shields, Donna Paup, Nancy Kainz, and Pat Albaugh.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Doug Weber motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 11/12/24; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Weber, Steele and Bishop. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX AND WET TAX	\$587.66
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$53,760.00
IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$3,296.57
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$183.96
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,345.43
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$75.96
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,709.04
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$50.18
Armor Equipment	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$815.70
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$20.93
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$268.92
BOOKBROWSE	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$280.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$57.78
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$2,349.18
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$60.05
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,393.39
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, POSTAGE	\$1,171.11
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$250.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$520.37
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
Dans Overhead Doors	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$600.93
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$200.54
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$660.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$67.80
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$2,535.81
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$29.80
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$141.42
JOHNSON COUNTY AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
LINN COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT	TRAINING	\$483.00
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,600.00
LUKE OBERBRECKLING & SONS	STREET MAINT EXP	\$1,976.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$281.88

MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES EXP	\$450.65
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	OTHER SUPPLIES	\$407.89
MIDWESTLIVING MAGAZINE	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$15.00
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$800.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$39.68
REAL SIMPLE	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$20.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SPAHN & ROSE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$359.96
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$660.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$237.93
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.67
USA BLUEBOOK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$120.18
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$12,317.18
IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$7,664.75
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$28,847.99

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of November by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	27,606.82	28,734.14
Road Use Tax	12,161.29	20,444.87
Employee Benefit	5,169.85	8,935.79
Local Opt Sales Tax	9,860.52	
Library Trust Fund	57.40	
Ambulance Trust Fund	9,646.77	5,538.37
Debt Service	1,859.92	
Water Utility	7709.52	10,794.40
Sewer Utility	26,467.38	3406.78
Solid Waste	10,539.32	5,329.28
Storm Water Utility	1,062.23	6.83
Water Deposit	150.00	250.00

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Library budget and annual report: Meredith Dehmer provided proposed budget for FY 26 and provided circulation numbers being 2505 for adult books, 216 young adult, 2847 juvenile books, 707 DVDs, 1373 wi-fi, and 922 computer. The digital circulation included e-books at 796, 914 e-audio books, 1105 e-magazine, and 2725 overall LIBBY. The library also sponsored the summer library program, wild exotics and Mississippi River Museum, ice cream social, Lunch with Laura Pena, Story walks at the school, Trunk or Treat and Santa at the Fire Station. Katheryn Heffner was hired as the new librarian. The council thanked Meredith for doing a good job at the library and wished her well on her retirement.

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 25 calls for November; 291 calls ytd BOS were given a report by Jodi Freet that the National advertising efforts have not gotten “a good pool of applicant” for the new County EMS Director position. The ambulance incentive payments were approved with a motion by Amy Bishop, second by Brian Steel. Ayes all. Motion carried,

Fire Report: Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 8 calls for November with 4 being medical assist, 2 vehicle accidents, 1 grass fire and 1 standby for wind tower demolition. Santa will be at the Fire Station at 1 pm on Dec. 21. Linn County EMA Hazmat refresher course was held on Dec 2. 161 is still out of service.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 26 Calls for service, 2 traffic stops; 1 burglary, 5 traffic stops, 5 warnings, 3 investigations worked, 7 speak with officer, 4 public assists; 1 animal calls; 2 assist other agencies, 1 assault, 1 domestic, and 2 accidents.

Public Works Report: PWD Daniel Pike reported finished leaf pick up; vehicles have been transitioned from summer to winter; chain for dump truck sander had to be replaced, a crack was found in the plow cylinder and will be replaced, part on street sweeper was replaced, step feed process at WWTF was completed.

Administration Report: Coppess reported attending the FY26 budget workshop on Thursday, received notification that the Community Forestry Grant Program for Spring 2025 is now open; and a brief summary interpretation from Attorney Doug Herman on how the recent case law could impact city liability on handling sidewalk deficiencies.

Discussion and possible action on:

Roof repair bids? Matt reported the fire personnel investigated further and don't think spraying another coat of rubber roofing is needed; the members will repair in the Spring.

Additional Handicap parking for History Center: Randy and Doug measured the 2 parking spaces that are on the end and they meet the standards for handicapped parking, however, don't want to limit it to handicapped only parking all the time, would support a “timed” limit. A temporary Handicapped parking sign for only when the History Center is open. The sidewalk will be replaced in the near future so a sleeve for the sign post will be incorporated into the replacement. Randy Brown motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to allow for the 2 spaces to be signed as Handicapped for when the History Center is open. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Review Snow fence cost: Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve purchasing snow fence materials in the amount of \$1260 to be installed west of Washington Street. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal for concrete repair on Cherry Street: Amy Bishop motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the \$600 and \$613 items on the proposal. Further information will be gathered on the storm catch basin. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Review trial of shortened work week: Brian Steel made a motion to continue allowing the shortened work week and Doug Weber seconded . Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Set next meeting date: 1/13/2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Oberbreckling extended greetings of a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Amy Bishop motioned, Brian Steele seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor