

City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 14, 2025

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 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, Tracy Miller, Doug Weber and Dave Furry. Others present included Rick Scott, Tyson Scott, Griffin Gravel, Matt Shields, Lonni Koch, Pat Albaugh, Linda Walker, Angie Brown, Tod Snell, Addi Snell, Jean Miller, Dan Baker, Dana Erickson, Emily Beck, Nancy Kainz, Donna Paup, John Mullan, Patti Doser, Joan McFarlane, John Rouse, and Kali Fitzgerald.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Doug Weber motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from the 9/15/25 meeting; the finance reports, and claims, Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Miller, Weber and Furry. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	\$399.59
STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$141.51
IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$2,884.69
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ACE HARDWARE	STREET MAINT EXP	\$301.92
AGVANTAGE FS INC	STREET MAINT EXP	\$195.35
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$131.55
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$8,598.59
ALLIED GLASS	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$432.00
ALTORFER INC.	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$683.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$778.58
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$29.28
BANKERS BANK	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$351.86
BATTERIESPLUS	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$144.00
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$976.11
CEDAR COUNTY COOP	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$32.29
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,989.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	TRAINING	\$388.53
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$380.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$507.50
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$193.62
EO JOHNSON	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$240.39
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$117.02
FULL AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$32.10
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$757.66
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$300.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,700.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$115.00
IOWA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$25.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	TRAINING	\$60.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$63.10

JEREMY HALL		\$50.00
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	STORM DRAINAGE	\$35,688.66
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$793.86
JOHNSON COUNTY AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
LL PELLING CO	STREET MAINT EXP	\$525.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$448.68
MTL TRUCK REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$124.80
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$941.85
P & K MIDWEST	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,125.00
PENA, LAURA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$118.52
RADAR ROAD TEC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$295.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SCOTT, TYSON	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$8.32
SUMMIT COMPANIES	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$910.25
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$256.90
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$107.71
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$3,069.00
WALNUT CREEK CONSTRUCTION	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$4,400.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$8,889.06
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$19,822.72

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of September by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	31,941.37	30,628.10
Road Use Tax	15,695.98	16,171.68
Employee Benefit	5,520.03	9,703.73
Local Opt Sales Tax	11,466.95	
Library Trust Fund	48.25	
Ambulance Trust Fund	20,232.77	3,137.34
Fire Trust Fund		
Restricted Tree Fund		
Debt Service	2,122.61	
Perpetual Care Fund		
Water Utility	10,526.16	10,677.94
Sewer Utility	27,207.73	8,012.79
Sewer Sinking		
Solid Waste	10,269.64	50,027.53
Storm Water Utility	1,016.64	25,086.15
Water Deposit	600.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: Nancy Kainz reported that her water has been discolored for about a month. John Rouse requested that the city knock on his door rather than send him a letter asking him to trim the trees in the right of way and he was

planning to transplant the wild mulberry trees growing in the ditch to his farm in Missouri, prior to the city cutting them off.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 16 calls in September, 177 ytd. Request for 3 to attend IEMSA for cost of training, room and mileage was approved with a motion by Randy Brown, seconded by Brian Steele to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 7 calls for September. Request to purchase 4 pair of boots (Alex, Ashley, Matt, and Austin) \$2425.52 was approved with a motion by Doug Weber and seconded by Tracy Miller. Ayes all. Motion carried. New member Danny Cannon was introduced to department this month to be approved next month, and Chase Miller completed his probation period, puts roster at 23. Storm Siren monthly test date/time was discussed. The 3 minute whistle is mandated to be tested on a monthly basis, the noon and 6pm whistles are not tests. Fire Department proposed that it be changed to the first Tuesday of each month at 10am and be set off by public works unless there is severe weather in the area. Two additional dual head radios were picked up from EMA/911. \$10,000 grant was received from the Union Pacific and \$2500 from FS to be used to purchase a second side by side .

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 37 calls for service, 1 theft; 12 traffic stops; 4 citations, 8 warnings; 2 investigations worked, 10 speak with officer, 6 public assists; 2 animal calls; 5 assist other agency, 0 assault, 1 domestic, and 1 accident. Residents were reminded that dogs in the cemetery must be on a leash and remain on the road. Grass in streets must be cleaned up or \$100 fine if the city cleans it up. Council member Furry asked about possibly changing stop signs at E First and Elm to be on First Street rather than Elm Street to assist truck drivers in not having to stop on the hill.

Public Works Report: Tyson Scott reported grass was seeded on 125th ballfield ditch and the ditch on X40; 2 meters installed, 54 locates done, 6 loads of brush hauled, 4 loads of garbage for the large item pick up, graves leveled at the cemetery and were seeded, Griffin obtained CDL on 10/8/25; skid loader blew a tire, all were bald, replaced all 4; hydraulic hose on skid loader was also repaired at Dan's; JD Mower was serviced at 100 hours, leaf fence was put up, and poison put out at cemetery to control ground squirrels.

Administration Report: Coppess reported recycle bins are scheduled to arrive October 21 at 8am; the back awning was removed above the door at fire station, junk cleaned up along the building; Austin removed the tree on Cherry Street and one in the park. Oveson will be \$313.95 per week for the recycling; JJJ Enterprises completed filling the ditch on x40; a few phone calls regarding the no parking signs that were installed on the North side of Country View Drive. The ordinance has been in place since 1999, not sure why signs were not previously installed. The red house next to the business district

sold to someone else who is not doing a home occupation in the space, and working on completing the Iowa Medicaid recredentialing of the ambulance service.

Discussion and possible action on:

Communication between IDOT/Engineer on Hwy 30 water/sewer project:

Proposal to camera the sewer on Hwy 30-low bid Municipal Pipe: A copy of the email from the City Attorney was included in the packet, indicating that without a written document or reference to other specific cases, the city will most likely need to pay to move the sewer. Emily Linebaugh, Engineer V&K, also further explained that we need to know the condition the existing pipe to determine if it can be left in place or it has to be filled and eventually moved, it will also tell us the size, length and the slope of what is there now and how many physical connections. Dave Furry motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the low bid from Municipal Pipe at \$9,910. Other bids were \$16,705.38 and 19,973.00 from Central Iowa Televising and Visu-Sewer. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal to inspect sewer manholes: Dave Furry motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the proposal from V&K to inspect the condition of the manholes on the South side of Highway 30. Ayes all. Motion carried.

No Parking signs on North side of Country View/Ordinance pertaining to No Parking: John Mullan addressed the council to request that they remove the no parking. It was explained that the street is about 27 feet wide (curb to curb) vehicles can park no more than 18 inches from the curb (takes 3 feet for total), and then a parked vehicle on each side is about 16 feet, and two lanes of traffic at 8 feet each requires a total of 35 feet. Council member Brown and Officer Scott will explore any other possible options.

Council member Miller left the meeting at 7:20 p.m. for a work emergency.

Origin investigation (Wednesday 10am): Didn't receive any information back from Origin prior to the meeting, no action or discussion at this time.

Mechanicsville Fair: Doug Weber addressed the council informing them that he has a committee of volunteers who have created a 501c3 to bring back the Pork Center Days with food vendors, rides, and entertainment for June 26-27, 2026. They will be doing various activities with the first being a Halloween dance for 6-8th graders and will be asking the city for permission to close "Main Street", electrical hook ups, use of the MB for fundraising activities and a tax-deductible donation of \$5000. During the discussion it was noted that the city is not able to give "donations" to 501c3 entities, and the electrical hook ups should be coordinated with Dan Koch and Alliant. The activities will need to be scheduled on the calendar.

Recommend approving permit to work in Highway 30 right of way for snowmobile signing and grooming: Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve signing the permit. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Review Policy Statement: Council reviewed policy statement 2011-12 and made some changes which will be brought back to the next meeting after the changes are made for final approval. The priority for snow removal and sanding will remain the same with alleys being done after the streets are done, park rental fees will increase to \$50 as well as the rent for the Memorial Building will increase to \$50 for private use and \$100 for commercial use.

Scott Schroeder: Renewal contract for Wellmark and Delta Dental: Scott shared information with the council about the grandfathered health insurance policy from Wellmark along with some other options. Need to make a decision by November 15 to return to Wellmark.

Correspondence: Federal Grade Crossings Safety Improvement Funds, IPIB Training for Newly elected and appointed officials, and ECIA-CEDCO invitation.

Set next meeting date: 11/10/25 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Comment: 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 8:20 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor