

City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2025

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 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, Kate Heffner, Tyson Scott, Griffin Gravel, Matt Shields, Pat Albaugh, Jim Studer, Deb Jack, Linda Walker, Angie Brown, Daniel Niemeir, Tod Snell, Addi Snell, and Jean Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from the 8/11/25 meeting; the finance reports, claims, Annual Urban Renewal Report, Annual Street Finance Report, and Resolution 2025 -17 authorizing the budgeted transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Miller, Weber and Furry. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$2,922.83
STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$171.45
STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	\$505.75
CITY OF TIPTON	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$741.53
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$943.18
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$134.01
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$9,891.66
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$685.25
ANTELOPE LENDING LIBRARY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$450.00
Armor Equipment	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$30,518.00
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$29.20
BANKERS BANK	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$1,634.18
BIG DECK MOWERS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,615.17
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$773.55
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$93.89
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,414.99
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$8,082.31
CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER	TAX EXPENSE	\$1,766.00
CENTRAL TANK COATINGS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$2,500.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$1,817.82
CITY OF TIPTON	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$2,200.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$510.50
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$193.62
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$117.02
Goldline CDL Training LLC	TRAINING	\$1,600.00
INTL INST OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$195.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,955.00
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$815.00
JIMS AUTO BODY	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$92.45
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	STORM DRAINAGE	\$16,078.80

JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$309.88
KANOPY INC	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$750.00
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$644.00
LUKE OBERBRECKLING & SONS	STREET MAINT EXP	\$22,683.00
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$80.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$449.45
MILLER CONSTRUCTION	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$698.53
MOBILE BEACON	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$360.00
MTL TRUCK REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$2,318.71
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,200.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OTHER SUPPLIES	\$390.98
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SCOTT, TYSON	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$2,700.00
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$554.39
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$513.10
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$25.93
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$107.61
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$250.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$11,439.09
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREETS	\$400.22
BANKERS BANK	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$119.42
EO JOHNSON	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$303.52
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$19,534.74

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of August by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	5,298.26	62,495.24
Road Use Tax	11,664.68	6,773.13
Employee Benefit		7,967.25
Local Opt Sales Tax	9,061.79	
Library Trust Fund	49.64	
Ambulance Trust Fund	4,785.90	3,097.83
Fire Trust Fund	1145.00	
Restricted Tree Fund		
Debt Service	11.69	
Perpetual Care Fund		
Water Utility	8,218.45	3,309.96
Sewer Utility	30,670.83	6,594.22
Sewer Sinking		
Solid Waste	11,832.88	5,546.75
Storm Water Utility	1,223.00	6.66
Water Deposit	50.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: Daniel Niemeir, Tod Snell, and Addi Snell introduced themselves and their company asking to be put on the next council agenda for discussion and approval of a home occupation.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Ambulance requested approval to attend Wisdom at the Winery training for 3 to attend at a cost of \$25.00 each. Brian Steele motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 7 calls for August, 5 medical assists, 1 gas leak, and 1 storm watch. Training will be on buddy breathing which is breathing exercises for low quality O2. Request for 2 sets of structural gear for Chase Miller and William Tuthill at a cost of \$7022 approved with a motion by Randy Brown, and seconded by Doug Weber. Ayes all. Motion carried. September 20th will be the annual picnic out at Ron Bakers.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 39 calls for service, 6 traffic stops; 2 citations, 4 warnings; 5 investigations worked, 12 speak with officer, 6 public assists; 2 animal calls; 4 assist other agency, 4 assault, 4 domestics, and 3 arrests. Several animals at large cases recently and residents were reminded to keep dogs on their own property. Reported that nuisances were cleaned up at 309 W South St, 307 W First St, and the dirt pile of weeds on E Cedar Street has been removed, others were notified but not completed yet.

Public Works Report: Tyson Scott reported 5 loads of trees hauled out; lagoon is overgrown, new rubber was installed at the park, catch basins cleaned, Griffin has his CDL permit and can drive with a driver; yield signs and stop signs replaced; paint won't come off curb, so painted over it with gray, the Hustler mower is back from the shop; 78 locate requests came in, had one strike a water main on the west side of Washington Street. The garbage truck travels 58 miles for one day round trip. Council member Miller requested that the mowers drive slower while mowing in the cemetery. Letters to be sent to property owner on X40 and Cherry Street requesting that the trees be trimmed due to lack of visibility.

Administration Report: Coppess reported that the screen door at the park was replaced, recycle bins were ordered and a 5 week delivery time was provided, JJJ Enterprises completed filling the ditch at the ballfield utilizing dirt from the SAGR project, multiple door tags pertaining to grass being blown in the street and fine information if the city has to clean it up, the water tower was cleaned and the inspection report provided in the packets which strongly recommends painting it. The annual SFR and Urban Renewal reports were completed.

Discussion and possible action on:

Ordinance 345 amending provisions pertaining to No Parking Zones: Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the first reading which changed the

no parking area from the first 69 feet to the first 45 feet to no parking. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve waiving the second and third readings of the ordinance. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Randy Brown then motioned, Doug Weber seconded to adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Miller, Weber and Furry. Nays: None. Ordinance adopted.

2025 Legislative Summary ordinances:

Ordinance 346: Amending provisions pertaining to conflict of interest

Ordinance 347: Amending provisions pertaining to cigarette and tobacco permits

Ordinance 348: Amending provisions pertaining to conflict of interest

Ordinance 349: Amending a new section prohibiting false representation of service animal

Ordinance 350: Amending provisions pertaining to liquor licenses and wine and beer permits

Ordinance 351: Amending provisions pertaining to public hearing requirements

Doug Weber motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the first reading of the ordinances 346-351. Ayes all motion carried.

Doug Weber motioned, Dave Furry seconded to approve waiving the second and third readings. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve adopting ordinances 346-351. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Steele, Miller, Weber and Furry. Nays: None. Ordinances 346-351 were adopted.

Amend provisions pertaining to public hearings on zoning: Dave Furry motioned, Doug Weber seconded, to refer to the P&Z for a recommendation. Aye all. Motion carried.

Proposal from Origin: Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the proposal from Origin at an estimated cost of \$3,986 to inspect the library roof and building. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for Fall Clean Up: Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve October 7 for the large item pick up. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set Date for Trick or Treat: Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve setting October 31 from 5-8pm for the traditional Trick or Treat night. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for Trunk or Treat: Dave Furry motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve setting October 26 from 2-3pm and to authorize the closing of E First Street for the Trunk or Treat event. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Set date for Cemetery Clean Up October 15: Doug Weber motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve cleaning off the cemetery on October 15. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Review Cemetery rules pertaining to flowers/memorials set in the grass and clean up dates: After discussion, motion by Brian Steele, seconded by Dave Furry, to add July 15 as additional clean up date in the cemetery so that the flowers from Memorial Day are not left all summer long with weeds and grass growing up in them. Persons wishing to save decorations, will need to remove decorations by each April, July and October 15 each year. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Communication between IDOT/Engineer on Hwy 30 water/sewer project including extending the water lines, city attorney input on sewer line negotiation, proposals to camera the sewer on Hwy 30 cost ranging from \$9,910 to \$19,973, proposals to inspect the sewer manholes, and a resident concern about the proposed widened highway being only 7 ft from the front door rather the required 30 foot per the zoning: Council reviewed the proposals and information from V&K and tabled taking any action until they hear from the attorney and know for sure who is having to pay to move the sewer and whether it could be a cost share, not spend any money to clean it/camera it if we have to move it. No action taken.

Approve basic water distribution training @ Kirkwood, water treatment and basic wastewater each class costing \$560: Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steel seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Recommendations from Inspection report include painting tower: The cleaning and inspection of the east tower were done and in summary recommends that the tower be painted in 1-2 years at the latest.

X-40 Ditch 24 inch outlet revised quote: Brian Steele motioned, Dave Furry seconded to approve the revised quote from JJJ Enterprises for 530 ft of 15" N12 dual wall, 3 15N12 Aprons, and 4" erosion stone for \$13,033.35. Ayes: Furry, Steele, Brown, Miller. Nays: Weber. Motion carried.

Proposal for replacing fire hydrant (leaking): Luke Oberbreckling and JJJ Enterprises were asked to provide cost estimates. Luke declined. Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the proposal \$8,224.25 from JJJ to replace the hydrant that is leaking at 400 W First Street. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal for repairing catch basin (Danly): Dave Furry motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the proposal from Luke Oberbreckling to tear out and replace the catch basin at Madison/Kohlhase at a cost of \$4,000. JJJ Enterprises estimate was \$5,148.50. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal for manhole repair (Reeder St) Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the cost estimate from JJJ Enterprises to repair manhole at 200 W Reeder, pour concrete diamond around manhole cover \$1130. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Authorize Mayor to sign notice to Overson Recycling to discontinue recycling service/request back up service: Dave Furry motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve Mayor signing the letter of notification. Ayes all. Motion carried. (Recycle containers had a 5-week delivery date, so anticipate arriving late September).

Authorize Mayor to sign notice requesting removal of telephone equipment (green pedestals in the alleys) Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to have Mayor sign letter and send to Mechanicsville Fiber. Ayes all. Motion carried. The letter requests removal within the next 12 months.

Correspondence from Angie Himes and Deb Himes were reviewed by the council.

Set next meeting date: 10/14/25 at 6:30 p.m. Note: This is Tuesday, as the Columbus Day Holiday is on Monday.

Mayor Comment: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Brian Steele motioned, Randy Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor