

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 10, 2025

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 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 and Tracy Miller. Doug Weber was absent. Amy Miller seat vacant. Others present included Daniel Pike, Tyson Scott, Kate Heffner, Adam Paidar, Dan Paidar, Dave Furry, Pat Albaugh, and Jean Miller.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Brian Steele motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 2/10/25; the finance reports, claims, and the date for the Cemetery Cleanup for April 15. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Steele and Miller. Doug Weber was absent. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	\$435.59
STATE OF IOWA	IA SALES TAX	\$168.16
IRS	PAYROLL TAXES	\$2,786.89
ACE HARDWARE	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$71.34
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$682.75
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$234.24
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$11,739.30
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$705.09
ascendance	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$615.18
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$24.85
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$391.71
BIBLIONIX	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$1,540.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$424.08
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$6.55
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$7.11
CARDENAS, CHRISTIAN	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	\$280.19
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,299.19
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$264.32
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT & RECORDING FEES	\$43.30
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$248.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CUSTOM HOSE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$320.61
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$516.50
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
Dans Overhead Doors	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$455.59
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$124.60
FUTURE LINE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$59.88
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$538.35
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$803.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$173.40
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	\$690.00
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$600.00

LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$101.25
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$450.50
MEDIC EMS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$82.40
MORTON SALT INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$315.27
MTL TRUCK REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$121.42
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,750.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$175.26
RADAR ROAD TEC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$80.00
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,360.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$269.00
SHEBETKA, RON	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$290.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,019.50
STOLTE, VIRJEAN	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$196.29
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,765.59
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$506.95
TUTHILL, WILLIAM	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	\$238.28
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$591.39
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$107.63
WALLYS WELDING	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$142.23
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$10,336.52
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$17,083.81

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

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	29,169.55	18,477.32
Road Use Tax	10,291.49	5,068.64
Employee Benefit	384.55	8,650.55
Local Opt Sales Tax	8,543.84	
Library Trust Fund	47.04	
Ballpark Fund		
Ambulance Trust Fund	7,104.67	3,292.73
Fire Trust Fund	25.00	
Tree Trust		
Debt Service	145.66	
Perpetual Care Fund	200.00	
Water Utility	8,567.29	4,343.14
Sewer Utility	27,618.45	6,197.98
Sewer Sinking Fund		
Solid Waste	10,853.47	8,397.47
Storm Water Utility	1,117.96	6.12
Water Deposit	50.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** None.

**Public Hearing on FY 25 Budget Amendment:** Mayor Oberbreckling opened the public hearing on the proposed FY24-25 budget amendment. The clerk reported that the notice for the public hearing was published and no written comments were received. The mayor asked if there were any other comments for or against the proposed amendment, after hearing none, the hearing was closed with no comments being received.

## **REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch submitted a written report with 14 calls for the month, 41 calls ytd with stroke training to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>. An application for membership was received from Tyson Scott and will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Matt Shields was absent, Adam Paidar read the report consisting of 9 calls for February, 6 medical assists, 1 smoke odor, 1 vehicle accident and 1 brush fire. March training will be a refresher on tanker/brush truck equipment and operations. Also reported that a Cedar County Community Foundation grant application was submitted, ice rescue training done, prescribed burn season is approaching with about 250 acres to burn, no CITA Fire school this year, and Tyson Scott turned in an application to become FF member.

**Police Report:** Police Chief Rick Scott submitted a written report with 215 calls for service, 1 theft, 1 traffic stop; 1 warning, 4 investigations worked, 5 speak with officer, 3 public assists; 3 assist other agencies, 3 assault, 1 domestic, and 3 arrests for public intoxication, domestic, and violation of a no-contact order.

**Public Works Report:** PWD Daniel Pike reported doing snow removal, some meters replaced, yard waste area ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April-November, will be pulling snow fence, and the silt fence, provided some information on possibly replacing the garbage trucks. Daniel requested 3 weeks of paid paternity leave, Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steele motioned to allow using 12 sick days or 96 hours in May around Memorial Day. Ayes all. Nays none. Absent: Weber and 1 vacancy. Motion carried. Garbage truck tires and maintenance at WWTF filters/oil for blowers were also on the agenda but no additional information available at this time.

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported completing and submitting grant applications for solar lights at the ball park walkway and for a stair chair for the ambulance.

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

**Letter of resignation, decide whether to appoint or have special election:** Letter of resignation was received from Amy Bishop, stating she has moved and therefore needed to resign from the city council. Randy Brown motioned; Tracy Miller seconded to publish the notice that the council intends to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy of the unexpired term created by the resignation of Amy Bishop. The public will have the right to petition for a special election within 14 days following the appointment. Any

interested party may submit a letter of interest prior to the March 24 council meeting. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2025-4 to adopt budget amendment as published for FY24-25:** Randy Brown motioned; Brian Steele seconded to approve the resolution adopting the amendment. Roll call: Ayes: Randy Brown, Tracy Miller and Brian Steele. Nays: None. Absent: Doug Weber, and 1 vacancy. Resolution adopted.

**Wreaths Across America request to participate in 2025:** Letter was received asking the city to choose to support the Wreaths Across America activity again this year. Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the request to participate from Larry and Regina McCall in 2025. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Apply spray in cemetery? Ballfield?** Brian Steel motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the spring and fall application only the ball fields at this time. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Review Ordinance 92.09 to consider increasing water deposit:** Review of the ordinance resulted in council directing clerk to prepare the ordinance with a blank to be filled in at the next meeting and to request information on what other towns are charging for a deposit.

**Review ordinance pertaining to mandatory connections, vacant/abandoned property and water being shut off:** The issue being water is shut off for nonpayment, person continues to live there “without” water, carry in, but continue to utilize sewer services as no way to shut off. Discussion involved possibly passing an ordinance to remove campers from the mobile home park. No solution at this time.

**Set April 15 as date for Spring Clean Up:** Randy Brown motioned; Tracy Miller seconded to set the date to start for April 15. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Council input on Budget FY25-26 considerations:** No additional input provided

**Correspondence** included an email asking why over half the sidewalks weren’t shoveled and still are not shoveled as of today; (2/21/25); and received notice that the auditors plan to complete the city audit for FY24 the week of April 7 and will submit by June 30.

**Set next meeting date:** 3/24/2025 at 6:30 p.m. and a second special meeting 7:00 pm.

**Mayor Comment:** Mayor Oberbreckling invited any interested persons to submit a letter of interest to be on the council.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Brian Steele motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor