

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 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 Amy Bishop, Randy Brown, Doug Weber, Brian Steele, and Tracy Miller. Others present included Daniel Pike, Lonni Koch, Meredith Dehmer, Adam Paidar, Alex Paidar, Nancy Kainz, Donna Paup, and Richard Woods.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Miller motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from both meetings on 3/25/24; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Brown, Weber, Steele, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	WET AND SALES TAX	\$619.31
ACE HARDWARE	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$372.12
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,053.79
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$580.40
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$318.12
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$370.49
BANKERS BANK	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$4.62
BIG DECK MOWERS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$585.73
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$115.39
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,695.62
CEDAR COUNTY REPAIR	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$103.92
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFFS RESERVES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$647.50
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$410.12
CITY OF CLARENCE	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$15.31
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,773.87
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$354.18
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$120.06
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$12.97
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$95.38
IMFOA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$50.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$790.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$11.99
KATHY J WILSON	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$150.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$51.43
LINDA MCCANN	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$95.00
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,600.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$420.33
MID IOWA SOLID WASTE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$2,237.75

ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$750.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PAIDAR, ADAM	TRAINING	\$207.20
PIONEER WOMAN	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$19.97
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$179.75
READERS DIGEST	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$22.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$1,080.00
SCHIMBERG CO	STORM DRAINAGE	\$149.18
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$618.00
SUMMIT COMPANIES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$839.00
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$419.76
TIME	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$72.28
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$729.52
TIPTON ELECTRIC MOTORS INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$59.34
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$123.31
USA BLUEBOOK	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$126.02
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$14,876.78
WELLPOINT	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$197.48
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREET MAINT EXP	\$1,257.70
WRIGHT WAY TRAILERS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$20.28
PAYROLL	WAGES	18,615.01

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of March by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	25,341.93	21,866.31
Road Use Tax	8,316.76	4,238.87
Employee Benefit	3,805.64	11,435.82
Local Opt Sales Tax	7,915.79	
Library Trust Fund	50.71	
Ambulance Trust Fund	18,906.14	2,443.60
Fire Trust	335.00	
Debt Service	865.49	
Water Utility	8,381.72	2,813.35
Sewer Utility	27,767.13	5,388.91
Solid Waste	10,824.75	5,461.00
Storm Water Utility	1,108.60	6.29
Water Deposit	-50.00	50.00

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 27 calls for March; 81 calls ytd. Dominic Graves was approved by Fire to be a new member and is currently taking EMT class.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Adam Paidar reported 11 calls and will be hosting the burn trailer on April 27. The fire department received the 4 new air packs with anticipation of putting them in service after training on Wednesday. The dance went very well and had

many donors. Amy Bishop made motion to approve Dominic Graves as probationary member and Tracy Miller seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Police Report: Rick Scotts written police report was read consisting of 30 Calls for service, 1 thefts, 7 traffic stops; 7 warnings, 1 investigations worked, 4 speak with officer; 7 public assists; 2 animal calls; 4 assist other agencies, 1 arrest and 2 accidents. Nuisance Abatements and letters will be sent out. Poles for Cameras on X-40 should be installed within the week.

Public Works Report: Daniel Pike reported a mini hoe was rented to work on storm drainage project and to fix culvert by ballfield, cleared a dam in the creek; call outs for lift station; sweeping streets, yards waste was Saturday morning; IDNR is proposing elimination the UV disinfection plants if cities have a SAGR system; Mike Dauber accepted the part time mowing position and is expected to start around May 1.

Administration Report: Nothing additional to report.

Discussion and possible action on:

Open Public Hearing on P&Z recommendation to add short term rentals to permitted use in R-1 and information from city attorney. Mayor opened the hearing. No comments from public were received. The P&Z had met and requested City attorney prepare ordinance. City attorney advised that an ordinance is not necessary as state code says that short term rentals shall be permitted in any residential district. Council reviewed and determined no action necessary to allow the short term rental to take place. Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to close the hearing with no additional action necessary to permit the short term rentals. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Open Public hearing on proposed budget for FY25: Mayor Oberbreckling opened the public hearing for the proposed budget. Richard Woods provided comment and questions. There being no further comments for or against the proposed budget, Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to close the public hearing. Ayes all. Motion carried. Ayes all. Hearing was closed.

Resolution 2024-03 to adopt the FY25 budget: Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to adopt the budget by approving the resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Brown, Weber, Steele, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Second reading to modify ordinance for automatic speed enforcement to consider lowering the school zone fines to match the construction zone fines: Amy Bishop motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the second reading. Ayes all.

Consideration of waiving 3rd reading and adopting ordinance modifying the fines on the speed camera violations: Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to waive the 3rd reading. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to adopt the ordinance that modifies and lowers the fines for the speed camera violations. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Brown, Weber, Steele, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Request for a full time handicapped parking space in front of the office door of Christian Community Church of Mechanicsville (west side of property) and keep the 2 Sunday only spaces on the east end: Amy Bishop motioned, Brian Steele seconded to approve the request for the handicapped space if they pay for the cost of the sign. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proclamation for Keep Iowa Beautiful Month: Mayor read proclamation and signed.

X-40 resurfacing project by county: Cedar County Engineer provided information on the plan to resurface the southern part of X-40. Communication was due to advanced planning on the project so the city could cost share on the portion that is inside the city limits. This was done several years ago when the section north of town was done.

Resolution 2024-4 to set wage for part time public works person and FY25 salaries: Amy Bishop motioned, and Randy Brown seconded to approve the resolution setting the salaries for FY25 and the hourly rate for part time public works position to start in May. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Brown, Weber, Steele, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sealed bid for selling Bauer air compressor: The sealed bid of \$2150 from Shockency Fire Equipment in Canton, Illinois for 1 of the 3 bottle cascade systems and compressor was accepted with a motion by Amy Bishop, seconded by Doug Weber to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried. The second 3 bottle system is still for sale, with some interest from Clarence.

Canvas artwork project proposal: Coppess shared a photo of some artwork and was seeking comments on possibly doing something similar in the Memorial Building which would depict photos of the history of Mechanicsville. The canvas photos cost about \$150 each and could be funded by sponsors, grant applications or other. The canvas photos may also serve a dual purpose on helping with the acoustics in the room. Mayor and council liked the idea. Richard Woods offered to provide family photos that could be used. Coppess will continue to watch for funding opportunities.

Request to waive subdivision requirements for plat of survey Lot 1 of Parcel B in Outlot 16: Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to waive the subdivision requirements. Ayes all. Motion carried. The subdivision was just expanding the size of one parcel and making another smaller.

Correspondence: Alliant provided informational maps where gas lines will be replaced in the next several months. The area is mostly along South Street.

Set next meeting date: May 13, 2024

Mayor's Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Doug Weber motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor