

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 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 Rick Scott, Daniel Pike, Josh Miller, Lonni Koch, Meredith Dehmer, Adam Paidar, Nancy Kainz, Donna Paup, Pat Albaugh, Dan Baker, Jayson Candler, Harold and Janice Weber, Linda Beck, Lauri Jewell, Sherri Hanks, and Angie Brown.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Miller motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 4/8/24; 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 TAXES	\$564.51
STATE OF IOWA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$150.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	BOND REGISTRATION FEES	\$135,975.00
IRS	PAYROLL TAX	\$2,808.14
IOWA DEPT OF INSPECTION AND AP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$150.00
ACE HARDWARE	GROUND MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$176.86
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,400.09
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$203.90
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$7,029.22
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$550.35
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$571.97
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$61,229.65
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,714.83
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$2,268.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$345.23
CONSUMER REPORTS	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$37.45
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,046.27
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$366.11
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$354.18
DEMCO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$261.19
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,065.00
EO JOHNSON	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$109.77
FELD FIRE CO INC_	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,956.40
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$120.02
FOOD NETWORK	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$19.97
FOSTER KRAUS	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$409.92
H & h CAR CARE TOWING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$170.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$611.25
HGTV	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$19.97
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$600.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$30.00

JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$696.56
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$617.08
Kirk Britcher	REFUND	\$110.61
LL PELLING CO	STREET MAINT EXP	\$32,026.45
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$444.80
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$240.43
MID IOWA SOLID WASTE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$577.08
NMRMA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$298.20
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$250.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PAIDAR, ALEX	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$35.76
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$242.85
RACOM CORPORATION	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$227.70
RICKARD SIGN & DESIGN	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$45.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$853.93
SCOTT, RICKY	TRAINING	\$243.92
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$86,869.95
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$601.00
SWANK MOTION PICTURES, INC	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$130.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$235.67
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$853.91
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$89.77
USA BLUEBOOK	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$129.50
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$14,876.78
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STREET MAINT EXP	\$40.48
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$18,707.14

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of April by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	122,522.77	21,314.33
Road Use Tax	11,668.33	5,597.20
Employee Benefit	51,675.94	11,435.86
Local Opt Sales Tax	9,480.96	
Library Trust Fund	51.49	
Ambulance Trust Fund	14,995.28	5,614.19
Fire Trust		
Debt Service	10,589.38	
Water Utility	8,840.81	3,698.25
Sewer Utility	27,939.38	4,045.00
Solid Waste	10,635.52	5,453.67
Storm Water Utility	1,032.64	582.83
Water Deposit	350.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: Dave Furry addressed the council regarding nuisances such as cars on blocks in the alley, appliances in the back yard, no plates on vehicles and these are all on streets that come into the community and does not give a good image of the community. Donna Paup also requested that the ordinances be enforced to make the community look better.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 26 calls for April; 110 calls ytd. Discussion on the Essential Services meeting to be held May 22 and what the city intentions are.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Adam Paidar reported 10 calls, 38 ytd; will be doing a live burn training on May 25 with Tipton and West Branch in Cedar Bluff. 161 is out of service trying to find parts, 164 electric siren quit working, new air packs are in service, Jeff Hotz completed his training hours and was voted on as a full member, probation status of Luke Jeffery was not extended. Motion by Amy Bishop, second by Doug Weber to approve the purchase of \$867.43 for the siren. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 48 Calls for service, 3 thefts, 1 burglary, 6 traffic stops; 15 speed photo enforcement, 2 warnings, 3 investigations worked, 6 speak with officer; 5 public assists; 3 animal calls; 6 assist other agencies, 1 assault, 1 domestic, 3 arrests. Theft of the city vehicle was recovered from Bettendorf, the persons that took the truck are part of a large burglary ring involving tools and drugs and using stolen vehicles during the thefts.

Public Works Report: Daniel Pike reported resident doors were posted for long grass last week, spring clean up had 4 loads of garbage, mowing and weed whipping, mulched the trees and benches at park to cut down on weed whipping, brush removal, lead and copper inventory is being worked on, garage doors are being reprogrammed as the remote did not get returned with the truck, requesting bids for catch basin repair and Amy Bishop asked about the progress of the water meter installations.

Administration Report: Coppess reported a building permit being issued and fence permit, filed claim with insurance company regarding the truck being stolen, and the estimate from Lynch in the amount of \$9548 in cosmetic damages being done includes items such as dent in the rear panel, the paint scraped from the removal of the vinyl lettering on the doors, the snow plow attachment and yellow light being removed, and the wheels being spray painted black. Met with ECIA and the Keep Iowa Beautiful committee at the park 2 weeks ago, and suggested a survey be sent out or provided for residents to give feed back on what they would like to see in their community. Sample questions were provided for council to review and provide feedback before sending out.

Discussion and possible action on:

Linda Beck requesting letter of support to designate a section of X-40 from Mechanicsville to 151 to the memory of Dennis Lee Weber: Linda introduced family of Dennis Weber, who was killed in Vietnam, and the story was told on how Dennis and his family came to Mechanicsville, joined the Marines and was killed in action in what was known as Operation Harvest Moon. The family has been working with Cedar and Jones County Board of Supervisors, the Iowa Department of transportation, the City of Morley, and is now asking the City of Mechanicsville for a letter of support to install a sign in Mechanicsville and another where it meets at Hwy. 151. Amy Bishop motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve providing a letter of support for the project. Ayes all motion carried. Amy Bishop excused herself from the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Jason Candler requested a hearing with the council regarding the removal of a viscous animal from the city: Jason and spouse provided information to the council stating that the dog in question was an emotional support animal for Jason, neither was home when the incident occurred. Their daughter answered the door when another neighbor's child knocked to ask if she could come out to play, and the dog was not in a kennel in the home, when the door was opened the dog scratched the child on the arm. Owners talked about taking the dog to obedience school, it was what Jason considered a rescue dog. The police then provided the photos of the puncture wounds of the girl that was attacked showing wounds on the back, neck, face, and arm and was taken by ambulance to be treated at the hospital. The dog was delinquent with having its rabies vaccinations, was taken to Friends of the Animals for 10 days quarantine, and they were not able to remove the dog's collar due to the dog being so viscous. After review of the ordinance, the dog was determined to meet the definition of a viscous animal. Motion by Randy Brown, second by Brian Steel to uphold the ordinance regarding viscous animals and that the dog shall be removed from the city limits. Ayes all. Motion carried. Randy Brown motioned, Brian Steel seconded to approve that the invoice from Friends of the Animals for the 10 day stay, \$300, shall be reimbursed by the dog owner. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Warren Wethington: The letter states that the Sheriff's Office intends to continue to provide emergency "mutual aid" pursuant to the existing 28E agreements, but effective June 1, the provision of "routine" law enforcement services within the corporate boundaries by the deputies will be billed at a rate of \$86.00 per deputy per hour. Failure to pay invoices will result in law enforcement services being limited to emergency mutual aid services only.

Approve Fireworks Permit 2024 and authorize clerk to get the insurance for the event: Randy Brown motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the permit for July 4 and the insurance. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request to order truck \$50,366, plow \$10,302.79, sander \$3,329.17, and tool boxes \$2,502.75 for a total of \$66,500.71 with payment/delivery in October, 2024: Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steel seconded to approve the purchases. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Approve Casey's Cigarette Sales permit: Doug Weber motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve cigarette permit. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request for curb cut on E South Street referred to council: Doug Weber motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the curb cut. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request to purchase deck mounted trimmer \$1945: Tracy Miller motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the purchase. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence: FEMA provided letter indication there will be no funding for the large snowfall event that was requested by the governor. Consumer Confidence Report was received, will not be mailed, but is available at <http://iowa.ccr.org/Mechanicsville> or by request at city hall. It is also posted at the post office. Notice will be included on the water bill. Resignation letter from Mike Dauber due to an unforeseen health issue, Mayor directed the position be posted for 10 days.

Set next meeting date: June 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Doug Weber motioned, Brian Steele seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor