

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 13, 2022

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. 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, Denice Dochterman, Adam Paidar, and Doug Weber. Jennifer Lester was absent. Others present included Donna Paup, Nancy Kainz, Jean Miller, Pat Albaugh, Tracy Miller, Sandra Warren, Meredith Dehmer, Angie Brown, Carla Barnhart, Colleen Svoboda, Diane Poduska, Josh Miller, Rick Scott, Lonni Koch, and Jake Koch.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 5/9/22; the finance reports, Casey's cigarette permit, and claims including pay application #12 for \$307,116.48. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bishop, Dochterman, Paidar, and Weber. Nays: None. Lester absent. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$5.59
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,396.69
ALL FLAGS LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$317.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,431.75
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$3,738.89
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$10.44
BANKERS BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$806.31
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$2,075.00
BILL BRUCE BUILDERS INC	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$307,116.48
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$27.79
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,576.12
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFFS RESERVES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$300.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,674.00
CENTRAL TANK COATINGS INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$5,000.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$283.27
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$60.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$500.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$308.37
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$65.00
DEMCO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$236.68
EASTERN IOWA WATERWORKS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,117.00
ECIA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$644.14
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,155.00
FAT GUYS MOTOR SPORTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$199.70
IOWA BARNs	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$29.95
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$22.50
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$305.93
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,746.26
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$410.19
LL PELLING CO	STREETS	\$27,684.00
MAGNOLIA JOURNAL	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$20.00

MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$447.36
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$61,000.00
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,040.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PENA, LAURA	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$75.00
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$410.63
RACOM CORPORATION	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$125.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$4,093.44
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,600.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$2,323.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$504.50
SWANK MOTION PICTURES, INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$295.00
TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$129.41
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$2,449.08
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$779.90
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,069.48
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$111.16
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$20,235.57
WELLMARK BC BS	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$8,011.51
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$59,379.49
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$15,189.91

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

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	37,653.50	19,729.92
Road Use Tax	5,857.73	7,929.27
Employee Benefit	3,826.25	4,321.52
Local Option Sales Tax	10,057.75	
Library Trust Fund	9.67	
Ballpark Fund	5,253.80	
Ambulance Trust	15.53	670.65
Tree Trust		
Debt Service	2,899.82	
Perpetual Care		
Water Utility	9,121.18	2,930.78
Sewer Utility	25,569.28	144,378.22
Sewer Sinking Fund		18,829.13
Solid Waste	9,922.19	7,275.77
Storm Water Utility	1,034.27	1,209.60
Water Deposits	50.00	

**Receive visitors/public comment:** Donna Paup reported that the doughboy left town today and expressed appreciation for all of the support from the community, also thanks to Luke for donating his crew and the saw company for donating the use of the saw. The goal is to have the statue returned by Veteran's Day and in the meantime have the granite base cleaned. Many thanks for everyone for getting involved.

**REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Ambulance had 34 calls for the month and 127 ytd. Airway care training is planned and still following Covid 19 precautions.

**Fire Report:** Fire 15 calls for the month with plans to do building burn training. Breaking ground next week on new radio system. Past member Ronnie Albaugh passed away with funeral services this week.

**Police Report:** Police reported 7 agency assists, 2 animal; 1 assault; 13 business checks; 2 citizen assist; 4 extra patrol; 1 follow-up; 1 juvenile; 4 medical assists; 1 misc; 4 parking; 12 speak with officer; 1 suspicious activity; 2 traffic complaints; 3 traffic controls; 26 traffic stops; 28 warnings; 2 citations; 1 vehicle unlock; 1 welfare check; 1 school dismissal; and 3 off duty call outs.

**Public Works Report:** Public Works reported mowed and swept cemetery; Cherry street storm pipe fixed; 2 inspections (new house and ag vantage); installed meters; W 2<sup>nd</sup> street should be worked on this coming week; flushing hydrants June 27-30; reported 2 hollow trees at the park to come down, water tower was cleaned; ballfield sprayed, requested permission to remove the arborvitae bush/tree in the center of the cemetery and to trim up the bushes at the entry ways. .

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported that the delay on the installation of the roof of the Memorial Building is due to a supply issue for getting the screws; a potential site plan was received for building of a retail business on highway 30; and letter sent to State Auditor's office requesting extension of completion of the audit until September 30 as they had originally scheduled to come in January and have not called to reschedule, their original expectation was to be done June 30.

**Old business discussion and possible action on:**

**Crestview Drive turnaround cul-de-sac:** Correspondence was received back from engineer on a preliminary design/cost estimate and believe the price to construct would be in the \$300,000 range including engineering and some contingency. Estimating for any project right now is challenging due to constant changes in the market. There may be other options if the only concern is the rock erosion and pavement deterioration but installing a cul-de-sac would be the best option from a planning and safety standpoint.

**Salary Resolution 2022-11:** Denice Dochterman motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the salary resolution providing for a 10% increase effective July 1. Ayes: Doug, Denice, and Amy. Nays: None. Absent Jen. Abstain: Adam.

**New business discussion and possible action on:**

**Approve change order #4:** The electricity was changed from overhead to underground at no additional cost by Alliant, however, this change did not account for the cement pad that would be needed to set the transformer on, therefore an increase of \$3,018.95 was approved with a motion by Adam Paidar, seconded by Doug Weber. Ayes all. Motion approved.

**Resolution 2022-12 to adjust FY22 budgeted amounts between legal services and insurance in general government:** Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve resolution. Ayes: Adam, Doug, Denice, and Amy. Nays: None. Absent: Jennifer. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution 2022-13 to complete budgeted transfers:** Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve completing the budgeted transfers. Ayes: Adam, Doug, Denice, and Amy. Nays: None. Absent: Jennifer. Resolution adopted.

**NC Trucking request to reinstate lease:** Adam Paidar motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to reinstate lease for 6 months and to reevaluate position at that time. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Request for pickle ball court lines to be painted on the tennis court (combination court):** Amy Bishop motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to approve having public works paint the lines on the court. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Proposal to grind/mill Madison Street and Cherry Street:** Proposal from LL pelling was reviewed. Requested that a price to grind off the 2 high spots and a second bid for doing the whole street. Some discussion on requesting attorney to draft policy for contractors tearing up street while doing other construction work.

**Legion room and men's bathroom ceiling:** Discussion on having water lines checked for leaks within the building and potential for tearing out existing plaster and replacing with dropped ceiling tiles so that lines could be inspected to determine where leak is coming from. Also may need to wait until roof is installed to see if that addresses the problem. Weber will check with Legion to see about dropped ceiling installation.

**Purchase of ground for new addition-development:** Doug Weber stated that there are no houses for sale in Mechanicsville, with no houses for sale there is no increase in population; city needs to consider new housing addition. It was mentioned that there are several lots for sale in Sandberg addition, the cost for infrastructure and economic development needs to be taken into consideration.

**Resignations received:**

Park Board: Marcy Oberbreckling-posted

P&Z Commission: Rob Davis- posted

P&Z Commission: Scott Bishop-posted

Police Chief: Will Wagner

Council directed that the police position also be posted and was reminded of Rick Scott also being on the police roster as part time.

**Nuisance Abatements and filing follow up citations:** Denice Dochterman motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve Rick Scott to complete the nuisance abatements and filing any necessary follow up citations. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Moving trailer 311 W South St for demo; dangerous building letter sent to 311 already:** Some discussion on which trailer was actually being demolished. No additional action taken at this time. Letter from property owner was received and read.

**Correspondence:** Seehusen Insurance partnered with First Main Street Insurance.

**Set next meeting date:** 7/11/2022 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building

**Mayors Comments:** Mayor thanked the volunteers for working on the doughboy project.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor