

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 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 Randy Brown, Doug Weber, Brian Steele, Tracy Miller, and Amy Bishop. Others present included Daniel Pike, Josh Miller, Lonni Koch, Meredith Dehmer, Dan Paidar, Donna Paup, and Pat Albaugh.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Bishop motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 6/10/24; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Weber, Steele, Miller and Bishop. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

IRS	PAYROLL	\$3,642.01
ACE HARDWARE	GROUND MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$122.74
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,623.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,369.47
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$43.02
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$921.21
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$192.59
BANKERS BANK	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$364.92
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$438.39
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,647.28
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$6,586.31
CEDAR COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$5,100.00
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFFS RESERVES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$630.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,224.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$2,903.07
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$535.28
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$354.18
ECIA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$775.20
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	JANITORIAL EXPENSE	\$435.00
EO JOHNSON	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$254.82
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$120.02
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING	\$50.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$367.84
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$300.00
IEMSA	TRAINING	\$10.00
IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIAT	TRAINING	\$40.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$111.91
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$965.00
JOHNSON COUNTY AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
KUNAU IMPLEMENT CO INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$88.17
LUKE OBERBRECKLING & SONS	STORM DRAINAGE	\$5,550.00
MARY KAY HAMILTON	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$170.71

MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$449.06
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PENA, LAURA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$250.00
PETTY CASH	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$10.00
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$76.99
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$5,275.80
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$2,977.75
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$95.76
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$6,365.15
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$43.34
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.55
WALNUT CREEK CONSTRUCTION	GROUND MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$3,400.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$14,876.78
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$383.90
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$22,665.76

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of June by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	32,660.23	26,927.79
Road Use Tax	16,263.09	2,277.77
Employee Benefit	1,485.25	11,435.82
Local Opt Sales Tax	8,826.31	
Library Trust Fund	1,125.39	
Ambulance Trust Fund	4,023.89	353.80
Restricted Tree Trust	100.27	150.00
Debt Service	311.13	
Water Utility	9,456.10	7,690.67
Sewer Utility	28,351.84	4,567.56
Solid Waste	10,882.19	7,305.38
Storm Water Utility	1,096.77	13.14
Water Deposit	100.00	100.00

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 26 calls for June; 158 calls ytd no meeting for Essential Services.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Adam Paidar reported 7 calls, 60 ytd; Pancake breakfast will be October 13, parts for 161 are supposed to arrive next week. July 4 Fireworks went well.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott provided written report showing 24 Calls for service, 5 traffic stops; 2 citations; 3 warnings, 2 investigations worked, 4 public assists; 1 animal call; 3 assist other agencies, 1 domestic,

Public Works Report: PWD Daniel Pike reported mowing, spraying and weed whipping, garbage truck is in the shop at Davenport as the packer quit working today, a new truck is \$310,000 and could get 50-60,000 for trade; sign inventory was done and replaced no parking signs and working on street name signs, blower maintenance at WWTF was done, E-coli without the UV disinfection came back good, clutch on mower needs replace, will be working on the lead and copper inventory and going door to door to replace meters that still need to be done.

Administration Report: Coppess requested to use vacation days which were approved with a motion by Amy Bishop seconded by Randy Brown. Ayes all. Additional information on other texting companies was included in the council packets to review. Fairfax and Mitchellville use Nixle, Belle Plaine uses Text-em-all; Manly uses Onsolve LLC, Dewitt uses Textmygov, and Wheatland uses Call fire. There will be a Board of Adjustment meeting July 18 regarding a request for a variance and a Keep Iowa Beautiful Committee meeting July 16 at 5pm. The volunteer park day went well with trees being trimmed, horseshoe pits being painted, weed whipped everything, swept off basketball court, pulled weeds, and replaced the boards on a park bench. Many thanks to all who came out and volunteered their time. Council reviewed a report of a dead tree in the ROW and determined that the tree was not in the ROW area. A request for a letter to be sent to property owner with trees hanging over the sidewalk will be addressed by the Mayor contacting the property owner.

Discussion and possible action on:

Resolution 2024-07 on appointing 2 representatives to the EIRHA (Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority board): Linda Walker, a long standing volunteer, preferred not to be reappointed. Many thanks for her years of service. Steven Sauer and Steven Hooten both requested to be appointed as volunteers to the board. Amy Bishop motioned, and Randy Brown seconded to appoint the 2 volunteers to the board with an open ended term. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Weber, Steele, Miller and Bishop. Nays: None. Motion carried. (Note: both came to City Hall on Tuesday and took Oath of Office. Lisa Alger called Tuesday to also volunteer. Lisa was informed she would be put on alternate list should one of the others resign at some point in the future).

Entrust Application for use of Highway ROW for utilities accommodation: Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve the applications. Ayes all, except Randy Brown abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Retaining wall update: It was proposed to utilize the large cement blocks as the wall instead of pouring concrete at this time. The cost will be \$3000 which is about ½ what pouring the wall would have been. Amy Bishop motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request to purchase Alarm dialer \$2420 for the water tower: The alarm currently goes off if water level is low, high, or without power. There is an existing telephone line available so no additional monthly fee. Motion by Amy Bishop, seconded by Doug Weber to approve purchasing the dialer as opposed to relying on someone coming into the fire station and hearing it.. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Discuss allowing Daniel to work between 32-40 hours per week instead of 40 hours straight:

Due to his side business of doing water and waste water checks for other communities he needs more time off. He states that it is more cost effective for the city to have the part time public works person due more mowing instead of him doing it. Daniel requests that all of his benefits remain as they are for a full time person. The handbook policy states the definition of a Part-Time employee is persons employed on jobs with fewer than 40 scheduled hours per week. Throughout the handbook it states part-time employees are not provided with vacation, holiday, sick pay, or other insurance benefits, except the Affordable Care Act requires health insurance be provided for employees with an average of 30+ hours, but not the other perks. Brian Steele motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve for a 90 day trial period with a review in October, therefore changing the definition of a part time employee to be person who works less than 32 hours per week. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Set next meeting date: August 12, 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 7:20 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor