

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2024

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 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 Rick Scott, Daniel Pike, Josh Miller, Lonni Koch, Meredith Dehmer, Adam Paidar, Dan Paidar, Donna Paup, Pat Albaugh, Tyson Scott, Sandra Warren, Nancy Kainz, Jean Miller, Judy Birely, Angie Brown, and Jim Studer.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Doug Weber motioned, Amy Bishop seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 7/8/24; the finance reports, claims, and liquor license renewal for Rusty Rench and Casey's General Store. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Weber, Steele, Miller and Bishop. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

IRS	PAYROL TAX	\$2,740.45
STATE OF IOWA	WET & SALES TAX	\$682.07
ACE HARDWARE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$310.90
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$20.40
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$100.88
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$6,736.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$205.69
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,420.00
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$21.21
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$707.29
BANKERS BANK	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$677.57
BIG DECK MOWERS	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$1,316.06
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,628.28
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,530.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$146.98
Ciha, Sharon	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$141.34
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,044.14
DANIEL PIKE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
DANS TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$3,384.00
Davis, Victor	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$149.30
DEHMER, MEREDETH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$64.94
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$354.18
Driscoll, Harry	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$137.16
ENTWISLE, ANGIE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$800.00
EO JOHNSON	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$144.53
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$120.02
HTM	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$500.00
INTL INST OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$185.00
IOWA FIREMENS ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$476.00
IOWA ONE CALL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$27.90
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	POSTS/SIGNS	\$52.00

JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$69.16
KUNAU IMPLEMENT CO INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,351.39
Lawson, Glenda	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$84.00
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,800.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$141.28
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$447.82
NORTON, JUDY	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$169.31
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$250.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
PAIDAR, ADAM	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	\$582.20
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$479.58
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$2,115.00
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SEEHUSEN INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$2,848.00
SPAHN & ROSE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$144.11
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,314.00
STATE OF IOWA	ACCOUNTING & AUDITING EXPENSE	\$8,245.00
Stine, Donald	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$206.63
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$270.88
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$992.10
TNT TUCKPOINTING	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$1,490.50
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$363.80
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$106.67
USA BLUEBOOK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$457.13
WALNUT CREEK CONSTRUCTION	GROUPS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$450.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$14,876.78
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$535.72
Willey, Edith	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$144.67
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$22,378.89

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of July by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	7,957.67	36,934.02
Road Use Tax	11,605.99	5,708.59
Employee Benefit	1,472.29	11,435.82
Local Opt Sales Tax	11,540.97	
Library Trust Fund	57.28	
Ambulance Trust Fund	6,442.03	1,702.97
Debt Service	308.80	
Water Utility	8,620.97	5,043.60
Sewer Utility	29,164.36	3,201.07
Solid Waste	11,943.55	18,386.03
Storm Water Utility	1,204.47	4,200.00
Water Deposit	96.18	

Receive visitors/public comment: Judy Birely addressed the city council with her concerns with the snow being plowed in her backyard. Donna Paup addressed council about trees in cemetery not being mowed around on south side.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch reported 22 calls for July; 188 calls ytd no meeting for Essential Services, Lifeguard landing training, 3 EMTs on leave, 2 with limited hours, 1 in orientation, 1 taking test; Bridgette not able to do clinical so Kirkwood will be refunding. Dan Koch has announced retiring after 45 years of dedicated volunteer service to the city.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Adam Paidar reported 5 calls, 67 ytd; Pancake breakfast will be October 13, included updated bylaws for full council to review and it was noted that the education requirements for the officers/members was included, will need to be edited, purchased a Milwaukee chainsaw to replace one that wasn't working very well; 1 new applicant, Chase Miller will be voted on at next meeting. Dan Koch has retired from the Fire Department after 45 ½ years of service. Thank you for your years of service, Dan. Adam announced that he passed the FF1 certification. Council reviewed the motion that was made December 2023 stating he was approved to be Fire Chief on the contingency that he obtain the state certification for the FF1, as well as NIMS 100, 200, 700 and 800 classes by August 1, 2024. If not obtained the 1st Assistant will take over as chief. Certificates for 100 and 700 are on file, but not 200 and 800. Amy Bishop stated that the council has been put in a tough spot, and because the criteria has not been met, Amy made the motion that the 1st Assistant will fill the Fire Chief position until the November election. Randy Brown seconded the motion. Ayes: Randy Brown, Doug Weber, Amy Bishop, Tracy Miller. Nays: Brian Steele. Motion carried. Dan Paidar inquired if Adam would be the 1st Assistant, or just a Firefighter. There is no other role (title) other than Firefighter.

Police Report: Police Chief Rick Scott reported 35 Calls for service, 1 theft, 10 traffic stops; 2 speed citations; 3 parking tickets, 8 warnings, 2 investigations worked, 5 speak with officer, 10 public assists; 2 animal calls; 4 assist other agencies, 1 assault, 1 domestic, and 1 arrest. This week's paper will have the information about the daycare worker that was charged. The Struck trailer is gone, the mobile home on Lot 1 is to be gone, the house across from city hall is in process of being vacated, and the Walnut Street address has cleaned up and continues to be worked on. Also, educating people about the violation incurred when blowing grass in the street.

Public Works Report: PWD Daniel Pike reported getting the garbage truck back today; borrowed Tipton's back up truck as well as Elliott Equipment let us use one. Concerns about the new construction lots and weeds growing up; Country View lot will probably be graded this week; the side discharge diesel mower loses power; wind row of grass at cemetery is from using the rear discharge mower; with vacations, mowers breaking down, and weather it has been difficult at times to keep it looking good; Iowa Rural Water loaned us a boat to help fix diffusers on the lagoon that came loose; new pickup truck is in. Request for vacation next week was approved by Amy Bishop, seconded by Tracy Miller. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Administration Report: Coppess reported completing the Iowa DNR Forestry Grant application for \$4500 to be reimbursed for fire gear that was purchased, also stated that

the original senior citizen group is not meeting or opening the doors every weekday like they used to, so another group is in need of a key.

Discussion and possible action on:

Keep Iowa Beautiful Committee labeled events as “Party in the Park” with events on August 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 to include kids activities and snacks on the 1st day of school early out; September 28 5-9 pm Music in the Park with Food Trucks; and the Trunk or Treat date was set for October 27 from 2-3 pm with a motion by Amy Bishop, seconded by Randy Brown to approve the events and for Clerk to purchase the necessary supplies for the events. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Rusty Rench request approval to block street Aug 24 from 1:30 to 3 pm for motorcycles to park during a suicide prevention ride, coming in on X-40 and leaving via Hwy 30: Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Proposal from Kelly Tree Farm for replacing Arborvitae in cemetery: Amy Bishop motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the proposal for \$455 to purchase and plant the trees. Ayes all. Motion carried. Some discussion that perhaps the stumps weren't all removed, but it may just be pieces of root.

Proposal for replacing stucco on front of library \$2981.00: Amy Bishop motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the proposal. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request from private Auditing firm asking if city would consider switching from State Auditor's office to a private firm? Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded that the city would be open to request proposals for FY25 audit proposals. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Select insurance settlement option regarding pickup truck, jury trial August 26 Scott County theft 1st degree: Motion by Amy Bishop, second by Doug Weber to accept option 2 for the insurance settlement whereby the city retains the truck and settlement of \$9820.00 rather than for EMC to take possession of the vehicle for \$13,345. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request to consider eliminating Medium size garbage cans: After discussion on the issue with the shipping charges, council directed to look for other companies and to continue offering all three sizes: small, medium and large.

Complaints on grass being blown in the street, flowers being removed from cemetery and request to consider adding a Clean up date in July so residents are notified to remove flowers prior to disposal, handicapped parking space signage will be installed this week, and an email regarding the cemetery mowing: Motion by Amy Bishop, seconded by Tracy Miller to add a 3rd date for doing a full cleanup during July. Ayes all. Motion carried.

2024 Legislative Summary – ordering updated ordinances: Amy Bishop motioned, Doug Weber seconded to approve ordering the updates for the code book. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Request to make West 61 feet of Country View Drive no parking per Item 13 Hazardous Locations to paint curb and install signage: Council requested that the home owner be sent a letter requesting them to come to next meeting.

Consider altering code pertaining to age of mobile homes moving into mobile home park/property maintenance requirements: Council discussed with consideration being a property maintenance ordinance instead.

Consider prohibiting recreational vehicles being used as permanent residences (mobile home Park): Will review samples.

Request for unused vacation time to be reinstated as not able to use prior to anniversary date: Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded, to approve reinstating vacation time for Rick and Linda for this past calendar year. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Nuisance abatement: Letter was received from resident explaining the delay in complying with the clean up

Set next meeting date: 9/9/2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Oberbreckling read a proclamation in honor of Dan Koch expressing appreciation and gratitude for the countless hours of service he has provided for the city during the 45 ½ years of being on the Fire and Ambulance Service.

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 8:15 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor