

Minutes City of Mechanicsville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2020

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. as an electronic zoom meeting due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' proclamation declaring a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency in Iowa, the current COVID-19 situation makes it "impossible and impractical" to meet in one location. Public participation will be conducted electronically with the public able to hear and participate in the Council meeting by joining the zoom meeting or calling the phone number.

Mayor Andrew Oberbreckling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Dee Taylor, Amy Bishop, Denice Dochterman, Adam Paidar, and Jennifer Lester. Others present included Jake Koch, Lonni Koch, Will Wagner, Meredith Dehmer, Scott Schroeder, Dirk Wieneke, Karen and others who were dialed in but not identified.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from 9/30/20; finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Dochterman, Paidar, and Lester. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

STATE OF IOWA		\$1,694.43
ACE HARDWARE	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$21.89
AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,659.70
ALBAUGH, TOM	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$25.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$5,719.41
AMAZON.COM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1,110.66
AUREON COMMUNICATIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$13.08
B&K MOWING SERVICES LLC	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$2,750.00
BANKERS BANK	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$122.09
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$27.77
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$535.93
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFFS RESERVES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,525.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,485.00
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
FELD FIRE CO INC_	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$1,267.00
FRANZEN FAMILY TRACTORS & PART	VEHICLES	\$4,000.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$95.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	TRAINING	\$25.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$330.93
KIECKS	ALLOWANCES - UNIFORMS	\$5.50
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$70.32
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$30.23
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$1,308.21
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$200.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$423.27
MEYER, MEGAN	TRAINING	\$75.00

MID IOWA SOLID WASTE	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$1,276.70
MT VERNON LISBON SUN	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$84.00
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,700.00
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING LLC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,150.00
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$190.04
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$146.80
SCHEER, STEVE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$4,200.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$714.50
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$318.02
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$261.53
TREES FOREVER	GROUPS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$500.00
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$793.83
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$126.66
USA BLUEBOOK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$326.62
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$10,174.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	CHEMICALS	\$428.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$3,357.19
WIENEKE LAND SOLUTIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$4,065.00
WIENEKE, DIRK	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
ZERBE, ALAN	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$168.75
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$11,007.07

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of September by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	25,611.76	18,033.25
Road Use Tax	16,275.15	13,680.07
Employee Benefit	5,109.29	2,987.30
Local Option Sales Tax	9,628.96	
Library Trust Fund	1.64	
Ballpark Fund		19.73
Ambulance Trust	1,949.66	6,973.20
Fire Trust Fund	20.00	
Garden Club Planter		1,996.00
Debt Service	2,736.42	
Perpetual Care	200.00	
Water Utility	9,047.92	1,888.18
Sewer Utility	13,064.49	18,019.02
Solid Waste	10,510.75	5,928.82
Storm Water Utility	1,006.55	
Water Deposit	150.00	

Receive visitors/public comment: None.

REPORTS:

Ambulance Report: Lonni Koch ambulance report had 25 calls. A9 front tire has a bulge in it, contacted Dan's Tire to verify warranty, moved unit to the back and moved A3 up front. Lonni updated council on Tree's Forever group planning to complete a grant application which is due November 1 for tree plantings in the spring, however Tree Fund currently has balance of \$269.82.

Fire Report: Jake Koch reported that Fire had 3 calls for the month which included 2 vehicle accidents and a medical assist. Request to close N Jackson Street on 10/25 for 4 hour training exercise and approve department to seek more information on building a 28x34 shed for parade trucks on the north side of the alley behind City Hall & Hankemeier's was approved with a motion by Amy Bishop, second by Adam Paidar. Ayes all. Motion carried. Discussion on the 1981 Ford (165) motor repairs at \$3,000 and the value of the truck being \$3,000-\$7,000 and decided to hold off on any repairs.

Police Report: Sheriff's office no report. Officer Wagner will graduate from the academy on October 30.

Public Works Report: A proposal was brought in by Dirk from Dan's Tires & More for replacing the 4 rear tires on the garbage truck at a cost of \$1,415.00. Due to the urgent need to replace, motion by Amy Bishop, second by Jennifer Lester to approve. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Administration report: Coppess reported on complaints about cats roaming, quarterly reports being completed, complaint about verbiage on political flags to find that they are exempt from the usual zoning rules due to them being affiliated with a political party; upcoming Board of Adjustment meeting on 10/20; the area at the lagoon that was used for burning the disaster debris will need to be cleaned up and ashes land applied with the gates being locked again to secure the lagoon area per the DNR regulations. All tree debris will need to be hauled away by contractors performing the work, burned as a recreational fire on the premises, or put directly into the dump trailer on the first Saturday of the month April - November. Roto Rooter was out and cleaned the wet well at the lagoon on 10/6 and some parts were ordered for the waste water sample collector at the lagoon; Pelling came out to look at the end of Crestview Drive and is preparing a proposal to correct the deep ruts that are cut into the road at the turnaround area; the list of storm damaged trees was also emailed to AmeriCorps as they were offering to assist with tree work.

New business discussion and possible action on:

Health Insurance renewal: Scott Schroeder provided information on the insurance renewal. Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to renew the grandfathered health insurance benefit plan as is. Ayes: Amy Bishop, Dee Taylor, Denice Dochterman, Adam Paidar, and Jennifer Lester. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Wieneke Invoice: Council was provided information from the city attorney on his recommendation concerning the Wieneke invoice. Jennifer Lester motioned to pay the total \$8115 and Adam Paidar seconded. Further discussion on what consequences for breaking the law would follow for the city and/or the council members. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lester and Paidar. Nays: Taylor, Dochterman, and Bishop. Motion failed. Dee Taylor motioned, Denice Dochterman seconded to pay the invoice at the comparable rate as recommended by the attorney at \$4,065. Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, and Dochterman. Nays: Paidar and Lester. Motion carried.

Colleen Svoboda resignation from the Park Board: Letter received and put on file.

Letter of support for Cedar County Cultural Center located at Prairie Village (Tipton) & ADOPTING RESOLUTION FOR CITY OF MECHANICSVILLE IN SUPPORT OF THE CEDAR COUNTY GREAT PLACES DESIGNATION AND PROCEEDING WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, FY 2021 GREAT PLACES GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CEDAR COUNTY – ENVISIONING A NEW HORIZON PROJECT

WHEREAS, Cedar County, with the help of Cedar County Historical Society Cedar County Development Foundation, Cedar County Economic Development Commission (CCEDCO), East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) and other partners, received Iowa Great Places Designation from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Great Places Program provides for the opportunity for funding of supported vertical infrastructure projects and project endorsement from other agencies to designated communities; and

WHEREAS, the ECIA and CCEDCO submitted a pre-application on behalf of Cedar County to the Iowa Great Places Grant Program and Cedar County Development Foundation was invited to submit a full grant application for Cedar County due **November 2, 2020**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mechanicsville, Iowa:

Section 1. That the City of Mechanicsville supports the Cedar County five-year Great Places Designation and participating in the Great Places 2020 grant application.

Section 2. That the City of Mechanicsville supports CCEDCO in the oversight, facilitation, and grant administration of the Cedar County Great Places Designation.

Section 3. That the City of Mechanicsville supports the Cedar County Great Places grant application requesting up to \$400,000 for the Cedar County – Envisioning a New Horizon project, which will go towards the **Cedar County Cultural Center** project.

Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to provide a letter of support and to approve the resolution. Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Lester, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Resolution 2020-19 adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MECHANICSVILLE APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR 2020 CDBG GRANT ADMINISTRATION TO ECIA:

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF MECHANICSVILLE, Iowa is party to the Agreement creating the East Central Intergovernmental Association (hereinafter called the ECIA) and is a member in good standing; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF MECHANICSVILLE, Iowa wishes to engage the ECIA to provide certain technical and professional services for grant administration of the City of Mechanicsville's 2020 Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Development Block Grant (Contract #20-WS-033); and

WHEREAS, Articles II, III (12), and VIII (2) and (3) of the Articles of Agreement of the East Central Intergovernmental Association gives the ECIA the authority to perform services under consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Central Intergovernmental Association is hereby authorized to provide staff assistance as prescribed in the attached Contract for Services and Scope of Services.

Adam Paidar motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to approve the resolution. Ayes: Taylor, Bishop, Paidar, Lester, and Dochterman. Nays: None. Resolution 2020-20 adopted.

Tree Bid: None received. Follow up with AmeriCorps and publish again.

ECIA Comprehensive Plan: A sample plan from Grand Mound was reviewed by the council. The cost for ECIA to assist with creating a plan would be between \$8000 - \$10,000. No action taken at this time.

Set date for PW interviews: Council reviewed applications and determined to set the date for interviews for Friday at 5:30 p.m. with a half hour allowed for each interview. Social distancing for an in person interview will be held at the Memorial Building with masks being required.

Proposals from Park Planet/removal of wooden play structure: Karen Sherman presented information on 2 proposals to replace the wooden play structure to the east of the enclosed pavilion. One option was \$24,705 for the smaller structure, the other option was similar but included more stations for \$32,029. Amy Bishop motioned, Adam Paidar seconded to purchase the play equipment at \$32,029 which includes installation and the park board volunteers will work on removing the wooden structure. Ayes all. Nays: None. Motion carried. Removal of the concrete blocks near the canon and the uprooted tree stumps will also be addressed. The park board will recruit volunteers to tear down the old structure and if there is any concrete under the play structure it will be removed with the blocks and uprooted stumps.

Set next regular meeting date: 11/9/20 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Comments: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Dee Taylor motioned, Jennifer Lester seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda K. Coppess, MMC

Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor