

Minutes City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 10, 2015

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2015 at City Hall. Mayor Larry Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present for roll call were Pam Cavey, Dee Cook, Dee Taylor, and Rob Davis. Pam Logue arrived 7:05. Others present included Nick Lange, Tim Horihan, Doug Wolf, Lonni Koch, Becky Wheeler, Dave Wendt, and Thomas, Sue and Dan Sedenka.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Dee Cook motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from 7/13/15, finance reports, claims, Casey's liquor license renewal, Resolution 2015-16 to approve the Annual Street Finance Report. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cavey, Cook, Taylor, Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Logue. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows:

AGVANTAGE FS INC	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,228.49
ALLIANCE CONNECT	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$155.88
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$0.00
AMAZON.COM	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$620.98
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$54.94
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$592.53
CEDAR COUNTY RECORDER	COURT & RECORDING FEES	\$7.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,080.00
CEDAR RAPIDS PHOTO COPY INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$40.47
CHASE CARD SERVICES	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$218.74
CHILDRENS PLUS INC	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$238.34
GRAYBILL COMMUNICATIONS	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$5,362.00
HANKS CONSTRUCTION	BUILDINGS	\$217.15
HART-FREDERICK CONSULTANTS PC	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$315.00
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$4,284.86
HEARST MAGAZINES	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$16.05
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$210.00
IOWA LIBRARY SERVICES	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$82.30
JJJ ENTERPRISES, INC	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$10,550.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$105.74
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$3,002.50
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$22.00
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$619.63
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$343.69
MED MEDIA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$650.00
MUELLER SYSTEMS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$712.50
P & K MIDWEST	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$21.36
PEOPLE	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$44.50
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$401.56
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$3,240.00
STEINBERG, RYAN	TRAINING	\$195.00
SUMMIT COMPANIES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$171.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$219.27
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$860.88

WALMART	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$21.02
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$3,189.60
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$878.46
AGVANTAGE FS INC	GROUPS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$85.38
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$128.30
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$12,510.25

Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of July by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	8,467.10	146,992.28
Road Use Tax	11,783.60	5,486.82
Employee Benefit	443.92	
Local Option Sales Tax	14,089.22	
Library Expendable Trust	105.63	
Ball Park Fund	1,197.32	502.93
Ambulance Trust	1,826.95	1,919.25
Debt Service	408.31	
Water Utility	8,895.10	2,749.14
Sewer Utility	6,683.94	3,749.35
Solid Waste	8,265.30	11,727.54
Storm Water Utility	1,018.25	
Water Deposit	250.00	1,200.00

**Receive visitors/public comment: None.**

**REPORTS:**

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch reported 14 ambulance calls for the month 116 for the year.

**Fire Report:** Lonni Koch reported 5 calls for the month including mutual aid to Mt. Vernon for the bowling alley fire and mutual aid to Tipton for barn fire. CITA Fire School will be September 26 and 27. Bob Hanks has been contacted about replacing gaskets in windows or caulking. October 11 will be the Pancake breakfast.

**Police report:** Chief Tim Horihan presented a summary of activity from 7/13/15-8/10/15 which included 84 business checks; 16 citizen assists; 5 agency assists; 2 motorist assists, 2 medical assists; 10 animal cases; 6 juvenile cases; 4 parking violations; 2 burglaries; 1 MVA; 2 court preparations; 3 juvenile cases; 1 suspicious vehicle reported; 10 parking violations, 1 citizen ride along, Advanced Interview and Interrogation training; 1 Forgery case; 2 domestic cases; 1 harassment; 9 nuisance abatement issues regarding junk vehicles being monitored; 1 littering case; 2 prior cases; 1 court prep; 31 traffic stops with 9 citations including equipment failures, expired insurance warnings, 4 passing on right in turn only lane; 1 expired DL; 1 careless driving; 2 fail to carry registration; 4 stop sign violations; 8 speed citations and 17 warnings.

**Public Works Report:** Lange reported installing the 2 fire hydrants and reported the rock at the lagoon was installed. Inquired about raising 3 more manholes. Some discussion about securing the picnic tables in the open pavilion to keep the tables from being stacked on top of each other and then using them to climb into the rafters of the building. No action taken due to the various uses at the park the other legitimate needs to relocate the tables at times.

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported on the need to update the planning and zoning map and discovering a discrepancy between the map and the written ordinance. The written ordinance containing the full legal description will be used for the preparation of the updated map. The map can be printed through the assessor's office for \$10. At the request of the librarian Coppess reminded council on the need to repair the drywall where water had leaked in the library, painting the exterior fascia, and a current issue with the bird's roosting on the awning bracket and making a mess.

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

**Farm lease terminated, new lease prepared and provided:** David Wendt requested to address the council on the proposed lease and stated the old lease was for 10 acres this one is for 10.9. The 10.9 was updated to correspond with what Wendt had previously certified as planted acres to the FSA office for that tract of land. Also stated that the geese are a problem, there is limited access to the area due to the pine trees being planted so close to the road, when the city pumped the lagoon this last spring he was cooperative in letting it be applied to his ground, as well as the annual application of the leaves from the city. He felt the \$200 was too much and that a more reasonable rate would be \$130 to \$150. Pam Cavey made a motion to change the rate to \$145, and there was further discussion about whether or not it should be put out for bid or publicly posted to comply with the rate established at the prior meeting. Another motion by Rob Davis to set the rate at \$165 with no second. There being no vote taken and no further action to wait and see if Wendt decides to decline/or to accept the proposal at \$200 per acre.

**DNR Public Water Supply Survey respond in writing to significant deficiencies:**

The two taps have been installed and pictures will be sent to the Field Office. The discussion on how to respond to the required testing for weekend and holidays and whether or not the employee needed to be certified, whether to allow a 2 hour minimum call out at overtime rate and it is estimated to take 1 ½ hours. Rob Davis motioned to rotate weekends with choice of overtime or taking comp time off. PWD has done testing last 2 weekends, staff vacation previously scheduled for the next 2 weekends, possibly training John how to do it, and Mayor Butler volunteered to be trained. Pam Logue seconded. Ayes all, except Cook opposed.

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

**Post Office lease:** A new lease was prepared and received by the Post Office increasing monthly rent to \$550. Motion by Logue, second by Cook to authorize the Mayor to sign. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Amending water ordinance to create fee for door tagging final notice:** A sample ordinance was received from Stanwood regarding an incremental door tag fee that will impose a fee if the city has to tag your door with a Final Notice for water shut off. Discussion on the fee being a \$20 flat fee rather than incrementally increasing. Rob Davis motioned, Pam Logue seconded to prepare the ordinance establishing a door tag fee. Ayes all. Some discussion on increasing the shut off fee from \$40 to \$50.

**Request for amendment to the zoning ordinance to change from R-3 to C-2:** Thomas, Sue, and Dan Sedenka presented a proposal for building storage units north of the old Casey's store. After purchasing the parcels found out that only a portion of the lots were zoned Commercial and the other portion was Residential. Pam Logue motioned, Pam Cavey seconded to refer the request to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a recommendation on rezoning. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**2015 Legislative changes from Iowa Codification** were received with the applicable ordinance changes to be approved at a future meeting.

**Correspondence** from EMC Insurance on a sewer backup on E Second Street indicating there was no negligence on the city.

**Committee reports:** Cavey reported that during a recent funeral luncheon there was so much stuff in the refrigerator that there was no room for any food for the funeral. Taylor also mentioned that she received a complaint about the electrical outlets popping the fuses and they needed to be marked. It was noted the island is wired to handle the roasters, the wall outlets along the floor on the west and east sides of the building are not equipped for roasters and will pop circuits. The city is not going to incur the expense of wiring those outlets. For the most part, the circuits are marked but are not accessible to the general public for safety and security reasons. Popped circuits should be reported to City hall.

**Mayor's comments:** There was some damage done to E First Street when the new anchors were placed will be meeting with Hanson Asphalt to repair, also working on cleaning ditch south of the highway and potentially having to clean out culverts to get water to drain from mobile home park area.

**Set next regular meeting date:** 9/14/15 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Dee Cook motioned, Dee Taylor seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC  
City Clerk/Finance Officer

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Larry Butler, Mayor