

City of Mechanicsville  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 9, 2026

The Mechanicsville City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026 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, James Studer, Tracy Miller and Zac Randolph. Vacancy (Brian Steele). Others present included Rick Scott, Tyson Scott, Griffin Gravel, Matt Shields, Lonni Koch, Deb Jack, Dan Baker, Mary Day, Angie Himes, Margaret Glover, Pat Albaugh, Jean Miller, Dave Furry, Kate Heffner, Steven Sauer, Carla Barnhart, Nicole Tutton, Chris Weber, Calvin Paup, Matt Peterson, Sandra Warren, and Emily Beck.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Tracy Miller motioned, Randy Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, the minutes from the 2/25/26 meeting; the finance reports, and claims. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, Studer, Miller and Randolph. Nays: None. 1 vacant seat. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	\$410.81
STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$152.25
ACE HARDWARE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$58.57
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$149.51
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS EXPENSE	\$11,285.02
ALTORFER INC.	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$38.55
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$380.15
BADGER METER	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$33.52
BANKERS BANK	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$99.00
BIBLIONIX	SUBSCRIPTION & ED MATERIAL	\$1,540.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$444.28
CAR QUEST AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$153.80
CASEYS GENERAL STORE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	\$1,132.57
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES	\$1,496.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	OTHER CAPITAL EQUIP	\$632.58
COPPESS, LINDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
CVIKOTA	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$783.06
DELTA DENTAL	GROUP INSURANCE	\$201.36
DEMCO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$203.38
ECIA	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$1,000.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$58.51
FULL AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$37.65
FUTURE LINE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$146.40
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	\$718.01
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,940.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$827.00
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$71.43
JONES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$356.00
KATE HEFFNER	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$41.82
KOCHS SERVICE & SUPPLY LLC	BLDG MAINT & REPAIR	\$2,226.27
LISBON-MT VERNON AMBULANCE	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$600.00
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$140.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$269.53

MATT PARROTT & SONS CO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,127.50
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE CO	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$446.41
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	UTILITY SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES	\$19,486.58
MEYER, MEGAN	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$53.16
MTL TRUCK REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$720.29
ODD JOBS INC	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,600.00
QUILL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$510.72
ROTO-ROOTER	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$1,277.00
SCOTT AREA LANDFILL	OTHER PROF SERV EXP	\$45.38
SCOTT, RICKY	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SCOTT, TYSON	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$30.00
SKYWALK GROUP	TRAINING	\$1,000.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE & ADVERTIS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING EXP	\$179.90
TRUCK COUNTRY	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,089.24
UNITY POINT HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$466.20
US CELLULAR	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$99.47
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	\$297.00
WELLMARK BC BS	GROUP INSURANCE	\$10,762.73
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$680.00
PAYROLL	WAGES	\$18,594.61

#### Total Receipts and Disbursements for month of February by fund

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General	13,512.71	21,508.92
Road Use Tax	9,264.22	4,027.09
Employee Benefit	367.24	9,909.23
Local Option Sales Tax	9,507.21	
Library Trust Fund	77.02	
Ambulance Trust Fund	8,279.95	2,829.25
Fire Trust Fund		
Debt Service	146.80	
Water Utility	7,801.03	4,133.04
Sewer Utility	26,587.82	9,619.65
Sewer Sinking		
Solid Waste	10,633.63	3,402.30
Storm Water Utility	1,045.46	6.66
Water Deposit	500.00	

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

#### REPORTS:

**Ambulance Report:** Lonni Koch reported 21 calls in January, 38 ytd; the inspection was completed without any deficiencies. Training will be on March 23 at 6pm on Harassment and Hostile Work environment.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Matt Shields reported 20 calls in February, Burn ban lifted, training will be on pump operations, requests council reconsidered insuring the side by sides as vehicles rather than a piece of fire equipment to be used on the scene of an incident. No change at this time.

**Police Report:** Police Chief Rick Scott reported 39 calls for service, 1 theft, 1 burglary, 8 traffic stops; 7 warnings; 1 citation, 4 investigations worked, 8 speak with officer, 10 public assists; 3 animal calls; 8 assist other agency, 2 assault, 1 domestic and 1 accident. Rick also mentioned that everyone needs to be aware of scams about toll booths and grandchildren being in jail. He will be writing nuisance abatement letters for junk and vehicles in yards that fit the nuisance criteria and citations for animals not on leashes as they can get aggressive and bite; a reminder to make sure your pets are vaccinated. He was asked to see how much longer the scaffolding will need to be in place in order to complete the repairs.

**Public Works Report:** Tyson Scott reported 30 meters being installed, they both attended the Safety Workshop on road signs the locate information; Sweeper was run and working on hauling out the balance of the leaves from last fall.

**Administration Report:** Coppess reported that the State Auditor's office completed their field work March 4.

#### **Discussion and possible action on:**

**Appoint to fill vacant council seat:** There were 3 letters of interest received from interested candidates: Dave Furry, Steven Sauer, and Mary Day. Jim Studer motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve Dave Furry to fill the vacant seat. Ayes all. Motioned carried. Dave was given the Oath of Office and took a seat at the table.

**Ordinance 352:** No parking on both sides of John Street at the crest of the hill (170 feet between the no parking signs): Randy Brown motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to approve the first reading of ordinance 352. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Dave Furry motioned, Tracy Miller seconded to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Randy Brown motioned, Jim Studer seconded to adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes: Furry, Brown, Studer, Miller and Randolph. Nays: None. Ordinance adopted.

**Iowa DOT 5 year agreement for maintenance and repair of primary roads: 2026-3**  
Dave Furry motioned, Jim Studer seconded to approve the agreement. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Change in parade route for Pork Center Days:** Randy Brown motioned, Jim Studer seconded to approve the change in the parade route starting and ending at the cemetery and making a loop through town. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Request from Cedar County for permit for a license plate reader to be installed in the City Right of Way on X40:** Dave Furry motioned, Jim Studer second to approve the permit. Ayes: Miller, Furry, Studer, and Brown. Nays: Randolph. Motion carried.

**Set date for Spring Cleanup and Cemetery Clean up:** Randy Brown motioned, Jim Studer seconded to approve April 21 for the large item pick up and the Cemetery clean

up for any items that you want to save must be removed by April 15 with the clean up to begin on April 16: Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Legion inquiry about purchasing “former Live Wire” property from the city:** The legion is looking to build a 40x80 building as members can't physically walk from the bottom of the stairs to the meeting room. If the city would be in favor of pursuing, then they would check with the railroad about installing a parking lot to the south side. Some discussion in favor of the idea and Calvin was directed to get back in touch if the railroad was in agreement with leasing that portion. The city will need to go through some additional steps and processes in order to sell the property.

**V&K inspection on Water Tower cleaning/painting:** Dave Furry motioned, Jim Studer seconded to approve V&K completing an inspection of the tower to be able to put together the bid specification for painting it. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Library Board vacancy due to resignation of Ashley Fuller:** Resignation received and the library is seeking interested persons to serve on the board.

**Authorize mayor to sign letter of support for Iowa Economic Development Authority for a Community Catalyst Building Remediation program Grant and the project assurances:** Zac Randolph motioned, Jim Studer seconded to approve having the mayor sign these documents. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Authorize/request FD to burn Lagoon off:** Tracy Miller motioned, Randy Brown seconded to burn off the weeds at the lagoon. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** The city received 2 notices of Expiration of Right of Redemption on 2 properties. No action.

**Set next meeting date:** 3/26 at 6:00 public hearing and 4/13 at 6:30 p.m.

**Mayor Comment:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, council member Tracy Miller motioned, Randy Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Linda K. Coppess, MMC

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Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor