

City of Meservey Council Minutes
April 13, 2020

The Meservey City Council met via Conference Call due to the Statewide Emergency COVID-19 Pandemic. Council Persons Present: Pat White, Mike Gobeli, Jenn Rembe, Ben Allbee, and Cyneva Myers. No other attendees on the call.

Mayor Miller Called Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Agenda –Motion by Allbee to approve, 2nd by Rembe. Roll Call Vote: Allbee – Y, Rembe – Y, Gobeli – Y, White – Y, Myers – Y.

Approval of March minutes –Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: Myers – Y, Gobeli – Y, White – Y, Allbee – Y, Rembe – Y.

Approval of Bills – Motion to pay the bills by White, 2nd by Gobeli. Roll call vote: White – Y, Gobeli – Y, Myers – Y, Rembe – Y, Allbee – Y.

April Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$25.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,494.61; Dean Avery (broom work) \$180.00; Belmont Independent (publishing) \$55.65; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$2,135.55; Cerro Gordo County Treas (drainage assess) \$5.00; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (Credit card – Active 911 – Fire Dept) \$234.00; Frontier (phone) \$132.04; Hawkins, Inc. (water additives) \$396.47; Holt and Son Sanitation (Garbage) \$1,300.00; IA Dept Rev (Sales/Payroll Taxes) \$561.00; IPERS (pensions) \$304.37; J&A Training (CPR Training – Fire Dept) \$225.00; Jasperson Insurance (property, liability, work comp) \$13,724.00; Koenen Lawn Care (Broadleaf herbicide) \$568.00; MaxYield (gasoline, gloves) \$505.00; Meservey Public Library (quarterly apportionment) \$2,875.00; PSI (“Park closed” signs) \$56.07; Scott’s Repair (Air pack/Grass truck batteries) \$201.80; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,000.32; Woody’s Dust Control (Dust control) \$1,750.00; Aimee Miller (Clerk wages) \$612.47; David Weide (Water/Sewer Super. Salary) \$1,030.11; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary/Maint wages) \$189.30; Greg Meier (Emerg sewer assist) \$140.00.

Public Input – None.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – None. Library – None. Streets – None. Water/Sewer – Mayor Miller would like to replace sewer pump, found 3” pump for \$1,399 + \$140 for a hose kit. Motion by Rembe to approve purchase, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: Allbee – Y, Rembe – Y, White – Y, Gobeli – Y, Myers – Y. Maint/Equip – None.

Playground Sand Tilling – Inquiry was made from another vendor interested in bidding on tilling the sand at the parks. Motion by Gobeli to put it out for bid, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: Gobeli – Y, White – Y, Myers – Y, Rembe – Y, Allbee – Y.

Greg Meier Payment – Meier worked 4 hours to train Weide on lowering the lagoon since it hasn’t had to be done since Weide took over the Sewer Superintendent position. Meier refused payment through payroll, citing concerns about affecting his retirement benefits. Council is certain he has met the bona fide retirement period for IPERS; but agreed to give him a gift card for his services this time, in the amount of \$140.00 to include mileage. In future, any services performed will be paid as an independent contractor. White made a motion to purchase a gift card for Greg Meier in the amount of \$140.00, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: Allbee – Y, Rembe – Y, Myers – Y, Gobeli – Y, White – Y.

Questions/Concerns of council members: Asked about park closings. Signs have been ordered and received, will be put up this week. Shelter house has been roped off. White noticed some kids going into City shed, door wasn’t locked, Mayor Miller will check into it.

Motion by Myers to adjourn, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: Allbee – Y, Myers – Y, Rembe – Y, Gobeli – Y, White – Y.

Next regular meeting of the Council: May 11, 2020, 6:30 PM, City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller

(Mayor)