

City of Meservey Council Minutes August 10, 2020

The Meservey City Council met via Conference Call due to the Statewide Emergency COVID-19 Pandemic. Council Persons Present: Mike Gobeli, Jenn Rembe, Ben Allbee, and Cyneva Myers. Also attending: Mike McNutt. Mayor Miller Called Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Myers to approve, 2nd by Allbee. Roll Call Vote: Approved unanimously.
Approval of July minutes – Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.
Approval of Bills – Motion to pay the bills by Gobeli with additions, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

August Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$39.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,245.25; Belmont Independent (publishing) \$81.62; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$2,676.36; Cerro Gordo County (Prop tax) \$72.00; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (Credit card – security cameras) \$399.99; Dale Howard Auto (Pick-up) \$30,177.00; Green Canopy (portapotty) \$150.00; Hach Company (Sampling supply) \$98.39; Holt and Son Sanitation (Garbage) \$1,300.00; IPERS (pensions) \$309.87; Julie Kaduce (flowers) \$107.00; Miller & Miller (attorney) \$160.00; True Value (battery, gate handle) \$12.28; USPS (Stamps) \$275.00;; Frontier (phones) \$135.76; Northway Corp (switch well pump) \$9,677.00; Lauen-Son Construction (Alley rock/hauling) \$417.26; Aimee Miller (Clerk wages) \$600.05; David Weide (Water/Sewer Super. Salary) \$1,027.52; Dean Avery (mowing) \$310.93; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary/Maintenance) \$177.76.

Public Input – None.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – None. Library – None. Streets – None. Water/Sewer – New pump put in, now pumping 6600 gall/hr, old pump pumping 3200 gall/hr. Still need to have the new plumbing work done, they will be back. Maint/Equip – Trees have been taken down, Barkema’s bid was \$1,800.00, Riedel’s came in at \$3,500.00. Barkema did the work. Mayor was asked to get bids for grinding the stumps. Sidewalk at City Hall could be ground down to a bevel for \$100 by Justin Barkema, getting rid of the sharp edge that is a tripping hazard. Allbee motioned to go ahead and have that done, 2nd by Rembe. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Old Trucks – Discussion on what to do with old pick-up and old state truck. County does sanding for us when it’s needed and we still have a tractor for back-up. Motion by Myers to advertise them to sell on sealed bid, 2nd by Rembe. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously. New Truck – Would like to add running boards and a light bar. Allbee suggests Trucks Unlimited outside of Clear Lake to purchase and install. Motion by Allbee to go ahead and have running boards installed if it can be done for less than \$500, if not, get prices to vote on at the next meeting, 2nd by Gobeli. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously. Light bar, shouldn’t be very expensive, can probably get at same place as running boards. Motion by Gobeli to purchase, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Resident Sewer Charge Complaint – a resident who is on the City sewer system, but is not on the City water system, does not want to pay the non-metered sewer charge, which is \$10 higher than the metered sewer charge. Suggests having a meter put on his well. Council states he needs to discuss with the Board of Supervisors, since they have the authority over the sewer system, however City wouldn’t be opposed to installing a meter. Mayor will contact BOS and resident.

City Hall Computer – Clerk would like to purchase desktop computer and monitor for around \$1,020 to replace the current laptop that isn’t running very well. Desktop would be more durable, last longer, and there isn’t any need to have a laptop. Council agrees. Motion by Gobeli to make the purchase, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Council question/concerns: Has been circulating that residents would like a splash pad, Mayor spoke with officials in Latimer and also the well pump installer when they were here. We would probably need a new well and a new water tower. Our current well would run 24/7 to support something like this and may have trouble keeping up when MaxYield is using a lot of water. Would need additional insurance and there would be maintenance. Thornton might be better equipped to pursue this.

Motion by Allbee to adjourn, 2nd by Rembe. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Next regular meeting of the Council: September 14, 2020, 6:30 PM, City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller

(Mayor)