

City of Meservey Council Minutes

February 8, 2021

The Meservey City Council met via Conference Call due to the Statewide Emergency COVID-19 Pandemic.

Council Persons Present: Ben Allbee, Cyneva Myers, and Mike Gobeli.

Also in attendance: Mitch Hansen and Michelle Bowden.

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 January minutes – Motion by Allbee to approve, 2nd by Gobeli. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills – Motion to pay the bills including Frontier when received by Gobeli, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

February Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,816.72; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$173.28; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$2,799.73; Clear Lake B&T (credit card – cleaning supply) \$14.96; Hawkins, Inc. (water additives) \$394.46; Holt and Son Sanitation (Garbage) \$1,300.00; IPERS (pensions) \$91.23; Landfill of North Iowa (membership) \$345.60; Printing Services, Inc. (envelopes) \$2.64; S&H Environmental Services (Water/Sewer Superintendent) \$1,953.98; True Value (Antifreeze, batteries) \$109.91; Wright County Landfill (2020 Fees) \$505.71; Aimee Miller (Clerk wages) \$525.65; Jennifer Rembe (Water wages) \$221.64; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary, water wages) \$140.82.

Public Input – None.

Garbage Bids – Only received from Absolute Waste, either (3) 35-gallon bags per household at \$16.50/ea. for 3-year contract or 95-gallon toter per household at \$17/ea. for 5-year contract. Michelle Bowden answers questions and explains residents can choose between 3 different sized containers; they will be provided free of charge along with a recycling bin. Recycling should be separated with aluminum, tin, plastic, and glass on the bottom with cardboard and paper on top. If a customer would like a large item picked up, they can simply call the customer service number and pay the additional landfill fee and it will be picked up with regular garbage. Pick-up day would be every Thursday for garbage and every other Thursday at the same time for recycling. Absolute Waste guarantees garbage will be picked up each and every week and that recycling will not be taken to the landfill. Contract includes a spring clean up day with the City only being responsible for landfill charge. Letters will go out to customers this week explaining changes. There will also be a rate change to be approved at the next meeting. Raising the price on water bills from \$12/mo. to \$18/mo. for landfill fees. Myers makes a motion to approve the 5-year contract with toters, 2nd by Gobeli. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – None. Library – Reopening on March 1st with COVID-19 restrictions. Streets – Snow plowing is going well, looks good. Water/Sewer – Mitch has submitted the NPDES permit renewal to the County, submitted reports missing from last year with “no data to report” and Weide signed them, will get a notice of violation, but shouldn’t be any fines. DNR is always a quarter behind, why wasn’t caught right away. He agrees with estimate from Quality Flow which will be on the agenda later. The check valves are 17 years old, suggests to also sign up for annual inspection. Maint/Equip – None.

Public Hearing – Max Levy. No public comment.

Return to regular meeting. Motion by Allbee to approve Max Levy resolution, 2nd by Gobeli. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

FY22 Budget Proposal – Motion by Myers to approve, 2nd by Gobeli. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Lift station estimates – Allbee states he was impressed by the inspection from Quality Flow. Motion by Gobeli to approve estimate from Quality Flow and to sign up for annual service contract, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

523 2nd Street Property – Belongs to the City as of February 1st, advised not to do anything with it for 30 days. Mayor will obtain 3 bids for demolition.

Community Volunteers – Mayor would like some help with various things around town, he takes a lot upon himself and won’t be able to do it forever, especially in the cold and snow. Allbee would like him to make a list of what he does. Suggests he should contact Hanig, Dickman, and Ausborn to see if they would be interested in learning how to set up the generator or the pump, etc. Mitch Hansen will be setting up a new module on the sensaphone to send alert if the temperature in the water house drops below 45 degrees, this will alleviate checking on the furnace all the time.

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

Next regular meeting of the Council: March 8, 2021, 6:30 PM, City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller

(Mayor)