

City of Meservey Council Minutes January 13, 2020

Council Persons Present: Pat White, Mike Gobeli, Zoe Myers, Jenn Rembe, Ben Allbee

Mayor Miller Called Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM – Welcome new council.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by Myers. Approved.

Approval of December minutes – Motion by Myers to approve, 2nd by Rembe. Carried.

Approval of Bills – Motion to pay the bills by Myers, 2nd by Allbee. Approved.

January Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water/sewer testing) \$25.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,828.21; Belmont Independent (publishing) \$37.10; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$2,333.53; Cerro Gordo County Treasurer (Election) \$768.27; Feld Fire (FD Gloves) \$340.00; Frontier (phone) \$132.84; Holt and Son Sanitation (Garbage) \$1,300.00; Iowa Dept of Revenue (Withholding Q419 \$47.00, Sales Tax \$6.00, WET tax \$499.00) \$552.00; Iowa One Call (location svcs) \$22.50; Landfill of North Iowa (Annual Dues) \$345.60; Menards (Cleaning supply) \$16.23; Meservey Public Library (Quarterly apportionment) \$2,875.00; Printing Services, Inc. (Office supply) \$18.90; Thornton/Meservey Ambulance (1/2 year ambulance service) \$1,500.00; US Treasury (Q419 Withholding/FICA) \$996.12; Wright County Area Landfill Authority (FY20 Fees) \$901.48; Brown Supply (curb stop tool) \$40.00; Brakke Implement (snow plow parts) \$52.32; USPS (FD PO Box) \$46.00; Scott's Repair (battery for fire truck) \$224.70; Iowa Firefighters Association (Annual dues) \$169.00; IPERS (pensions) \$291.01; Aimee Miller (Clerk wages) \$722.24; Ben Allbee (council pay) \$69.26; Beth Avery (council pay) \$13.85; Cyneva Myers (council pay) \$69.26; David Weide (Water/Sewer Super. Salary) \$742.21; Joe Dickman (council pay) \$83.11; Richard Harman (council pay) \$83.11; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary) \$92.35.

Public Input – None.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – None. Library – Chelsea Price – Library Director presented stats from the previous year of library activities, presented FY21 Library budget, asking City for additional \$4k per year, working with County Board of Supervisors to try to get more funding for the smaller towns in the County as well as researching other fundraising and grant opportunities. Motion by Gobeli to give the library additional \$4k for FY21, 2nd by White. Roll call vote 4 ayes, 1 abstain. Approved. Streets – Having trouble with a couple of residents putting snow back into streets and alleys after snow has been moved, council person volunteered to talk to them. Water/Sewer – Weide in attendance, would like anyone with a curb stop tool to turn it in to the City, having issue with a customer turning own water back on at the curb. Will need to retake Lagoon test. County Auditor sent draft of new County Sewer Ordinance for Council review, raising sewer rate and making a few other minor adjustments to wording of document. White makes a motion to accept the draft as written, 2nd by Gobeli. Approved. County Board of Supervisors will vote on it and hold public hearing to finalize. Maint/Equip – None.

Appointments – Mayor appoints White as Mayor pro-tem, Mayor suggests the following appointments: Landfill of North Iowa – Ben Allbee, City Parks – Mike Gobeli and Zoe Myers, E-911 Board – Ben Allbee and alternate Jenn Rembe, Water and Sewer – David Weide, Richard Miller, and Pat White, Streets – Zoe Myers and Mike Gobeli, Emergency Management EMS Board – Richard Miller, Jordan White (Fire Chief) and Jenn Rembe. Motion by Allbee to make those appointments, 2nd by Gobeli. Approved.

Resolutions – 2020-01 Setting mileage reimbursement rate to 57.5 cents per mile. Motion by Allbee to approve, 2nd by Myers. Unanimous approval by roll call vote. 2020-02 Recommended Control Procedures. Motion by White to approve, 2nd by Allbee. Unanimous approval by roll call vote. 2020-03

Naming depository of public funds and maximum deposit limit. Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by Myers. Unanimous approval by roll call vote. 2020-04 Written investment policy. Motion by Myers to approve, 2nd by Gobeli. Unanimous approval by roll call vote.

FY21 Budget – Review – Motion by Allbee to accept as amended, 2nd by Gobeli. Approved. Motion by White to set the Public Hearing date for FY21 Budget for February 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM, 2nd by Allbee. Approved.

Buildings – Mayor would like to look into solutions for abandoned buildings and junk property, would like council members to note things in town that could be improved.

Council would like clerk to request Insurance agent to provide us with bids on different Insurance providers.

Motion by Myers to adjourn, 2nd by Gobeli.

Next regular meeting of the Council: February 10, 2020, 6:30 PM, City Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller

(Mayor)