

City of Meservey Council Minutes July 13, 2020

The Meservey City Council met via Conference Call due to the Statewide Emergency COVID-19 Pandemic. Council Persons Present: Pat White, Jenn Rembe, Ben Allbee, Mike Gobeli and Cyneva Myers. Also in attendance David Weide, Brian Miller.

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

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Allbee to approve with addition, 2nd by Rembe. Roll Call Vote: Approved unanimously.

Approval of June minutes – Motion by Myers to approve, 2nd by White. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills – Motion to pay the bills by Gobeli, 2nd by Rembe. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

July Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water/sewer testing) \$25.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,412.54; Baldwin OK Tire (repair mower tire) \$39.95; Belmont Independent (publishing) \$52.47; Cerro Gordo Emergency Mgmt (FY21 Contrib) \$159.00; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$3,104.65; Christian Larsen (sand tilling) \$200.00; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (Credit card – camera batteries) \$99.95; Doug’s Small Engine (Oil filter) \$8.47; Frontier (phones) \$135.20; Hawkin’s Inc. (water additives) \$398.46; Holt and Son Sanitation (Garbage) \$1,300.00; IA Dept of Rev (Withholding, Water Excise taxes) \$585.00; Iowa DNR (Water Supply Fee) \$29.24; Iowa League of Cities (FY21 Dues) \$337.00; IPERS (pensions) \$234.38; Jonathan Kaduce (Fire Assistant) \$100.00; MaxYield (Hose for fuel barrel) \$43.50; Meservey Public Library (apportionment) \$3,875.00; NIACOG (FY21 Dues) \$202.24; True Value (fuel barrel parts) \$26.55; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$990.88; Tom Wede (Fire Assistant) \$100.00; Jordan White (Fire Chief) \$200.00; Woodford Lumber (Lumber for flower planter) \$92.74; Aimee Miller (Clerk wages) \$449.40; Ben Allbee (Council) \$96.97; Cyneva Myers (Council) \$83.11; David Weide (Water/Sewer Super. Salary) \$772.21; Dean Avery (mowing) \$310.93; Jennifer Rembe (Council) \$83.11; Michael Gobeli (Council) \$69.26; Patrick White (Council) \$69.26; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary, reimbursement, maintenance) \$181.69.

Public Input – None.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – None. Library – None. Streets – None. Water/Sewer – Council would like to know how often lines are flushed, Weide states twice annually, next time will be in September. Council also commented on a resident who has a seriously delinquent bill and was watering their lawn last week. Shut-off notice will be given, White volunteers to help shut it off. Maint/Equip – None.

Sidewalks – The sidewalk is becoming uneven in front of City Hall and also across the street from City Hall. Will need to address soon.

Trees at Park – Three large trees need to come down. One estimate received from Barkema, waiting for 2nd estimate from Riedel. Discussion over burning on City lot, no longer allowing it due to the lot becoming a dumping ground and/or burning things such as mattresses and box springs and leaving the metal behind. Will continue to keep burning area closed. Mayor will reach out to council members when additional estimate is received.

Derelict Buildings – Brian Miller described paperwork to be filed in order to remove an abandoned trailer house, normally it would take 3-4 months to go through the courts, however with the COVID-19 expects it to take much longer. Discussion among council regarding what it might cost to get rid of it and whether there would be help from the County. Myers made a motion to have Brian Miller (City attorney) move forward with the paperwork to declare 523 2nd Street abandoned and have it transferred to the City. 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Cameras – Mayor would like to get 2 additional cameras for the shelter house, there have been kids making a mess down there and painted on the old picnic tables. Motion by Gobeli to purchase additional cameras, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Lot next to MaxYield – Lot discussed at last council meeting to be donated to City, possibly used as a community garden. Weide states there is no water source there other than a fire hydrant for watering a garden. Council tabled the idea.

Bike Trail – Haven’t heard anything from developer since last month. Tabled.

Council question/concerns: Wondering about Citywide Clean-Up Day. Will not be able to have it this year due to the COVID-19. Will post on the door at City Hall.

Plow Truck – Council reviewed bids from 5 dealers for 5 trucks and 5 plows if truck wasn’t equipped. Motion by White to purchase a plow truck, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously. Motion by White to purchase 2020 Ram 2500 Tradesman from Dale Howard for \$29,997.00, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call: Approved unanimously. Motion by Gobeli to purchase Boss 9’2” DXT including installation from Larry Elwood Construction for \$7,983.70, 2nd by Rembe. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Building Permit – Lester Lilly wants to put up a garage on Northwest side of his residence, motion by Allbee to approve, 2nd by White. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller

(Mayor)