

City of Meservey Council Minutes
March 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, Jenn Rembe and Mike Gobeli.

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

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

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

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

March Expenditures – Absolute Waste Removal (Garbage) \$1,300.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$2,018.54; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$241.44; Ben Allbee (mileage) \$33.60; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$2,491.77; Clear Lake B&T (credit card – computer backup) \$308.15; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$329.50; Frontier (phones) \$138.71; IPERS (pensions) \$106.18; Miller & Miller PC (city attorney) \$305.00; Auditor of State (periodic exam fee) \$550.00; Quality Flow (lift station repair) \$4,200.00; S&H Environmental Services (Water/Sewer Superintendent) \$1,926.90; Scott's Snow Removal (snow removal) \$320.00; Staples (office supply) \$136.24; True Value (batteries) \$15.99; Aimee Miller (Clerk wages) \$604.70; Jennifer Rembe (Water wages) \$175.46; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary, water wages) \$205.46; Payroll Fire Dept = BJ Allbee \$110.00, Chris Gatton \$90.00, Cody Hanig \$120.00, Christopher Kaduce \$120.00, Jon Kaduce \$120.00, Matt Koehler \$80.00, Lane Nelson \$50.00, Mike Sandry \$90.00, Jester Umstead \$30.00, Tom Wede \$80.00, Jordan White \$130.00, Yashua Winters \$20.00, Jameson Bachman \$30.00.

Public Input – None.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – 3 outstanding payroll checks from last year. Library – None. Streets – Heartland will be in town to make suggestions. Water/Sewer – Replaced a fire hydrant. Maint/Equip – Gobeli took plow truck to Dale Howard last week, transistor was replaced, will wait until next winter on windshield wipers.

Public Hearing – FY22 Budget. No public comment.

Return to regular meeting. Motion by Gobeli to approve FY22 Budget, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Motion by Myers to waive the 3rd reading of the budget, 2nd by Allbee. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-01 Amending Landfill Fees. Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Motion by Rembe to set public hearing on Ordinance 2021-01 for April 12th at 6:30 PM, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Mowing bids – Will put ad in paper.

Burning in town – Motion by Rembe to have clerk type up an amendment striking out #6 under open burning restricted, which allows for burning of household garbage, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

523 2nd Street Property Demolition bids. Iowa Drainage - \$15,000 + landfill, YohnCo - \$5,300, Lauen-Son - \$4,550. Motion by Gobeli to approve the bid from Lauen-Son, 2nd by Rembe. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Council concerns: Myers would like a flyer with specifics on recycling. Rembe states the alley behind her house is torn up from snow removal, Miller states he will bring skidloader over if someone will load up grass/dirt, Jenn will pile it up out of the way for now. Allbee suggests customers keep a record of the ID number from their garbage bins, if they come up missing or one is found it will be easier to identify where it belongs and avoid the customer having to pay for a replacement. Miller thinks the price for a bucket load of rock should be raised when we have any extra to sell. Bucket load is about 1500#, decided to charge \$20 per load (previously \$15). Rock will be put in alleys that are still in use. Gobeli asks about the volunteer conversation from last month, Hanig would be willing to help, how much would we pay. Miller states it would be \$20.00/hr as we pay for other maintenance type positions.

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

Next regular meeting of the Council: April 12, 2021, 6:30 PM, City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller

(Mayor)