

City of Meservey Council Minutes
October 12, 2020

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

Council Persons Present: Jenn Rembe, Ben Allbee, and Cyneva Myers.

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

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

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

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

October Expenditures –Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,334.91; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$125.12; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$2,798.62; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (Credit card – running boards, antifreeze, office equip) \$451.00; Frontier (phones) \$135.93; Holt and Son Sanitation (Garbage) \$1,300.00; Iowa Dept of Revenue (Payroll/Sales Taxes) \$596.00; Iowa DNR (Water Use) \$95.00; IPERS (pensions) \$297.30; Larry Elwood Construction (snow plow) \$7,983.70; Menards (Sand bags) \$53.88; Meservey Library (Q2FY21 Apportion) \$3,875.00; Miller & Miller P.C. (legal fees) \$750.00; True Value (pin) \$2.79; United LP (tank rent) \$48.00; Aimee Miller (Clerk wages) \$781.68; David Weide (Water/Sewer Super. Salary) \$805.79; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary /Maintenance) \$233.17.

Public Input – None.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – None. Library – None. Streets – None. Water/Sewer – No applications received, DNR requested a compliance plan and suggested getting an affidavit operator until someone could be hired. Through research and contacting affidavit operators, found interest from two gentlemen that work for the Mason City and Clear Lake Public Works departments that would take care of our water/sewer on a contract basis for \$20,000 per year. They have higher qualifications than what we require and they have the ability to do lab testing that we would otherwise contract to AgSource. Allbee made a motion to contract with them for one year and review their performance before contracting for longer periods of time, 2nd by Myers. Roll call vote: approved unanimously. We would still need someone or more than one person to read the facility meters and take daily chlorine tests five days a week. It was decided that a schedule would be put together for Rembe, Weide, and Miller to share responsibility, paid at the hourly rate of \$20. Maint/Equip – Plow truck is ready to go.

Trick-or-Treat – October 31st from 5:00-7:00 PM. Recommended that parents/children socially distance and wear masks. Candy should be separated (no communal bowls of candy), those wishing to participate should have a light on in their porch/entrance.

Council question/concerns: Rembe had questions from residents regarding snow fencing, Mayor explained that the City doesn't do it, but a private resident does and believes they plan to do so this year. Rembe also stated that the culverts around town aren't well maintained, wonders who is responsible. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep the weeds trimmed down on their property. There have been quite a few skunks trapped in town, they are making a mess of people's yards.

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

Next regular meeting of the Council: November 9, 2020, 6:30 PM, City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller

(Mayor)