

City of Meservey Council Minutes

October 11, 2021

Meeting held via conference call due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Council Persons Present: Mike Gobeli, Jennifer Rembe, Cyneva Myers, Pat White, and Mike McNutt.

Mayor Miller Called Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM. Roll call attendance taken.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by Myers. Roll call: Approved unanimously.

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

Approval of Bills – Motion to approve by Rembe, 2nd by Gobeli. Roll call: Approved unanimously.

October Expenditures – Absolute Waste Removal (Garbage) \$1,700.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,496.46; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$75.00; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$2,965.53; City of Alexander (1/3 Conference Cost) \$319.79; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (cam subs./batteries) \$120.87; Country Designs (plant-Allbee funeral) \$42.80; Electronic Specialties (FD radio batteries) \$317.60; Frontier (phones) \$138.52; Hawkins, Inc. (Additives, supplies) \$662.87; IA Dept of Revenue (Withholding) \$27.00 (Sales Tax) \$1.00 (WET) \$508.00; Iowa DNR (Water Use Fee) \$95.00; Iowa Workforce Dev (Unemployment tax) \$3.58; IPERS (pensions) \$154.94; Menards (cleaning supply) \$33.24; Meservey Library (Apportionment) \$3,875.00; Miller & Miller PC (legal fees) \$40.00; NEW Coop (Gas) \$1,365.68; S&H Environmental Services (Water/Sewer Superintendent) \$1,735.00; Steenblock Plumbing (shelter house) \$113.78; True Value (Maint/Water supply) \$96.30; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$765.08; Aimee Miller (Clerk wages) \$859.49; Jennifer Rembe (Water wages) \$210.14; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary, water wages) \$186.99.

Public Input – None.

Council Vacancy Appointment – Mayor Miller asks for a motion to appoint Michael McNutt to the council seat vacated by Ben Allbee. Motion by Gobeli to appoint, 2nd by Myers. Roll call: Approved Unanimously. McNutt is sworn in.

Public Hearing – Ordinance Amendment 2021-03 Pertaining to Chapter 55.05 Livestock – Chickens. Chris Kaduce asks about having tame deer on his property and describes reasoning and that the DNR would be involved with approving fencing, etc. Council asked him to bring more info to the next meeting and we will have it on the agenda. No further comment regarding Amendment of the Livestock Ordinance to include Chickens. Motion by Rembe to approve, 2nd by McNutt. Roll call: Approved unanimously. Motion by Myers to waive the 3rd reading of the Ordinance, 2nd by Rembe. Roll call: Approved unanimously. Some residents in town that already have chickens will be sent a letter, they will be grandfathered in as far as having the chickens, but will need to bring fencing, etc. up to code. Council expects pens/fences to be completed by the end of November.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – None. Library – Will have shorter hours when Director takes maternity leave, new hours will be posted at that time. Streets –none. Water/Sewer – still working on getting estimates for ARPA funds. Maint/Equip – There are 3 sets of bleachers that were given to the City that are not being used, they are not up to code with railings or back rests. Will consider scrapping them.

Halloween – Motion by Myers to have trick-or-treat on Sunday the 31st from 3-5 PM, 2nd by White. Roll call: approved unanimously.

Motion by Gobeli to adjourn, 2nd by McNutt. Approved unanimously.

Next regular meeting of the Council: November 8, 2021, 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller

(Mayor)