

City of Meservey Council Minutes
May 9, 2022

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

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

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

Approval of April minutes – Motion to approve by Rembe, 2nd by White. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills – Motion to approve by Gobeli, 2nd by McNutt. Approved unanimously.

May Expenditures – Absolute Waste Removal (Garbage) \$1,700.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$2,019.28; Arnold Shaw (snow removal) \$440.00; Belmont Independent (publishing) \$157.00; BMC Aggregates (roadstone) \$81.87; Brown Supply (water meter supply) \$320.88; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$2,513.72; Christian Larsen (tilling) \$220.00; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (comp. soft./lawn mwr battery) \$117.20; Clear Lake Sanitary District (Water/Sewer testing) \$1041.20; DeBour Electric (Svc call-Siren) \$90.00; Doug’s Small Engine (svc lawn mwr) \$116.89; Frontier (phones) \$142.34; IPERS (pensions) \$140.15; J&J Medical (Defib maint) \$209.00; Katie Schlichting (CPR Train) \$248.00; Lauen-Son (new water connect) \$1,821.08; Todd Lauen (snow removal) \$247.00; Quality Flow (service lift station) \$1,548.80; S&H Environmental (Water/Sewer Super.) \$1,735.00; True Value (supply) \$50.82; Uline (key cabinet) \$199.40; Aimee Miller (Clerk wages) \$783.64; Jennifer Rembe (Water wages) \$223.49; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary/Water/Sewer) \$193.46.

Public Input – Larry Traeger wants update on tile issue in his yard, Mayor spoke with Lauen. Lauen just purchased a new locator and will be finishing that up soon.

Tom Madden from SEH Inc. discussed logistics of getting a plan together for installing a 2nd well. Rules have changed since the current well has been drilled and there is no suitable location within the developed part of town. First task would be to find a willing landowner to sell some land to the town. Madden emphasizes that this would easily be a fundable project through CDBG, SRF, etc. Suggests getting with NIACOG or Simmering & Cory to develop a plan, the plan itself does not have a shelf life, costs would just need to be updated whenever the Council is ready to move forward. Permitting, DNR approval, grant deadlines, etc. are expected to take 12-18 months. Better to start the process now rather than wait for the current well to fail. Other projects could be incorporated into the plan to maximize grant dollars, such as correcting water quality or flow issues, replacing mains, and even the water tower as a final phase. Water tower is not currently a necessity, but could still be part of the “plan”. Mayor and Council have an idea of where to start in regards to acquiring land and will start there.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – none. Library – none. Streets – Received proposals from Heartland. One to patch the area where a street cut was made while installing a new water connection estimated at \$1,142.40. The other provides recommendations for streets that should have overlay in the next 1-3 year and 3-5 years. If all the 1–3-year streets were approved the cost would be \$43,735.12. The council will for sure go ahead with the patch and would like time to prioritize which street they may do overlay on based on funding available. Will be voted on at next meeting. Water/Sewer – Jester Umstead wants to know why there’s an issue with using the Fire Hydrant to fill his swimming pool. The Council explained that it affects the water pressure of the residents down line from him and there are liability issues. Hydrants aren’t meant for public use. White suggests he gets in touch with the Coop and they may be willing to sell him bulk water from their surge tank when they aren’t using it for farm use. Otherwise, using a garden hose won’t affect water pressure for anyone and that’s how others in town have filled theirs in the past. Mitch from S&H Environmental is in attendance. He gives his blessing on moving forward with a second well. Maint /Equip – garage door hasn’t come in yet. Rembe would like to see something on City Hall door to keep it from being caught by the wind and hitting the side of the building.

Bids on derelict properties. Yohnco bid \$12,820 on (W) property and \$19,000 on (B) property. Lauen submitted 2 bids for each, one to bury on site and one to haul away (W) property = \$5,164 bury; \$9,164 haul away, (B) property = \$10,078 bury; \$15,150 haul away. Rembe motion to accept bid from Lauen to bury (B) property and tentatively accept Lauen bid to bury (W) property pending City paperwork of acquisition, 2nd by Gobeli. Approved.

Mowing Bids – Received one bid from Dean Avery for \$15.00/hour, same as last year. Motion by White to approve Dean Avery and pay him \$17.00/hour, 2nd by Rembe. Approved.

Generators – No updates

Tornado Siren – Mayor attended Emergency Management Meeting and Cerro Gordo County would like to upgrade all towns to auto sirens. The total cost is \$32,000, Meservey’s cost would be \$5,000. Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by White. Approved.

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

Next regular meeting of the Council: June 13, 2022, 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Miller

(Mayor)