

City of Meservey Council Minutes
June 12, 2023

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

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

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

Approval of May minutes – Motion to approve by McNutt, 2nd by Myers. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills – Motion to approve and pay bills by White, 2nd by Rembe. Approved unanimously.

June Expenditures – Absolute Waste Removal (Garbage) \$2,075.00; Alliant Energy (electric/nat gas) \$1,915.32; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$67.73; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$2,993.28; Christian Larsen (Tilling) \$200.00; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (office supply) \$60.28; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water/lagoon testing) \$197.20; Frontier (phones) \$175.67; Treas-State of IA (WET-May) \$192.32; IPERS (pensions) \$125.44; Koenen Lawn Care (spraying) \$671.82; S&H Environmental (Water/Sewer Super) \$1,899.74; Short Elliot Hendrickson (engineering) \$7,527.83; Steenblock Plumbing (park bathroom) \$93.08; True Value (supplies) \$161.93; United LP (set tank) \$408.25; USPS (box rent) \$80.00; Aimee Frohling (Clerk wages) \$711.33; Dean Avery (mowing) \$376.78; Jennifer Rembe (Water wages) \$223.49; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary, Maint) \$213.77.

Public Input – none

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – none. Library – the event insurance for the carnival has gone up significantly in the last couple of years, mostly because of the petting zoo, wondering if the City would help. Motion by Rembe to pay half, 2nd by White. Approved. Streets – haven't gotten official estimate from Heartland yet, will try to get before next week. Water/Sewer – the generator was hooked up and then found to be the wrong size, it is too small and would be hard on the pump, the electrician is going to call the company tomorrow to make it right. Maint /Equip – need to take plow off of truck and take it to the dealer to fix a couple things, roof hasn't been started yet.

Public Hearing Ordinance 2023-02 Well Protection – no public input.

Motion by Rembe to approve Ordinance 2023-02, 2nd by Myers. Approved unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by White waive the 3rd reading, 2nd by McNutt. Approved.

SEH Well Project – Christina requested a Special Meeting for next week, can save \$140,000 by having manual rotation of the 2 wells rather than automation. Water Superintendent would also plan to attend. Special meeting set for Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Credit Card Approval – the City, Fire Dept, and Library are sharing the same credit limit and sometimes the Fire Dept and Library max it out and the City can't use it. Would like to open a separate credit card account for the City and keep the others for the Fire Dept and Library to use. Motion by Myers to approve, 2nd by Rembe. Approved.

Lawn Mowing – some letters went out last month for residents who had not yet mowed their lawns, a few still need to do so. In reviewing the City Ordinance regarding charges for lawn mowing by the City, it was only \$25.00/hour. Council requests clerk to start an Ordinance Amendment to increase it with a minimum of \$100.00 plus \$40.00/hour.

Other items from council – Some water bills are getting pretty far behind, need to start shutting people off. Enlist the help of Mitch and Jenn if needed. Discussion about some birds that aren't included in the City's Ordinance, aren't causing a nuisance at this time, will let it go for now. There is a new owner of the mechanic shop in town and water service has been installed. The former owner left more than 200 used tires inside and they are looking for options for disposal.

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

Special Meeting June 19, 2023, 6:00 PM

Next regular meeting of the Council: July 10, 2023, 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Frohling

(Mayor)