

City of Meservey Council Minutes

July 10, 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 White. Approved unanimously.

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

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

July Expenditures – Absolute Waste Removal (Garbage) \$1,785.00; Alliant Energy (electric/nat gas) \$1,904.94; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$121.80; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$3,121.66; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (website, supplies) \$245.33; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water/lagoon testing) \$160.00; Dakota Supply (water main repair) \$574.58; Frontier (phones) \$176.04; Hawkins (Additives) \$643.17; Treas-State of IA (WET-Jun) \$253.48 (WH) \$15.00; Iowa DNR (Supply fee) \$25.00; Iowa League of Cities (dues) \$375.00; IPERS (pensions) \$117.66; Jasperson Insurance (bond) \$100.00; Meservey Public Library (Apportion/Insur.) \$4,329.50; S&H Environmental (Water/Sewer Super) \$1,735.00; Secory Plumbing & Heating (Maint Bldg furnace) \$2,950.00; Short Elliot Hendrickson (engineering) \$9,594.37; Staples (office supply) \$392.79; Thornton/Meservey EMS (Ambulance) \$1,500.00; True Value (supplies) \$69.56; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$630.94; Aimee Frohling (Clerk wages) \$668.72; Cyneva Myers (Council) \$83.11; Dean Avery (mowing) \$337.54; Jennifer Rembe (Water wages/Council) \$272.43; Michael Gobeli (Council) \$55.41; Michael McNutt (Council) \$83.11; Patrick White (Council) \$69.26; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary, Maint) \$253.03.

Public Input – none

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – none. Library – no need for pest control, have it taken care of, the shed behind the Library shifted off the foundation during the derecho and has since slid further off, City will get it pulled back up on the foundation. Director presents changes in costs for the carnival over the past 7 years and states it has outgrown Library staff and budget, now using 80% of the Library's programming budget for the year. Would like to do something different going forward with City's approval. It has been a huge hit with the kids and will come up with some other creative ideas for the same time and place, while ramping up other programs throughout the year. Streets – holding off until next year for paving. Water/Sewer – none. Maint /Equip – roof not started yet, furnace has been installed, plow truck is getting updates done at dealer, will get tractor serviced.

Food Pantry - Mary Ingham from Cerro Gordo Crisis Intervention presents, received grant money from the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation to build lending pantries. They have partnered with North Iowa Mutual Aid and would install the pantry, do the initial stocking and check it regularly for the first year or so. They hope that community groups or individuals will continue to maintain it. Anyone can contribute and/or take from the pantry as needed. A variety of items can be put in there from food (that can handle seasonal temperatures) to toiletries, paper products, school supplies, etc. Council discussed a good location, motion by Rembe to accept and place between the Fire Department and the Post Office, 2nd by White. Approved.

Ordinance 2023-03 Water Rates and Reconnect Fee – Motion by Myers to approve, 2nd by McNutt. Approved. Motion by Rembe to set the Public Hearing date for August 14th at 6:30 PM, 2nd by White. Approved.

Ordinance 2023-04 Mowing Fees – Motion by Rembe to approve, 2nd by Myers. Approved. Motion by Rembe to set the Public Hearing date for August 14th at 6:30 PM, 2nd by White. Approved.

SEH Well Project – no updates.

Building permit - Mark Schilling to build a garage – Motion by White to approve, 2nd by Rembe. Approved.

Other items from council – Received notice from DNR about participating in National Flood Insurance program, if the City doesn't apply it could affect homeowner's insurance rates and also make the City ineligible for Federal assistance in the event of tornado, derecho, or other disasters.

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

Next regular meeting of the Council: August 14, 2023, 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Frohling

(Mayor)