

City of Meservey Council Minutes
August 16, 2023

Council Persons Present: Jennifer Rembe, Cyneva Myers, Mike McNutt, and Mike Gobeli.
Mayor Miller Called Meeting to Order at 5:00 PM.

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

Approval of July minutes – Motion to approve by Myers, 2nd by Rembe. Approved unanimously.

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

August Expenditures – Absolute Waste Removal (Garbage) \$1,785.00; Alliant Energy (electric/nat gas) \$1,628.40; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$83.79; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$3,189.13; Cerro Gordo Emerg. Mgmt (FY24) \$276.00; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (arlo, street sign) \$105.35; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$35.00; DeBour Electric (service call) \$94.00; Doug's Small Engine (service mower) \$35.66; Frontier (phones) \$175.82; Hawkins (Additives) \$692.73; Treas-State of IA (WET-Jul) \$355.16; Iowa One Call (locate serv) \$18.90; IPERS (pensions) \$103.81; Lauen-Son Const (water repairs) \$5,440.01; Todd Lauen (snow removal) \$103.50; NIACOG (dues) \$210.90; S&H Environmental (Water/Sewer Super) \$1,735.00; Short Elliot Hendrickson (engineering) \$4,792.24; True Value (supplies) \$327.86; Aimee Frohling (Clerk wages) \$593.00; Jennifer Rembe (Water wages) \$238.72; Michael Gobeli (Maint) \$60.95; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary, Maint) \$244.26.

Public Input – Resident wonders if he wanted to tear down a barn and put up a new one if it was possible, it is technically over the property line on a plotted street that was never built. Mayor will ask attorney about having the street vacated.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – none. Library – shed has been placed back on foundation. Streets – getting estimates for tree trimming. Water/Sewer – none. Maint /Equip – roof has been finished, still need to get tractor serviced.

Mayor closes the regular meeting, opens Public Hearing for Ordinances 2023-03 Water Rates and Reconnect Fees and 2023-04 Lawn Mowing Fees. No public input. Mayor closes the Public Hearing and re-opens the regular council meeting.

Ordinance 2023-03 Water Rates and Reconnect Fee – Approved unanimously on a roll call vote. Motion by Rembe to waive the 3rd reading and put into effect, 2nd by Gobeli. Approved.

Ordinance 2023-04 Mowing Fees – Approved unanimously on a roll call vote. Motion by Gobeli to waive the 3rd reading and put into effect, 2nd by Rembe. Approved.

Ordinance 2023-05 Tree removal – Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by Myers. Approved.

Ordinance 2023-06 Fireworks – Motion by Rembe to approve with changes, 2nd by Gobeli. Approved.

Motion to set Public Hearing for Ordinances 2023-05 and 2023-06 at 6:30 PM on September 11, 2023 by Rembe, 2nd by Myers. Approved.

Cameras – someone almost burned down the shelter house a couple weeks ago, cameras have not been active in there, the ones we have aren't adequate for the location. Mayor suggests looking for a different type of camera system, will get prices and bring to the next meeting.

Gazebo repairs – After 25 years of little to no maintenance other than painting, the gazebo needed some attention, it ended up costing a little more than expected to replace boards. Grant money covered \$6,000. Gobeli will apply for an additional grant. May also use some leftover funds from the Centennial.

SEH Well Project – Christina gave an update, going through completed plans with the council, will submit to DNR by the end of the week, still hoping for a Spring bid letting.

Legion Hall – discussion regarding insurance, the American Legion owns the building, but it is built on City property. Motion by Myers to cover the building on City insurance and that the Legion should insure the contents, with both covering liability, 2nd by Rembe. Approved with Gobeli abstaining.

Myers reports about a landfill and recycling task force at the Landfill of North Iowa.

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

Next regular meeting of the Council: September 11, 2023, 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Frohling

(Mayor)