

City of Meservey Council Minutes
November 13, 2023

Council Persons Present: Cyneva Myers, Mike McNutt, Jenn Rembe, and Mike Gobeli.

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

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

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

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

November Expenditures –Absolute Waste Removal (Garbage) \$1,785.00; Alliant Energy (electric/nat gas) \$1,539.88; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$235.62; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$3,140.40; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (comp soft.) \$191.36; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$35.00; Cody Bonnstetter Auto (fire truck repair) \$428.06; Treas-State of IA (WET-Oct) \$215.60; Iowa Rural Water Association (Dues) \$305.00; IPERS (pensions) \$128.91; Jasperson Insurance (Legion Hall) \$839.00; Koenen Lawn Care (broadleaf herb) \$671.82; Mosquito Control of Iowa (2023 spraying) \$1,380.00; NEW Coop (gas) \$1,346.22; Quality Flow (Service check) \$350.00; Router12 (install/service) \$385.00; S&H Environmental (Water/Sewer Super) \$1,827.80; True Value (supplies) \$63.46; United LP (tank rent) \$174.73; Aimee Frohling (Clerk wages) \$730.26; Dean Avery (mowing) \$463.14; Jennifer Rembe (Water wages) \$243.80; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary, Maint) \$210.08.

Public Input – None.

Motion to move Joey Dickman Insurance Agent up on agenda. Joey describes damages for each building and estimated amounts, if these items are actually repaired there will be more money from the insurance company, monies already received were for dump fees. Will be changing insurance companies in April and the transition would be smoother if these items were fixed, it might be hard to get the buildings covered under new insurance with existing damages or open claims. Date of loss was August 11th, so repairs should be made by February 11th, it's possible to get an extension, however April 1st is the renewal date. Mayor will work on getting some estimates. Joey states if the expenses are more than the insurance estimate we can submit bills and possibly get more.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – none. Library – none. Streets – none. Water/Sewer – none. Maint /Equip – windows are being installed at the bus barn on Wednesday.

Mayor closes the regular meeting. Opens the Public Hearing to open sealed bids for 206 Delaware Street and 338 3rd Street.

206 Delaware Street – Bids received from Palatial Estates LLC for \$301.00 and Mike Howey for \$250.00. Jenn Rembe representing Mike Howey increases his bid to \$302.00.

338 3rd Street – Bids received from Palatial Estates LLC for \$501.00 and Mike Howey for \$250.00. Jenn Rembe representing Mike Howey increases his bid to \$502.00.

No further bids or comments, Mayor closes the public hearing and re-opens the regular meeting of the council.

Resolution 2023-08 – Motion by Gobeli to approve the sale of real property at 206 Delaware Street to Mike Howey for \$302.00, 2nd by McNutt. Roll call vote: Ayes – 3, Rembe abstaining.

Resolution 2023-09 – Motion by Gobeli to approve the sale of real property at 338 3rd Street to Mike Howey for \$502.00, 2nd by McNutt. Roll call vote: Ayes – 3, Rembe abstaining.

Approve setting a public hearing for SRF Environmental Review for 12/11/2023 at 6:30 PM. Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by Rembe. Approved.

SEH Well Project – Christina Skalko in attendance, process is running smoothly. Discussed preferences for discarding of sludge from drilling, it would be up to the contractor unless specified in the plans. Council would prefer to have it hauled away, or at least be strained before letting the water go into the sewer and then hauling away the remaining debris. Brought an application for City to fill out for Alliant Energy to put in 3-phase electric and natural gas. Also starting a new application to add to the planning and design loan, which was originally estimated for a smaller Phase I. Asking for an additional \$22,076. Would not be any more engineering fees for this part of the project, however will still need to pay legal and other administrative fees to various agencies.

Ordinance Amendment 2023-07 Raising the late payment fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2nd by Myers. Approved. Motion by Rembe to set the public hearing for December 11th at 6:30 PM, 2nd by McNutt. Approved.

Clerk presented FY23 Annual Financial Report – no questions or remarks from council.

Clerk presented FY23 Street Finance Report – no questions or remarks from council.

Nuisances – Mayor suggests letters should be sent for 3 buildings in town to be demolished and 1 car to be moved. Council agrees.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Frohling

(Mayor)