

## City of Meservey Council Minutes

### May 13, 2024

Council Persons Present: Mike McNutt, Cyneva Myers, Mike Gobeli, and Jennifer Burke.

Mayor Miller Called Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Myers to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burke. Approved unanimously.

Approval of April minutes – Motion to approve by Gobeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNutt. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills – Motion to approve and pay bills by Gobeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burke. Approved unanimously.

May Expenditures – Absolute Waste Removal (Garbage) \$1,820.00; Alliant Energy (electric/nat gas) \$1,803.77; Arnold Shaw (snow removal) \$308.00; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$305.55; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$3,281.27; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (office supply/comp) \$301.36; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$186.89; Dakota Supply Group (curb stops) \$492.41; Treas-State of IA (WET-Apr) \$222.65; IPERS (pensions) \$134.97; Jasperson Insurance (bonding) \$100.00; Jenn Rembe (flowers) \$169.77; Router12 (phones/internet) \$145.00; S&H Environmental (Water/Sewer Super) \$1,735.00; True Value (hardware) \$48.13; Aimee Frohling (Clerk wages) \$825.39; Dean Avery (mowing) \$54.95; Jennifer Rembe (water wages) \$213.33; Michael McNutt (water wages) \$10.16; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary) \$189.76.

April Receipts – Property Taxes \$14,121.17; LOST \$3,928.30; Licenses/Permits \$357.50; Rent/Interest \$241.10; Road Use \$1,996.01; Utilities \$9,394.75.

Public Input – Aaron Gayhart interested in old burn pile lot, will get it cleaned up first before bidding.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – none. Library – none. Streets – received 3 estimates from Struck & Irwin thin seal coat on 2 blocks for \$12,000.00; Heartland Asphalt for 2 blocks 1" overlay and 3 patches for \$28,702.75; and Blacktop Services for patch and seal coat all of Ohio Street with hot mix and limestone chips and a double seal coat on ½ block of Des Moines Street for \$16,596.00. After much consideration of different types of bids and whether to do any at all this year, Myers makes a motion to accept the Blacktop Services bid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNutt. Approved. Water/Sewer – discussed some past due bills and possibly a payment plan for a customer. Maint /Equip – plow has been taken off truck and sand stacked up.

NIACOG CDBG Administration Contract – Motion by Burke to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gobeli. Approved.

Contract signed by Mayor.

CDBG Policies, Forms, and Letters – Chris Diggins from NIACOG goes over multiple policies and forms with the Mayor and Council to include Signatories, Historic preservation, Certification of Compliance Procedure, Code of Conduct, Prohibition of Excessive force, Anti-displacement and relocation assistance, Logo use, CDBG Subrecipient Procurement Policies and Procedures, Civil Rights Fair Housing-Equal Opportunity Laws and Regs. Motion by Gobeli to approve all, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNutt. Approved. Mayor and Clerk sign necessary documents.

Lawn Mowing – Received 2 bids: Jon Kaduce for \$18.00/hour and Krista Dickman for \$14.50/hour.

Motion by Myers to approve the bid received from Krista Dickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gobeli. Approved. Mower has been serviced and we have an extra set of blades that Mayor can replace when it's necessary.

Water Testing – Rembe has requested some weekends off and Mike McNutt has been trained to do water testing when she is out of town. Motion by Burke to hire McNutt as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Water Assistant at the same rate as Rembe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gobeli. Approved.

Clerk Wages – last increase was Feb 2022, Mayor recommends a \$3.00/hour increase to \$25.00/hour.

Motion by Gobeli to increase clerks wages to \$25.00/hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNutt. Approved.

Mayor informs council that the lots we sold Howey were not complete, and half a lot is still owned by a couple in Montana. Howey is okay with it for now and should have enough space for his intentions. City will mow the other part and bill the owners.

Motion by Gobeli to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myers. Approved.

Next regular meeting of the Council: June 10, 2024, 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling

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(Mayor)