

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mayor Sylvester	- present
	Comm. Seber	- present
	Comm. Chauvin	- present
	Comm. Higgins	- present
	Comm. Hipwell	- present

Stephanie Proper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Seber, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2012 and the special meeting of October 29, 2012 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said he has a proposal from B&L on dredging the main reservoir.

Comm. Seber thanked the election inspectors, the turnout was well in excess of 60%, they did a terrific job and as far as he knows there weren't any real problems. Said they completed water collection at the end of October. Said they sent out \$323,510.00 in bills, they collected \$195,055.00 which is about 60.86%. Said the collection rate last year in the October warrant they collected 60.76% so it's about the same this year.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said he was up on the hill today and they are saying they hope to have it done the week of the 12th. They are planning on opening the road one way.

Comm. Hipwell said the City Council wants to congratulate the Junior Red Raiders on the Super Bowl, 32-25 over Vermont, they were undefeated, a job well done. Said the Mechanicville City Council and Stillwater are looking to help the people down in Long Island and New Jersey, they are looking for blankets, water, batteries and flashlights. Said they can drop them off here at the Senior Center. Said when they get a good amount of stuff they will ship it down there. Said money donations can be donated through the Red Cross at the number 90999 but if they don't want to call that they will take money and they will set up some kind of fund between us and Stillwater. Said he got a call today that this coming Saturday down to the Legion on South Main Street at 11:00 will be a doings for Veterans and also that night from 5 to 8:00 they will have a roast beef dinner for \$10.00 for outsiders and veterans will eat free.

City Attorney Serbalik said he got a letter and he spoke on the phone with a lawyer for the kids of a deceased tax payer who is up for the 2007-2008 tax sale. Said he said they are going to probate the estate, he forwarded the council the letter, they are asking that the property be removed from the tax sale. Said he told them he would get back to them on it. Said they don't need a resolution on it at this point but if it's going to be done, there will have to be a resolution by the council. Said he would like to know in

the next month or so because he apparently is trying to refinance it, it's about \$20,000. They are concerned about what to do with it.

Chief Waldron said on October 9th, the Mayor, Fire Chief and the EMS Personnel went down to Albany by St. Peter's Hospital in recognition of their dispatcher Mary Lou Cebula who has been honored as the Communications Specialist of the Year in the Capital District; it's a very big reward. He thanked them all for going and congratulated her who does a phenomenal job in the daytime and anyone that had to call would know that. He wanted to congratulate her on that. He wanted to thank the City Council and Fire Chief for getting together Friday and having an emergency meeting for planning for any disaster setting up for any emergency that may have occurred which didn't occur here. Said they activated the emergency storm alert, they sent out 911 calls to around 2,100 residents which is about every household. Said a few people didn't get it but they got them with the 911 system. Said he wanted the community to know that the City Council and the Fire Chief had an emergency shelter set up here, 25 cots, table and chairs were set up. Said Comm. Hipwell immediately called the senior center to make sure nothing would take place during that time. Said thankfully nothing occurred but they were prepared and he wanted to thank everyone involved, it was a fantastic job. Said they are trying to get the police car but there is an issue, they get their cars from New Jersey, they have the New York State contract but unfortunately they have no power so he can't communicate with them so they probably won't get it until mid December because of what has occurred down in New Jersey.

Comm. Seber said it's in this budget, right?

Chief Waldron said it was.

Comm. Seber said they have to have a PO cut by the end of the year to take delivery.

Chief Waldron said the police department has installed some cameras in the police station, one to cover the booking area, one in the entrance way and one will be installed in the exit when you pull up to the police station. Said they are installing these cameras to stay ahead of the curb, all prisoners will eventually have to be on tape recording from the moment they are in custody to the moment they exit our custody. Said they are ahead of the curb in making sure that it happens. Said the big benefit of it is liability insurance, once your carrier knows that cameras are being installed inside the police station all the frivolous lawsuits that do come out and there are a lot of them, they are dismissed immediately once they view the camera. Said it's a big thing, it protects both the people they bring into the station and the police officers, it's a difficult job and he wants to make sure they understand why they are doing these security measures. Said the city has made a significant investment in building a facility in the back but unfortunately it's going to breed people that will want to go back there and take advantage of the location, of the bathrooms, of the facility as a whole. Said they envision that kids will be partying, damage the place and of course they don't want that to occur. Said he met with Comm. Higgins and the Mayor and they discussed cameras to be installed back there which will be fed live to the Police Station. Said the city workers

actually went ahead and put all the wiring in before they boxed it up. Said they had Tenn Chen come in who is a specialist in this field and he was able to direct them into what would be necessary. Said he thinks they all agree that some sort of security would be appropriate for the location, the question is whether cameras would be covered under the grant, it would be something worth looking into. Said hopefully they can install those cameras and hopefully they will be paid for by a grant.

Comm. Seber said it would 50%.

Chief Waldron said he talked with Tenn Chenn and told him if it wasn't covered by a grant he would have to see if the City Council would be willing to come forward with one or two cameras rather than all the cameras that are necessary.

Comm. Chauvin asked what all the cameras totaled.

Chief Waldron said the total camera package would be 5 cameras and it's roughly \$1,500 per camera. Said he would like the council to think about this and he's not asking for a decision tonight.

Comm. Seber asked if Tenn gave a proposal on this or is it just conversation.

Chief Waldron said conversation but said Tenn can give them a better price on it than it would normally cost to do it.

Comm. Seber asked if he could email him a cost.

Chief Waldron said he would. Said he has some concerns on the South Street Hill Project. Said the area near 3rd Street you can't see and from January 2011 until current they have had 8 accidents at that intersection. Said when you come out of 3rd Street and look to the right you can't see anything. Don't know if there is a way for them to cut down some of that wall.

Comm. Higgins said he already talked to them and they said that the road would go out 12 feet more so you will be past that wall. Said he agrees, it should come down lower still.

Chief Waldron said he agrees and they are going to have a crosswalk too from street to street. Said there is no perfect solution to it, it is going to be an issue and it's serious enough for him to bring to their attention.

Comm. Seber said there is a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 with the engineers that he can attend.

Fire Chief Corrigan gave his report, for the month of October they had 26 calls, they had 248 calls for the year, 3 drills, 10 details which included breast cancer walk. Wanted to thank everyone that donated to the fire department on their annual collection. Said the money is used for their Fire Prevention Program that doesn't get

budgeted by the city, it comes out of their own budget and it's a big program for the kids.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Dennis Baker said he thought we didn't have 911 anymore, how do we do reverse 911.

Chief Waldron said yes, everything is moved to an internet base and he sent Mary Lou to school at the county so they could watch it themselves within the city and they still have the capabilities because everything is internet based now.

Mr. Baker said he didn't get the call.

Chief Waldron said he knew it that's why they referred him to the county.

Mr. Baker said they all know how the vote turned out yesterday but he was wondering what the council's plans are on going further with terms.

Mayor Sylvester said it's dead.

Sam Carabis, Elizabeth Street, said the city is putting solar panels on 4 buildings, asked if they are hooked up and being used now.

Comm. Higgins said they were at the city garage today but they disappeared. Said nobody called him or told him.

Mr. Carabis said he called them today about the Community Center and everything is up but they told him basically that New York State Electric and Gas has to come now so hopefully in a few days they will be up and running.

Comm. Seber asked about the library.

Mr. Carabis said it should be completed by December 28th.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 78-12 APPROVING THE ATTACHED
STIPUTLATION AGREEING TO FIX THE
ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEARS 2011 AND
2012 UPON PARCEL 261.68-1-16

Introduced by Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Sylvester. Roll Call:
Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber said just as a point of information that amounted to \$80.00 so it's not like a huge amount of money.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 79-12 CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE

MAYOR TO EXECUTIVE A CONTRACT WITH
MANHEIM ALBANY TO AUCTION VEHICLES AND
EQUIPMENT THAT THE CITY DEEMS TO BE
UNUSABLE

Comm. Seber said this Manheim Group is on 146 who do the cars, equipment and vehicles and if they can't sell them at their auction, it's a consignment deal, there's no real cost unless we sell the vehicles or equipment. Said they also have an online auction service that will hopefully give us more exposure and money on these deals.

Introduced by Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Sylvester. Roll Call:
Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 80-12 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

Introduced by Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Mayor Sylvester. Roll Call:
Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

No old or new business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:26 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.