

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 178 South Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. 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

Supervisor Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20th be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said he had a meeting with the Fire Department the other day on a matter which they will discuss at their meeting tomorrow night.

Comm. Seber said taxes are due on the 15th; collections have been going on for a couple of weeks now. Said his office will be open this Saturday from 9 to noon to collect taxes or any other business they want to attend to but certainly to collect taxes. Said they need to change the meeting of the 20th from afternoon to the evening here to hold a public hearing regarding a change in the charter as it relates to the ability of the City Council being able to sell property that has some environmental issues. Said they will get into more details the next time because properties with environmental issues, the sale is not as easy as just going out to a public bid, the thought is for the city council to go ahead they will need some flexibility in terms of selling those properties. Said they will discuss it more at the meeting on the 20th and they will get public input at that time.

Comm. Higgins said the Ferry Street Pump Station should be on line on Wednesday and should be up and running next week.

Comm. Seber asked if that is just behind them on Terminal Street or Ferry?

Comm. Higgins said they did Ferry Street first because it's a bigger job, Said behind the Police Station all the electric is done so all they have to do is the wiring which should be next week or the week after.

Comm. Hipwell said on the Park Avenue Playground they had said they were going to freeze it for ice skating but Comm. Higgins put water on it and it all seeped right through so there was no freezing of the Park Avenue Playground.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

City Attorney Serbalik had nothing to report at this time.
Supervisor Richardson had nothing to report at this time.

Chief Alonzo wanted to thank the Commissioners and Mayor for their assistance they gave on the fire they had back in January on South Third Street. Said it was a cold night and the guys worked hard. Said in January they responded to 18 calls and in February 23, they are even with 2012 for calls.

Comm. Seber said getting back to the Charter change, they are introducing it tonight. Said the changes are Section 53 of the Charter – sales of parcels of real estate other than parcels or portions thereof described in subsection 8A belonging to the city and made by resolution that the parcels will be sold by the Commissioner of Accounts at public auction. Read the rest of the article. Said if there are environmental issues, it's available in his office if anybody wants to look at it what they are trying to do.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Kim Dunn asked if the meeting tomorrow night is open to the public.

Mayor Sylvester said sorry, she must have misunderstood him; the fire department is holding a meeting to discuss the meeting they had with them.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 23-13 THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS FOR THE CCT AND AUTHORIZES THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE TO SERVE ON THE CHAMPLAIN CANALWAY TRAIL ACTION PLAN "WORKING GROUP"

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 24-13 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS DAWN MARIE ROBENS FOR A SIX YEAR TERM TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2012 THROUGH MAY 31, 2018

Comm. Seber said they had forgotten to do this so it's retro-active.

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 25-13 CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A CHARGE OF \$20.00 PER CD OR DVD FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT FREE SCHEDULE FOR INFORMATION

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 26-13 CITY OF MECHANICVILLE

ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY TASK FORCE

Comm. Seber said he wanted to amend this to keep the names out of the resolution and wants to take his name off of resolution. Said he will have a new copy of the resolution without the names on it.

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 27-13 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16. p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.