

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at Central Fire Station, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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

Chief Waldron led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2013 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said they had some people from Momentive come up here yesterday and looked over the Railroad Station and they offered to give them some help to clean it up, they have a pigeon problem in there. Said sometime after their shutdown they will send up a crew and take care of it for us.

Comm. Seber said there is a resolution on here that allows them to start accepting credit cards on June 3rd in the Clerk's Office for tax collection, water, sewer, birth certificates, and virtually any activity in the Clerk's Office. Said there is a fee assigned to the credit cards, it's not necessarily cheap depending on how much they will be spending. Said the customer will be paying the fee, the city will not absorb the fee. Said the resolution allows them to do this. Said they are in the process of putting together a new code book. Said they will be changing some codes, incorporating codes that are in there, ordinances, local laws that haven't been done since 2002 so they will be incorporating this all in the book. Said they will do this over the summer. Said their January meeting, February meeting, June, July and August meetings they will have an informational public hearing just to go over what the changes are. Said the first one will be on the Charter, then they will split the code in half and do half and half and then the plan is, if everything goes the way they hope, the first meeting in September they will hold the official public hearing and actually enact a new code so they can publish it sometime this fall. Said all the departments are working on it and hopefully it will be done sometime in September, October the latest. Said they need an executive session for a negotiation with the Little League for a lease on the existing field over there and they also need to talk about the possible terms and negotiation about an agency to run the \$400,000 Home Grant. Said there may or may not be some action coming out after the executive session. Said in June, July and August there will be one Wednesday meeting each month in the evening at the Senior Center and there is no second meeting. Said that is more traditional, he guesses, than anything else over the summer.

Mayor Sylvester said unless there is some emergency thing that comes up or something.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said all their paving of the streets is done this year. Said they had a little problem on Riverside North some clay, they had to stop paving. Said they had a lot of clay in the water down there, the machines were sinking in it but they are all set now.

Comm. Hipwell said they are having a problem with dogs in the city. Said one day last week they had the same dog three times not being on a leash. Said all he's asking home owners is to please have the dogs on a leash and make sure they have a tag so they can notify whoever's dog it is.

City Attorney Serbalik said also in executive session he wanted to discuss a litigation matter and take action on it when they come out of executive session.

Chief Waldron had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Dennis Baker said talking about the credit card payment, said he read in there that the acceptance of such cards may result in taxpayer reduction of fees and late penalties. Asked if that meant that if you owe a late penalty and you pay with a credit card that you will not be charged?

Comm. Seber said no said he thinks it means is if someone would rather put it on their credit card and pay it on time versus not having the cash and making the payment late. Said that's what it means, no one is getting a break on their late fees or anything else as a result of a credit card.

City Attorney Serbalik asked if it would be applicable to the building department.

Comm. Seber said any activity through the clerk's office.

City Attorney Serbalik said that's not John's.

Comm. Seber said n0 it's not, just for the clerk's office. Said they have a variety of things there. Explained how the Visa card will work for payments. Said the people will have to sign off on the fee schedule so that they won't be surprised down the road when they get their bill.

Mr. Baker said that's nice because usually the merchant pays them.

Comm. Seber said he wouldn't have done it that way. Said these are not easy to find, he thinks Stillwater and some communities around here that use this service. Said that's what took so long, he went the traditional bank routes and they want you to pay it. Said he will see how it works out, it's more of a convenience than anything else, it's not inexpensive but it gives people the opportunity to use their cards if they want to.

Kim Dunn asked if he could post that information on the website.

Comm. Seber said he will.

Mrs. Dunn said it will help them too so people will know ahead of time. Asked if they will also post that people can only pay certain things with Visa.

Comm. Seber said yes, they will post all the rules.

Mrs. Dunn said to Comm. Hipwell that he is waiting for them to get back to him about the building, has there been any word.

Comm. Hipwell said City Hall moving is a dead issue, they never got back to them, it's been 3 months so it's a dead issue.

Mrs. Dunn asked if they are looking to move somewhere else or is it dropped for now.

Comm. Hipwell said right now it's dropped.

Mayor Sylvester said they have looked for 8 years now; it's always the money and a place. Said no matter where they picked, somebody doesn't like the spot.

Mrs. Dunn said she knows she mentioned Station 2 but they own that property behind it, asked if it was possible to put something over there.

Comm. Higgins said do you think I want them near me!

Mrs. Dunn said then they would all be in shouting or walking distance. Just a thought. Gave kudos to Chief Waldron, she noticed police officers parking in the plaza and walking around and she thinks that is good.

Mayor Sylvester asked if anyone else had anything to say. No one did.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 42-13 AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO
ACCEPT CREDIT AND/OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR
PROPERTY TAXES, WATER AND SEWER BILLS,
LICENSES, ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER FEES
EMANATING FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 43-13 AMENDING FEE SCHEDULE FOR
VARIOUS PERMITS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED IN
RESOLUTION 69-12

Comm. Seber said as a point of interest there is no attached schedule on here. Said up to 100 sq. ft. it's \$100.00; 500 to 1,000 sq. ft. it's \$150.00; 1,001 to 2,000 sq. ft. it's \$300.00; 2,001 to 3,000 sq. ft. it's \$425.00; 3,0001 to 4,000 sq. ft. is \$750.00 and 4,001 sq. ft. and up is \$1,000.00 and that's just demolition, it's not building.

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 44-13 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No old or new business.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the regular meeting at 3:11 p.m. to go into executive session, seconded by Comm. Hipwell. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Seber, made a motion to close the executive session to re-open the regular meeting at 3:45 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 45-13 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A LEASE WITH MSLI FOR A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS
AT A RENTAL OF \$10.00 PER YEAR FOR THE A & B
FIELDS AND ADJACENT BUILDINGS

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 46-13 RETAINING CAMOIN ASSOCIATES
TO ADMINISTER THE 2013 HOME GRANT

Introduced by Comm. Seber, seconded by Comm. Hipwell.

Roll Call:	Mayor Sylvester	- no
	Comm. Seber	- yes
	Comm. Chauvin	- yes
	Comm. Higgins	- no
	Comm. Hipwell	- yes

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Higgins, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.