

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire Station, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. 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

Comm. Hipwell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meetings of December 15, 2010 and January 5, 2011. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said there's a resolution on the agenda this afternoon authorizing him to sign a contract with General Controls System, Inc. to provide services on the Water Treatment Plant. Said he received a letter from the State of New York Department of Health asking us if we going with the county for water or if the city is going to continue operation of the existing water treatment plant. Said that is being researched.

Comm. Seber said next Wednesday at 6:30 at the Senior Citizen's Building will be a public hearing put on by the Charter Review Committee to talk about the preliminary report which they presented to the council last October. Said the second public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the City Council on February 2, 2010. Said they have been advertised in the newspaper. Said he and Dave talked about this, they got some figures from John Zullo at the water plant which shows they are only billing 56%, they are not billing 46% of the water. Said where it's going no one knows, said the general consensus is that our meters are running slow, something is wrong. Said if they were to recoup ½ of that it would be a quarter of a million dollars to the water fund, it's a lot of revenue. Said they did a leak test.

Comm. Higgins said they found one leak in front of the South Main Street Playground which leaked for quite awhile.

Comm. Seber said it would cost about \$320,000 to replace all the meters but with the new meters all they would have to do is drive by the houses and they can get the readings. Said the bad news is probably everyone's bills will go up. Said they will have to address that. Said a quarter million dollars is a lot to lose.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said regarding the article in the Express, last year they were contacted by the State that because of budget restraints they were told to take the snow off of the bridge so he contacted Schaghticoke and together they are taking care of the bridge.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report.

Mr. Serbalik said he got the court date for tax sale, it's March 31st. Asked for an executive session for the contract with the water plant.

Chief Waldron said there has been a lot of snow storms and 104 tickets were issued and 36 cars were towed which according to the charter they are not complying with it. Said anyone that got a ticket does not have to pay it. Said he hopes the council can address this. They need it written in the charter for them to be able to do this. Said something has to be done fast because if we get a lot more snow, it will be a big problem. Talked about setting a certain charge for the towing of cars. A lot of discussion was held on this.

Mr. Serbalik said they can pass a resolution now.

Mayor Sylvester said he received a call from Bill Mapes of the State Comptroller's Office and they want to set up an exit conference. He then opened up the meeting to public comment.

Sam Carabis said people have concerns about the library closing on snow days. Said if the school closes, they wait until 12:00 then they may close depending on conditions. Said on other days they open at 1:00 if it stops snowing.

Mayor Sylvester said they won't act on Res. No. 14-11 regarding the contract for services to the water treatment plant until after the executive session.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 15-11 ADDING LIGHT TO POLE
ON LEFT SIDE OF ZACHARY AVENUE

Comm. Seber said it's just a request to NYSEG to put in the light at no cost to us except for the usage. Asked if it was needed.

Mayor Sylvester said it's very dark at the end of that street. He doesn't think they will put it up but they have to request it and NYSEG wants a resolution.

Introduced by Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell.

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

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 16-11 INCREASING HOURS OF
MAINTENANCE WORKER DUE TO DEMAND
OF SENIOR CENTER

Introduced by Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell.

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 17-11 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

Mr. Serbalik read RES. NO. 18-11 ESTABLISHING A TOW LIST FOR
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES AND A
MAXIMUM THAT COULD BE CHARGED

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

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 3:37 p.m. to go into executive session.
Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the executive session be closed to re-open the regular meeting at 4:09. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 14-11 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
GENERAL CONTROLS SYSTEM, INC. FOR
THE SUM OF \$9,995.00 PER YEAR FOR
THREE YEARS TO PROVIDE SERVICES ON
WATER TREATMENT PLANT

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

There was no old or new business.

Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Mayor Sylvester, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15. p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.