

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. 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

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

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2010 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester read his correspondence. Letter from the NYS Canal Corporation stating that the 2010 navigation season will come to an end in November but they will offer winter events. Said to be able to do this, they need to gather information about events happening in the city within five miles from the canal.

Comm. Seber said at the council meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November there will be a public hearing. Said they need to change the dog ordinance of the city. Said as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the State of NY Dept. of Ag and Markets will no longer be handling the dog licenses. Said typically when you come into our office you get your dog license but they provide the licenses, it's their data base and computer system that we use. Said now all the towns and cities in the state have to do their own thing so to do that we have to change our local ordinances and also at the same time we're going to be raising the rates because there will be an additional cost to the city. Said right now it's \$2.50 a license an altered dog which will go to \$5.00 and unaltered will be 11 or \$12.00. Said if you go to our website, Mechanicville.com, you can click on now and get your current year tax bills, whether it's an unpaid bill or if you are looking for a paid receipt for your tax bill, you go on the website and it's available. Said water collection ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> and they seem to be going pretty well.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said he's working on getting prices for dredging. He did find somebody close by to take all the silt so that's going pretty good and Joe has some divers that will go down and get some samples for them so we can get the soil tested.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

Attorney Serbalik was at court.

Chief Waldron said the Unified Court contract for the following year has come in which you will have to sign Mayor. Mayor Sylvester said he just signed it today. Said now they will go to the presentation of John Franck and the Shared Services/Charter Review Committee presenting their feasibility study.

Mr. Franck introduced Jay Silverman who is in charge of the project committee.

Mr. Silverman said they have 3 members on the committee in addition to him. Said they work hard and will continue to work hard to make sure that the residents of the city are not only informed about what is in the charter but also to get input from the community in as many occasions as they can create. Said his members are Dr. Paul Loatman our City Historian, Sam Carabis who everyone knows and the 3<sup>rd</sup> member is the Head of Economic Development as it relates to NYSEG Jim Salmon.

Mr. Franck gave a power point presentation (it's on the website for people to view).

Discussion was held on the shared services and charter review.

Mayor Sylvester said if they just walked away from here, someone has to come in and do it, whether it be the County, Town of Halfmoon or Stillwater, they will still tax us, they would have to buy a couple more trucks to plow our streets, get more police officers to do our policing, no one is going to do it for nothing, that's for certain.

Mr. Franck said what will happen is you will lose control. Said it is a tough decision.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment. No one spoke.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 78-10 CITY OF MECHANICVILLE ACCEPTING  
THE PROPOSAL FROM BARTON & LOGUIDICE TO  
PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SCOPE OF SERVICES:  
DESIGN SERVICES – 462,700 AND BIDDING SERVICES  
\$3,100 FOR A TOTAL OF \$65,800

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

Mayor Sylvester said if no one knows where the pumping stations are, there is one behind the Police Station and one behind the old rectory across from St. Paul's Church. Said our sewer system runs out of them and then pumps back up to Main Street then down and then up and finally goes to the main sewer line in the county.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 79-10 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.