

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
November 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, 178 North Main Street, Mechanicville, New York on Wednesday November 9, 2022.

Mayor Butler: Called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Mayor Butler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:	Mayor Butler	Present
	Commissioner Seber	Absent
	Commissioner Johnson	Present
	Commissioner Hosley	Present

Motion to accept the October 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Commissioner Johnson Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

Commissioner Reports:

Mayor Butler announced there will be a Veteran's Day Ceremony on Friday November 11th at 11:00 am in Tallmadge Park. He added he has been notified the Holiday Train will be returning to Mechanicville on November 27th, the expected arrival is 5:50pm and concert from 6:00pm – 6:30 pm. He went on to say that South Main Street will be closed until the week of Thanksgiving, the Town of Halfmoon plans on paving that week weather permitting. Mayor Butler stated the Central Avenue paving is nearing an end at this time Callahan is cleaning catch basins, they are having a bit of difficulty lining up the painters for the striping but hoping to have it done the middle of next week.

Commissioner Johnson gave the treasurers report which is attached to the minutes. He announced there would be a budget workshop on Tuesday November 15th at 6:00 pm at the Senior Citizen building and his office would be posted the budget within the next few days.

Commissioner Hosley announced they would be having a Christmas party for all seniors on Tuesday December 13th @1:00 pm at the Mechanicville Senior Citizen Center the cost is \$14.00. He went on to say that the Seniors would be attending Proctors on November 10th to see Pretty Woman and then coming back to the Center for sandwiches from Marcella's. Commissioner Hosley stated they are done being hung for the winter and already have thirteen (13) ready to be hung in the spring and went on to say that if you have a particular spot or pole that isn't already

taken you might want to get the application process started. He thanked everyone that bought a banner for their patience with getting them hung. He gave the Dyer family a thank you as they waited almost six (6) months for their banners to be hung on the Hemstreet Park Bridge and never once complained. He went on to say the Memory Trees are for sale right now and about ½ have been sold, they are hopeful they will be delivered and set up the week of November 21st and there have been major improvements done to prevent the electrical issues that occurred in the past years. Santa is scheduled to be in the park on December 4th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm with the tree lighting to follow at 5:30pm. He added the Dorothy Welch choir will be in the park singing prior to the tree lighting.

Public Comment:

Dave Hicks of 241 First Avenue asked why the City went with Rifenburg when they were 40% higher than Jersen.

Don Fletcher of Barton and Loguidice stated Jersen withdrew their bid.

Dave Hicks asked what the final numbers were for the garbage.

Mayor Butler stated the City would be paying \$80 a ton.

Dave Hicks asked what the grand total is.

Commissioner Johnson stated they would not know the final for the year because it depends on the weight.

Dave Hicks stated we are now paying per ton and with the previous contract we were not.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated that they were previously charging per ton on the prior contract.

Dave Hicks asked who let out the bids and how were they approved for the aprons at the Firehouse.

Mayor Butler stated it was done on a state contract.

Dave Hicks asked if it was publicized.

Mayor Butler said it was not.

Dave Hicks asked if they looked into meter consolidation?

Mayor Butler stated he has not looked into it.

Kim Dunn of 250 South Main Street asked Commissioner Johnson if he has given anymore thought into giving more than two (2) minutes for public comment at the budget hearing and if not would be answering emails before the budget vote on December 14th.

Keith Johnson stated he always answers any emails he receives.

Kim Dunn asked what raised the City Hall employees would be getting in 2023.

Commissioner Johnson stated they would be getting 2.25%.

Kim Dunn asked if that was everyone or would there be special raises like last year.

Commissioner Johnson stated there is one that is different and it is in the Accounts Office.

Kim Dunn asked if the City Council would be getting raises this year.

Commissioner Johnson said they were also getting 2.25%.

Kim Dunn stated the Code Enforcement Officer was appointed in September part-time with no benefits which is a significant savings to the City which is a provisional position and he needs to take a civil service test and pass it, but tonight they have a resolution for full-time and would like to know what changed from September to now. She went on to say we are a small City so is wondering if there is a need for full-time and asked why such an increase in pay.

Mayor Butler stated he was also taking on the job of Fire Inspector, and feels the City needs a full-time Code Enforcement Officer.

Kim Dunn stated this was not advertised and this continues to happen. She asked why the resolution does not say provisional since it is until he takes and passes the test.

Mayor Baker stated he was not sure and asked the City Attorney for help.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated she is not sure but assumes he is already on a list since he worked for Rensselaer County full-time prior to here, but she is not sure.

Kim Dunn asked Commissioner Hosley how many total trees he has to sell.

Commissioner Hosley stated there are eighty-one (81).

Kim Dunn stated at the last Civil Service meeting she asked for letter of resignation and was surprised to see that there was a letter of resignation from Jim Herkel not signed or dated.

Darlene McGraw asked what the memory trees were.

Commissioner Hosley stated they are Christmas trees lined up in the Park that people purchase to decorate in memory of loved ones.

Darlene McGraw stated she appreciates the City for working hard on the sidewalks and the ADA compliance tasks. She went to say that she put in a FOIL request and received a Department of Justice complaint form but each municipality is supposed to have their own person to go to and complaint form.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated Commissioner Seber is the person who receives the complaints and was appointed by resolution and form that the City uses mimics the Federal one but it goes to Commissioner Seber, he is the Disability Complaint receiver.

Darlene McGraw asked for that in writing.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated that when Commissioner Seber gets back she will have him send that to her.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 115-2022 Memorandum of Agreement (PBA)

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson

Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 116-2022 Police Chief Contract

Moved by: Commissioner Hosley

Seconded by: Commissioner Johnson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 117-2022 Supplemental Bond Resolution

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Johnson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 118-2022 Dam Improvements Contract 1 Award

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 119-2022 Hill Street Drainage Improvements

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Johnson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 120-2022 NYSEFC Funded Water System Improvement Project

Mayor Butler stated they would not be voted on this resolution tonight because they have had issues with the emails at City Hall and did not receive the breakdown for this resolution.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

AYES: NAYS:

RESOLUTION 121-2022 Resignation

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Johnson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 122-2022 Full-time Code Enforcement Officer

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 123-2022 Fire Inspector

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 124-2022 Payroll and Vouchers

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson
Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Close Meeting: 6:35 P.M.

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Johnson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

City of Mechanicville
Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2022

	Balance 10/1/2022	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 10/31/2022
General Fund:				
Checking	2,975,692.31	495,760.77	595,913.00	2,875,540.08
Petty Cash	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Total General Fund	<u>2,976,092.31</u>	<u>495,760.77</u>	<u>595,913.00</u>	<u>2,875,940.08</u>
 City Clerk Account	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>669.45</u>	 <u>669.45</u>	 <u>0.00</u>
 Payroll	 <u>1,452.28</u>	 <u>174,769.68</u>	 <u>177,718.66</u>	 <u>-1,496.70</u>
 Capital Fund	 <u>808,203.13</u>	 <u>222,855.49</u>	 <u>6,614.25</u>	 <u>1,024,444.37</u>
 Escrow Account	 <u>10,347.66</u>	 <u>14.76</u>	 <u></u>	 <u>10,362.42</u>
 Central Ave Drainage Project	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>0.00</u>
 Community Development				
Home Grant Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
USDA Revolving Loan Funds	<u>72,827.06</u>	<u>666.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>73,493.73</u>
Total Community Development	<u>72,827.06</u>	<u>666.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>73,493.73</u>
 Total Cash	 <u>3,875,787.30</u>	 <u>894,736.82</u>	 <u>780,915.36</u>	 <u>3,989,608.76</u>

City of Mechanicville Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2022

	General Fund	City Clerk	Payroll	Capital Fund	Escrow Account	Central Ave Drain	2015 Home Grant	USDA
Balance 9/1/22								
Checking	2,975,692.31	0.00	1,452.28	808,203.13	10,347.66	0.00	0.00	72,827.06
Petty Cash	400.00							
Total	2,976,092.31	0.00	1,452.28	808,203.13	10,347.66	0.00	0.00	72,827.06
Add Cash Receipts:								
Taxes, Penalties & Interest	532.47							
School Taxes & Penalties	2,047.92							
Water & Sewer Revenues	238,704.74							
Sales Tax	218,362.00							
State Aid and Grants	6,046.00							
Interest			14.76					
Transfers			174,769.68					
Capital Projects								
BAN/Bond Proceeds								
Other	30,067.64	669.45		222,855.49	14.76			666.67
Total Cash Receipts	495,760.77	669.45	174,769.68	222,855.49	14.76	0.00	0.00	666.67
Less Cash Disbursements:								
Payrolls	174,769.68		177,718.66					
Checks	369,437.07	669.45		6,614.25				
Debt Service Payments	51,706.25							
Transfers								
Total Cash Disbursements	595,913.00	669.45	177,718.66	6,614.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book Balance 9/30/22	2,875,940.08	0.00	-1,496.70	1,024,444.37	10,362.42	0.00	0.00	73,493.73
Less: Deposits in Transit	30,503.01	0.00						
Add: O/S Checks	224,717.10	669.45	8,658.62	159.25				
Bank Balance 9/30/22	3,070,154.17	669.45	7,161.92	1,024,603.62	10,362.42	0.00	0.00	73,493.73

October 2022 Report

October 1, 2022 - October 31, 2022



Warrants

Active Warrants

44

Cleared Warrants YTD

77

EMS/Fire

EMS/Fire Calls

57

EMS/Fire Calls YTD

637

Arrests

Monthly

40

YTD

423

Total Incidents Month

398

Domestic Incidents Month

30

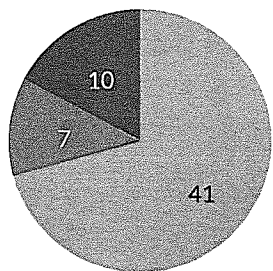
Total Incidents YTD

4582

Domestic Incidents YTD

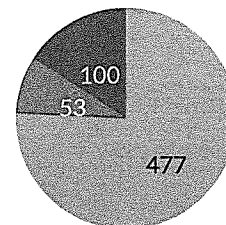
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MONTHLY ARREST CHARGES

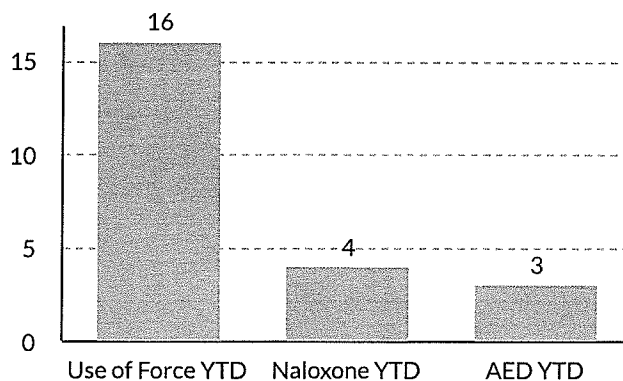


Misdemeanor (70.69%) Violation (12.07%)
Felony (17.24%)

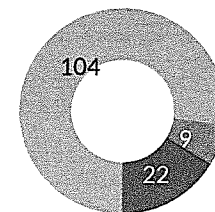
YEAR TO DATE ARREST CHARGES



Misdemeanor (75.71%) Violation (8.41%)
Felony (15.87%)

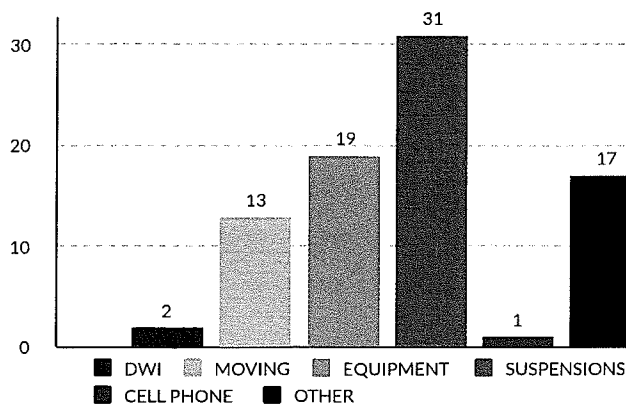


YTD TRAFFIC CRASHES



PROPERTY DAMAGE (77.04%)
PERSONAL INJURY (6.67%)
HIT AND RUN (16.3%)

MONTHLY TRAFFIC TICKETS 83



YEAR TO DATE TRAFFIC TICKETS 1145

