

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
January 13, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, New York on Wednesday January 13, 2021.

Mayor Baker: Called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Michelle Duell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Present
	Commissioner Seber	Absent
	Commissioner Johnson	Present
	Commissioner Gotti	Absent
	Commissioner McGuire	Present

Motion to accept the December 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Commissioner McGuire Seconded by: Commissioner Johnson

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

Commissioner Reports:

Mayor Baker announced there will be a public hearing at the February 10th Council meeting for the possibility for grants. He went on to say the State has released some and they are looking at possibly doing more drainage work, and a drinking water main replacements, water and sewer improvements and there may be others.

Commissioner Johnson had nothing to report.

Commissioner McGuire had nothing to report.

Police Chief Rabbitt gave his monthly report which is attached to the minutes. He added the COVID vaccines are open to Police Officers and several Officers have signed up.

Commissioner McGuire asked if the vaccine was mandatory.

Police Chief Rabbitt stated it was not.

Mayor Baker stated the Fire Department also received the notice and they have been receiving the vaccine.

Fire Chief Matt Dunn was unable to attend the meeting but the monthly report is attached.

Public Comment:

Michelle Duell of 18 Grove Street stated she is the Chairperson for the Police Reform Committee and they held their second meeting last night in which they discussed their survey results, laid out the plan and phases of how they are going to complete their plan. She went on to say the next meeting is January 26th which is on the City website and the link for the survey is also on the website. Michelle Duell asked that people share and fill out the survey. She also stated they are hoping to have the plan into place by the end of February, bring it to the Council in March and submit it the State by April 1st.

Mayor Baker thanked Michelle for the work they are doing.

Marylou Cebula of 28 Lee Street asked how a matter is handled if it is not specifically outlined by the Charter.

Mayor Baker stated he would go to the City Attorney for advice.

Marylou Cebula asked if something comes up and the Council can't refer to the charter what do they do.

Attorney Lyn Murphy stated they would seek legal advice as to the specifics of the matter. She went on to say she would look into the facts because there may be City ordinances, New York State law, federal laws, so everything needs to be looked into.

Marylou Cebula asked if the requirements are the same for decision making in public session and executive session and if things are voted on in executive session.

Attorney Lyn Murphy stated there is a difference between and executive session and when you are getting advice from your attorney. That is not subject to the publics open meetings law.

Marylou Cebula asked if a decision needs to be made in executive session is there something that governs they need to come back out to public session to do that.

Attorney Lyn Murphy stated there was not. She added there is a difference between executive session and action which has to be reported on and when you are getting advice from your attorney's and then need to make a decision.

Marylou Cebula asked what governs when they need to come back out to public session.

Attorney Lyn Murphy stated they law.

Marylou Cebula stated she sent an email and a follow up email and has not received anything from anyone.

Commissioner Johnson stated that what she was referencing in the email was before he was in office.

Marylou Cebula stated she attended the Police Reform Committee meeting and it was mentioned in the Charter the City has a Police Civilian Internal Affairs review commission which seems to be more directed to the police force and asked what happened to it prior to this.

Mayor Baker stated he wasn't aware of it but will look at it through the process of the collaborative.

Marylou Cebula stated the executive order for the Police Reform Committee and it stated business owners and clergy, and diversity seems to be an issue.

Mayor Baker stated what he read is that is an adjunct committee after this initial committee and he copied exactly what Saratoga County did for their committee.

Kim Dunn of 250 South Main Street asked the status of the EOC complaint.

Mayor Baker stated that goes through Honeywell's office and she could send him an email.

Kim Dunn asked why the MFD boat did not get on there.

Mayor Baker stated there a few things that did not get on but they will keep it going.

Kim Dunn asked what that money is earmarked for?

Mayor Baker stated he believes it has to go to the general fund and then they can determine where it goes from there.

Kim Dunn asked what the consequences are for having an illegal meeting, is there a remedy or does an article 78 needs to be filed.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated without specific facts it is difficult to answer the question but she would be happy to look at it in general.

Kim Dunn went on to say an illegal meeting occurred when you have a forum of membership of three out of five and they go into the office and shut the door.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated they could be talking about coffee orders.

Kim Dunn stated she disagrees and the City attorney could check on it and she will also check on it.

Bill Claydon of 36 Underwood Avenue asked if anything is slated for auction and is there a list of things to be added.

Mayor Baker stated there is a list of more things to be put on there and he thinks there will be one done in the next month.

Bill Claydon asked if the Central Avenue drainage is officially complete.

Mayor Baker stated the drainage part is done but he thinks they are still on Green Street finishing up.

Bill Claydon asked if First Avenue was complete.

Mayor Baker stated it was.

RESOLUTION 01-2021 Roberts Rules of Order

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson
Seconded by: Commissioner McGuire

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 02-2021 LOSAP (Covid)

Moved by: Mayor Baker
Seconded by: Commissioner McGuire

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 03-2021 Vehicle Auction Bids

Moved by: Mayor Baker
Seconded by: Commissioner Johnson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 04-2021 Payroll and Vouchers

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson
Seconded by: Commissioner McGuire

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:19 P.M.

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson

Seconded by: Commissioner McGuire

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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Alexander Dunn

Assistant Chief
John Dunn Jr.

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December Chief's Report

INCIDENT TYPE	INCIDENTS
111 - Building fire	3
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	50
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
553 - Public service	1
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1
600 - Good intent call, other	1
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
Total Incidents:	68

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MECHANICVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Mayor and Council Members,

For December we:

- Responded to 608 calls for service,
- Made 34 arrests,
- Issued 122 traffic tickets.

Members are starting to receive their vaccinations.