

**City of Meservey Council Minutes**  
**January 13, 2025**

Council Persons Present: Mike McNutt, Jennifer Burke, Mike Gobeli and Pat White.

Mayor Miller Called Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burke. Approved unanimously.

Approval of December minutes – Motion to approve by Gobeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNutt. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills – Motion to approve and pay bills by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNutt. Approved unanimously.

January Expenditures – Absolute Waste Removal (Garbage) \$1,820.00; Alliant Energy (electric/nat gas) \$2,225.77; Belmont Independent (publishing) \$70.20; Cerro Gordo County (Sewer) \$3,137.71; City of Thornton (EMS calls) \$500.00; Clear Lake Bank & Trust (office supply) \$63.48; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$44.00; Dorsey & Whitney (legal fees – new well) \$3,500.00; Hawkins, Inc. (additives) \$390.39; Treas-State of IA (WET-Dec) \$213.78 (WH) \$30.00; Iowa One Call (locate serv) \$5.40; IPERS (pensions) \$149.44; Meservey Library (apportion) \$3,875.00; Todd Lauen (fix water leak) \$745.00; Router12 (phones/internet) \$145.00; S&H Environmental (Water/Sewer Super) \$1,735.00; Thornton/Meservey EMS (Ambulance) \$1,500.00; True Value (supplies) \$40.65; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$881.74; Aimee Frohling (Clerk wages) \$832.56; Cyneva Myers (council) \$69.26; Jennifer Burke (council) \$83.11; Jennifer Rembe (water wages) \$248.88; Mike Gobeli (council) \$69.26; Mike McNutt (council) \$83.11; Pat White (council) \$41.56; Richard Miller (Mayor Salary) \$122.35.

December Receipts – Property Tax \$3,429.99; LOST \$3,845.70; Rent/Interest \$249.06; Road Use \$2,002.10; Utilities \$10,028.12.

Public Input – none.

SEH New Well Project – Christina Skalko and Chris Diggins give update, should have construction permit by the end of January, received letter from State Revolving Fund that our project is eligible for loan forgiveness up to \$700,000. Need to have project completed by June of 2026. Mayor has already signed for acceptance of loan forgiveness.

Departmental Reports: Fire dept – none. Library – lighting is being installed. Streets – none. Water/Sewer – fixed a water leak. Maint /Equip – Todd Lauen will service tractor this week.

Ambulance Service – Monica Halverson from Belmont EMS and Cerro Gordo County Sheriff Hepperly in attendance to discuss options. If lines were redrawn it would have to go through the Board of Supervisors, would have to decide where to draw them in rural areas around town. Hepperly has discussed with Mason City Fire and they would be okay with Belmont Ambulance coming into their district. Halverson is receptive to covering the area, however wants the council to know that they may be trading response speed for level of care, Belmont can only guarantee an EMT rather than the Paramedics that Mason City offers, an EMT would not be able to transport to Mason City or any other hospital for the higher level of care and might increase time doing a transfer with another ambulance service. Hepperly states that Mason City Fire told him that their ambulances can transfer to hospital of choice based on the condition of the patient, however they have protocols in place that require them to transport them to Mason City in the event of cardiac event or trauma type situations. There was discussion about mutual aid agreements or the dispatcher taking hospital request over the 911 call, however this may put a burden on dispatch and overcomplicate things, causing delay in response time. Need to make the solution simple, regardless of what decision is made. Neither agency would add financial burden to the town, as they are paid through insurance. The council has a lot to think about. Mason City Fire Chief was not available tonight, but would be willing to come to a meeting.

Mayoral Appointments – Mayor appoints Pat White as Mayor Pro-Tem and Mike McNutt to serve on the Landfill Board.

Resolution 2025-01 Mileage – Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burke. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Resolution 2025-02 Payroll – Motion by White to approve with additions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNutt. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Resolution 2025-03 Depositories – Motion by Gobeli to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Motion by Gobeli to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White. Approved.

Next regular meeting of the Council: February 10, 2025, 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling

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(Mayor)