

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 17, 2022

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on January 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jacki Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, C. Bolen, Schuur, Eichenberger & Watts

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Erik Kriegel, Abby Hubbard, Jim Kivi, Austin Henry, Travis Johannes, Nicole VerMeer & Christine Grimm

Councilmember Willrich made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the following:

- Minutes from meeting: January 3, 2022
- Claims

A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Mayor J. Bolen requested that council change the meeting time for the February 7th, 2022 meeting as that is also caucus night and she will be not be able to attend both. After some discussion, Councilmember Schuur made a motion to change the meeting time change to noon on Monday, February 7, 2022. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Librarian, Christine Grimm, and Library Board members Jim Kivi and Nicole VerMeer presented the proposed budget for FY23. After reviewing the information, a motion to approve the library's FY23 budget was made by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The process of updating the code books has been in the works and is now complete. Codification is the process of arranging the laws/codes/ordinances. Hubbard questioned if the council would prefer to pay the annual fee that would put the code book information on the city's website. Mayor J. Bolen asked Sanger her thoughts and it was determined that having it posted online at this time is not worth the hefty annual fee.

Mayor J. Bolen brought the council up-to-speed on the discussions concerning the lack of ambulance personnel for the surrounding communities. The Poweshiek County Supervisors as well as members of the Brooklyn and Grinnell departments have also been involved on the search to find a solution to this concerning issue. She explained that all three services are asking for more funding from the county in order to maintain their services. She will continue to report back to the council with information as it becomes available.

Hubbard went over the FY23 budget expenses and revenues and asked the council to take the information home for review.

Other items discussed:

- Amending the current Gas Rebate Program.
- Teen Serve needs applicants for their summer service projects.
- Handbook guidelines being enforced.

Councilmember Watts made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor