

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2022

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on January 3, 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, Bret Warden, Bill Bolen, Heather Eilander, James Fuson & Erik Kriegel

Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the following:

- Minutes from the December 20, 2021 meeting
- Claims

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

Mayor Jacki Bolen appointed Ronald Willrich as Mayor Pro-tem for 2022.

Mayor Jacki Bolen made the following recommendations to Council. Each position's roll-call vote are as follows:

Christy Sanger – City Clerk: Willrich – aye, C. Bolen – aye, Eichenberger – aye, Watts – aye and Schuur – aye.

Caldwell, Brierly & Chalupa, PLLC - City Attorneys: Willrich – aye, C. Bolen – aye, Eichenberger – aye, Watts – aye and Schuur – aye.

Bill Bolen – Fire Chief: Willrich – aye, C. Bolen – aye, Eichenberger – aye, Watts – aye and Schuur – aye.

The Record – Official City Newspaper: Willrich – aye, C. Bolen – aye, Eichenberger – aye, Watts – aye and Schuur – aye.

Mayor Jacki Bolen then made the following recommendations for appointments to the Water Utility Board of Trustees, the roll-call votes from council are as follows:

Tim Holland: Willrich – aye, C. Bolen – aye, Eichenberger – aye, Watts – aye and Schuur – aye.

Barbie Lowry: Willrich – aye, C. Bolen – aye, Eichenberger – aye, Watts – aye and Schuur – aye.

Mayor Jacki Bolen recommended Doug Ver Meer remain a member of the Electric Utility Board of Trustees. The roll call vote is as follows: Willrich – aye, C. Bolen – aye, Eichenberger – aye, Watts – aye and Schuur – aye.

Heather Eilander recently purchased the property located at 304 East Dallas Street and was present to discuss her proposed revitalization project for this location. The plan consists of new windows, doors, a new fence and landscaping to the exterior along with many new upgrades to the interior. The Private Rehabilitation of Montezuma Homes Program was discontinued as the city was unaware of how the effects of COVID would impact the revenues and expenses. The Dangerous & Dilapidated Grant remains funded. Eilander explained that the D&D Grant funds have played a positive role in removing some derelict properties within the city, but she also stressed how beneficial the private rehab funds could be for home owners and for this particular property. After looking at the rehab grant application, Councilmember C. Bolen explained that the Private Rehab Program offered a 50% cash match for

reimbursement of the total allowable replacement costs. After discussion, Councilmember Willrich made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$5,245 to Heather Eilander in Private Rehabilitation Grant funds. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: Willrich, C. Bolen, Watts and Schuur; Nays: Eichenberger. The motion passed.

Other items discussed:

- Finalizing the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades as well as the 3rd Street Project.
- The light fixture repairs at the Memorial Hall.
- City employees being available through the City office during regular business hours as there is no work from home policy allowing anything different.

Councilmember Watts made a motion to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor