

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 2022

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

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

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Bret Warden, Erik Kriegel, Tami Wilhelm, Austin Young & Kevin Kudart

Councilmember Watts made a motion to approve the final pay application to Boomerang Corp. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project in the amount of \$236,411.43. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A motion to accept the resolution to approve the Establishment of Completion Date for Maintenance Bond on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project was made by Councilmember Schuur and seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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

- Minutes from the regular meeting held on October 3rd, 2022
- Claims

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

Sanger will look into the correct person to speak with regarding the old hotel. It is in a dilapidated state of disrepair and is a danger to the public as well as the areas surrounding it. She will report back with more information when she has it.

Resolution #22-10-01: Resolution Proposing Sale and Authorizing Public Hearing for Sale of Certain Real Estate in Montezuma, Poweshiek County, Iowa. The resolution refers to the sale of 401 East Jefferson Street. Councilmember Watts made the motion to approve Resolution #22-10-01 and Councilmember Schuur seconded. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The city's health insurance agent, Tami Wilhelm of Wilhelm Insurance LLC, presented the council with this year's health insurance renewal numbers. Out of the three plans offered to city employees, two of the plans took a decrease in premiums and the dental insurance did not increase at all. Wilhelm also quoted a couple of lower deductible and out of pocket plans through Unity Point. After considering all the information provided, Councilmember Watts made the motion to keep the Wellmark BC/BS plans due to the premium decreases. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Montezuma Light & Power Superintendent, Kevin Kudart, offered the council quotes from three different IT companies in regards to the rapidly aging server. B3 Technologies, Access Systems and IP Pathways submitted prices. IP Pathways did not give a full list of the requirements set out by Kudart, so they were eliminated. Councilmember Watts asked that Access Systems be questioned as to why their quote was significantly higher than B3's and he also wanted to know if B3 had any experience working with other cities and being able to handle their needs for IT services. Until this information could be collected, Councilmember

Schuur made the motion to table discussion and revisit the topic at a future meeting. Councilmember Watts seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other items discussed were as follows:

- Construction at the intersection of East Jefferson Street and North 2nd will start soon.
- Construction of driveways in the South Diamond Development for the lots that face Barnes City Road.
- EMS Director, Joel Kercheval's, ninety-day review. The Council will discuss at the meeting on November 7, 2022 during a closed session before any vote.

Councilmember C. Bolen a motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor