

**Be CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 19, 2020**

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on October 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, Eichenberger, Watts & Webb

ABSENT: C. Bolen

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Bret Warden, Abby Hubbard, Mark Ewing, Travis Johannes, Mike Cox, Randy Caldwell, Tami Wilhelm, Mac McDonald & Mike Mahaffey

The Mayor and Council reviewed Partial Pay Application #10 presented by Boomerang for their work on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project. Councilmember Watts made the motion to approve the claim in the amount of \$156,442.77. A second was made by Councilmember Webb. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Webb made a motion to approve the consent agenda that consisted of the following:

- Minutes from the October 5, 2020 meeting
- Claims

Councilmember Eichenberger seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

With an employee retiring at the end of the month and a new employee starting next week, Mayor J. Bolen wanted to discuss cell phone reimbursement. Sanger will be signing a "change of ownership" for Ewing's plan that allows him to keep his phone and plan once he retires. Ewing will then take over payment. In order to keep the reimbursement, the same, the mayor would like to see new employee Erik Kriegel and Sanger receive the same stipend as Warden. She stated that she calls, texts and emails these individuals after hours. Councilmember Eichenberger agreed with the Mayor's proposed suggestion. A motion to approve paying Kriegel and Sanger a \$50/month cell phone reimbursement was made by Councilmember Willrich and seconded by Councilmember Webb. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A building permit had been approved for parcel #3555200 for Willard (Mac) McDonald. Due to an issue with access leading to his property, McDonald had received a memo from the City's Zoning Administrator, Pat Carruthers-Green, to suspend building until the issue could be resolved. It was discovered that McDonald did not have access leading to his property and because of this, the building permit should not have been approved until that route could be determined. McDonald has been using a piece of property owned by the City to access his parcel. Sanger spoke with the City Attorney, Randy Caldwell, and decided that an agreement should be drawn-up to make sure the responsibilities for each party have been specified and agreed upon. Councilmember Webb made a motion to move forward with having Caldwell prepare the paperwork to address the agreement between the City and McDonald. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Insurance Agent for the City, Tami Wilhelm, presented Council with some more information regarding the health insurance renewal options for City employees. Hubbard recommended staying with Wellmark BC/BS and utilizing the plans that they offer. Councilmember Watts expressed his thoughts on keeping it simple and sticking with Wellmark as well. A motion to continue with Wellmark BC/BS as the City's health insurance provider and moving forward with the three plans outlined in the information provided by agent Wilhelm was made by Councilmember Watts. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Mayor J. Bolen reviewed the changes that were made regarding amending the current inoperable/obsolete/junk vehicle ordinance. The Council started this process a few months ago after receiving several complaints over the years on the inoperable and junk vehicles parked around town. She stated that all of the changes had been updated and she recommended moving forward with amending process. Councilmember Watts made a motion to proceed with the amendment for the current junk vehicle ordinance with the updated version approved by Council. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

During the last progress report on the South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Project, the possibility of replacing the sidewalks along the new street was discussed. Mayor J. Bolen brought to light the fact that there are many areas on both sides of South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street where the sidewalk needs major repairs and/or replaced. With some contingency funds still available, she questioned if now would be the best time to take care of the sidewalk issues along the new street. Greg Roth, the project engineer, will be providing quotes for the work at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Sanger will have the quotes also include a price to extend the sidewalks down to South Diamond Addition in order to connect the new street with the new development.

Warden made the Mayor and Council aware of yet another issue with the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project. The Boomerang crew discovered there was an issue with Veenstra & Kimm's specs which resulted in the elevation being wrong to create fall on part of the project. Councilmember Watts expressed his opposition to the possibility of a change order for an issue that is directly related to the original plans stating he thinks the City has been very generous with previous change orders and this issue should fall on the engineers to correct.

Councilmember Watts made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. with a second from Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor