

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 3, 2022

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor, Jacki Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, Watts, Schuur & Eichenberger

ABSENT: C. Bolen

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Bret Warden, Forrest Aldrich, Oliva Patton, Jenni Haas, Erik Kriegel & Deedee Lehman

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

- Minutes from the regular meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Claims

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

Councilmember Eichenberger made a motion to approve the tax abatement application for Gary and Tammi Quinlan's property located at 111 South Diamond Drive. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Matt Ogan requested forgiveness for the sewer portion of the utility bill for his rental property located at 307 South Grove Street. A water leak occurred when the property was vacant so the water did not go through the sewer. Ogan explained that the leak could show up as a large increase on his next utility bill as well. A motion by Councilmember Watts was made to forgive the current sewer charges in the amount of \$479.09 and allow adjustments as needed on the following bill. Councilmember Willrich seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Lately, Sanger has received several calls regarding feral cats that are roaming around some of the residential areas of town. The City's kennel was closed when the state put new laws into place so now, the city has nowhere for strays. It was decided that if asked, the city can loan out live-traps residents if residents with cat problems request them, but the resident or property owner will then be responsible for the catch and release of the animal(s). Councilmember Watts also said he would try and find out if any farmers are interested in taking on any of the cats.

Resolution #22-09-01: A Resolution to Approve the City of Montezuma Community Development Block Grant Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Contract for 101 E. Washington Street, Montezuma, Iowa 50171. A motion to approve Resolution #22-09-01 was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Schuur made the motion to into closed session at pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(c) at 6:18 p.m. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Council came back into open session at 6:38 p.m.

After discussing their options, Councilmember Watts made a motion to approve the assessment amount of \$20,000 in liquidated damages to Boomerang Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Improvements Project. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: Eichenberger, Watts & Schuur. Councilmember Willrich abstained.

Councilmember Schuur then made a motion to approve the certificate of completion for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project with a final contract amount of five million, one hundred-eight thousand, two hundred twenty-eight and 62/100 dollars (\$5,108,228.62). A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other items discussed were as follows:

- The start date for work on the intersection of North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and East Jefferson.
- Paul Hawkins inquired about installing solar-powered, flashing stop-signs at the intersections by the school. He wanted to know if that type of sign would go against City Code. Sanger explained that Montezuma does not have any regulations against this type of signage.

Councilmember Schuur a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor