

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 16, 2020

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on November 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, Eichenberger, Webb & C. Bolen

ABSENT: Watts

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Bret Warden, Abby Hubbard, Libby Patton, Joel Kercheval, Jason Roudabush & Erik Kriegel

The Mayor and Council reviewed Partial Pay Application #11 presented by Boomerang for their work on the Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvement Project. Libby Patton explained that she will schedule a walk-through to review the matters that still need to be wrapped up before winter. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve the claim in the amount of \$137,124.08. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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

- Minutes from the November 2, 2020 meeting
- Claims

Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #20-11-01: Resolution Approving the City of Montezuma's 2020 Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. After reviewing the report, Councilmember Willrich made a motion to approve Resolution #20-11-01 with a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Montezuma Fire Chief, Joel Kercheval, explained to the Council that the bill to Alex Air was for new fire equipment face shields. He also stated the department has plenty of PPE on hand as they have had several recent calls regarding COVID-19 issues.

Poweshiek County Supervisor, Jason Roudabush, attended the meeting to answer questions and discuss the possible TIF projects presented by the Poweshiek County Supervisors. The county and city would use the tax revenue from the wind turbines within the 2-mile radius of city limits to fund these projects. The improvements must follow the guidelines of the TIF regulations. The estimated cost of the projected plans totals \$2,030,000. Roudabush stated he would talk to the other supervisors and discuss a few changes brought up by the Council and report back. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to move forward with the county's projected plans and have Roudabush look into changing the 7th Street Storm Improvement option to an 8th Street Storm Improvements instead. A second was made by Councilmember Webb. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Sanger explained that she still has issues with the Memorial Hall floor not getting cleaned properly by those that rent the hall to hold special events. The rental agreement explains that if the floor is not swept and mopped, the renter's cleaning deposit is then forfeited and deposited by the City. The school contacted Sanger about a month ago about purchasing one of their gym floor cleaners as they have purchased a new one. Sanger, not wanting to spend that much of the hall's budget with more than 6 months still left in the year, turned down the offer. After speaking with some members of the Lions, American Legion and Knights

of Pythian groups, it was decided to inquire if there could be a collaboration of donations amongst the organizations to purchase the floor cleaner. Everyone that uses the Montezuma Memorial Hall plays a role in keeping the building in great shape so that it can be used for years to come. Sanger will let the Mayor and Council know what the other groups can contribute.

Kriegel asked the Council if the unused and obsolete equipment being stored at the Burgett farm can be either sold or disposed of. The Council agreed if it was no longer in good working condition to either scrap it out or try to sell the equipment.

Mayor J. Bolen gave the Council an update on the recent COVID-19 numbers and explained that there are local businesses struggling due to the pandemic. With the mask mandate put into place by Governor Reynolds, she wants to make sure everyone is doing what is needed to stay safe and healthy.

Councilmember Eichenberger made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. with a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR