

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 21, 2020

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on December 21, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, Eichenberger, Watts & C. Bolen

ABSENT: Webb

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Bret Warden, Abby Hubbard, Erik Kriegel, Joel Kercheval, Justin Nienkerk & Olivia Patton (via Zoom call)

Olivia Patton joined the meeting via Zoom call in order to answer any questions regarding Pay App#12 for the Boomerang Corporation in the amount of \$46,478.75. Patton explained she had gone through the pay request and made a few adjustments. She is requesting another on-site visit the week of December 28th to go over what is needed to finalize winterization. Hubbard expressed her concerns with going forward with this payment as Warden reported that only the rock grading and hydroseeding had been finished since the last visit. Mayor J. Bolen and Councilmember Watts stated there are some safety issues at the site that need immediate resolve. Patton stated she would go ahead and set up the site visit as well as send Boomerang a letter explaining the Mayor and Council's concerns. A motion to move forward with payment for Pay App#12 was made by Councilmember Watts with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to pay Dave Schmitt Construction \$71,591.79 for Pay App#4. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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

- Minutes from December 7, 2020 meeting
- Claims

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

Resolution #20-12-01: A Resolution to Adopt an Amendment to the Purchases and Payable Policy. Hubbard stated that the resolution needed to be passed due to the funding received from the derecho damage and COVID 19 related acquisitions. A motion to approve Resolution #20-12-01 was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Warden and Kriegel suggested that they could take on mowing the east and west city parks for 2021. Warden explained that the mowing time has been cut dramatically now that there are only two City lots in the South Diamond Development to cut. It was suggested the City look into replacing the parks mower due to the number of hours it has on it. Mayor J. Bolen recommended getting 2-3 local quotes and bring them back for review. Councilmember Watts made the motion to suspend paying part-time wages for the mowing of the City park for calendar year 2021. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard had applied and received grant money for repairs on the fire department building. The issues were brought to the attention of the City by the insurance carrier upon a site visit. Montezuma Fire Chief, Joel Kercheval, was able to give some insight on the recommendations when he informed the Council that he is waiting on a quote from Bushong Construction. The quote would detail a possible addition to the station. There has been discussion throughout the county on a possible merger to develop a county-wide service. Although no decisions have been made at this point, Kercheval and Mayor J. Bolen wanted the Council to be aware of the possibility and what that could mean for the department. Hubbard is going to get quotes on the smaller issues in order to see about using the grant funds and wait on anything to do with roof repairs.

Justin Nienkerk proposed a construction project on the property located at 100 South High Street. He is looking into putting up three duplexes and was interested in any tax abatements or utility hook-up discounts that might be available.

Hubbard took down his contact information and will get him a packet that explains what the City has to offer new construction incentives.

Other items discussed included:

- Reasons for closing the city office doors to the public.
- Water department wage increase comparisons.

Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. with a second from Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR