

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 21, 2021

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on December 21, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro-tem Ron Willrich presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, Schuur, Eichenberger & Watts

ABSENT: C. Bolen

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Austin Henry & Erik Kriegel

Councilmember Eichenberger made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the following:

- Minutes from the December 6, 2021 meeting
- Claims

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

Resolution #21-12-03: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montezuma, Iowa to Establish Revised Charges for all Gas Service Line Extensions and Tap Fees. Councilmember Eichenberger made the motion to approve Resolution #12-21-03. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A letter was received by Watson Cook P.C. on behalf of Brownells, Inc. They sent a request to have the city vacate the alleys on the north and south side of their building located at 200 South Front Street. Henry and Kriegel discussed the many city utility services utilizing both of the specified alleys. It was determined by the council that it would not be in the best interest of the city to vacate these alleys. A motion to deny the vacation request was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Watts made a motion to table action on the codification item until Hubbard can attend to answer any questions the council may have. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

An application for the Dangerous & Dilapidated Program Grant was presented by Matt Eichenberger. He recently purchased and tore down the house located at 407 North 3rd Street. Sanger had emailed pictures of the property to the council earlier in the week for review. A motion to approve grant funding for the D & D Program to Matt Eichenberger in the amount of \$20,000, was made by Councilmember Schuur and seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: Willrich, Watts & Schuur, Nays: none. Councilmember Eichenberger abstained from the vote due to his involvement with the property described above.

Councilmember Eichenberger made the motion to table the 2022 appointments listed on the agenda as the mayor was not present to make the appointments. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none. The appointments will take place at the January 3, 2022 meeting.

Other items discussed:

- Fixing the light fixture issue in the upper level of the Memorial Hall.
- Joel Kercheval informed the council that he will be stepping down as the chief of the Montezuma Fire Department as of January 1, 2022. He will still be an active member on the department.

Councilmember Watts made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor