

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2021

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on February 1, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, C. Bolen, Watts & Eichenberger

ABSENT: Webb

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Abby Hubbard, Bret Warden, Mike Cox, Erik Kriegel, Barbie Lowry & Olivia Patton (via phone)

Pay App #13 from Boomerang Corporation was considered first. The claim was in the amount of \$40,408.25. Patton was available for any questions and also reminded the Council of the upcoming site visit on Monday, February 15th, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Pay App #13 to Boomerang with a second from Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none

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

- Minutes from January 18th, 2021 meeting
- Claims
- Liquor License – Montezuma Country Club

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

A public hearing concerning the easement for Willard McDonald was opened at 6:04 p.m. No one was present for discussion so the hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Resolution #21-02-01: Resolution Approving Conveyance of Limited Easement for Ingress and Egress. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve this resolution with a second from Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed updated zoning map provided by the Planning & Zoning Commission. A public hearing will be set for the March 1st, 2021 meeting.

Resolution #21-02-02: Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the Proposed Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2022 for the City of Montezuma. The public hearing will be held on Monday, February 15th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Councilmember Watts made the motion to approve Resolution #21-02-02. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Mayor J. Bolen and the Council had forwarded an invitation to the Commander of the American Legion Blakely Stevens Post #169 and its members. The mayor had received several questions about the sale of the scoutland that was being sold by the legion post and wanted to engage in a discussion with legion members. Sanger received a letter from the post's legal counsel stating the Legion had declined the invitation. Councilmember Watts and Mayor J. Bolen both expressed their disappointment with the lack of communication by the Legion members and the scarce paper trail regarding the scoutland. The Mayor and Council were left with unanswered questions, but also determined that it was not fiscally responsible for the City to take any further action.

Mayor J. Bolen added some information regarding the need for an extra EMT to cover the weekend shifts. Councilmember C. Bolen said the task of trying to fill the on-call calendar openings on the weekends is getting to be more and more difficult. He said that it is sometimes even hard to pin down a driver and that the need to cover these shifts is a definite need in order for the ambulance to continue to service their coverage area. A motion to approve with

hiring a contract employee to fill the weekend EMS shifts as long as there is a need and there are funds available in the budget was made by Councilmember Watts. Councilmember Eichenberger seconded the motion. Mayor J. Bolen then stated that Hubbard, Kercheval and C. Bolen would conduct any interviews for this position.

Sanger presented the Council with a couple of options to consider to purchase a back-up laptop for her be able to work from home if the need arises. Access Systems had provided Sanger with a quote. She also spoke to one of their technicians about just having Access Systems set-up the computer and the City purchasing the unit on their own. Since this a back-up computer, Sanger is looking at all options in order to keep the cost down. She will report back when she gets a quote back on just time and materials for installation.

Other items discussed:

- Warden stated there will be an item on the next agenda due to a service line issue.

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. with a second from Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR