

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2021

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on March 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: Abby Hubbard, Bret Warden, Erik Kriegel, Travis Johannes, Mike Cox, Scott Morrow, & Mark Floden

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

- Minutes from February 15th, 2021 meeting
- Claims
- Tax Abatement – Harry & Karen Meek 100 S Diamond Dr

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

Resolution #21-03-01: Approving the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 for the City of Montezuma. Councilmember C. Bolen requested the City put a procedure in place for any department that is over their budget. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilmember Watts. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. The motion passed.

Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 2.1, Establishment of Districts and by Amending Chapter 2.2, Zoning Map by Repealing Said Section and Adopting New Official Zoning Map. Public hearing opened at 6:01. Mark Floden was present to inquire about changes near his property. Public hearing closed at 6:07.

The first reading of Ordinance 70 Amending Chapter 2.1, Establishment of Districts and by Amending Chapter 2.2, Zoning Map by Repealing Said Section and Adopting New Official Zoning Map was presented. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Ordinance Number 70 with a second by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to wave the second and third readings and to have Sanger publish the ordinance. Councilmember Watts seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Scott Morrow came to Council to discuss a letter regarding a snow removal complaint. Stated he hauled snow out of the alley but would prefer a phone call for anything of this sort in the future. Normal policy is for a formal letter to be written when a complaint has been submitted.

Council discussed using a consulting firm to determine current wage rates for City employees. Hubbard has requested data from Greenfield Municipal Utilities and the League of Cities.

Patriotic Gentlemen of Iowa – a group wishing to give back to area communities and what opportunities are available. Discussed reaching out to Mingo to see what project they did for them. Hubbard suggested installing siding to a property on 2nd Street. Resident owns the siding, but is unable to hang the siding.

Mayor J. Bolen stated that Frank Brownell resigned from the 911 board. Councilmember C. Bolen is the alternate. The board has requested someone be appointed. Councilmember C. Bolen offered to take this position and Councilmember Eichenberger offered to be the alternate.

Mayor J. Bolen asked a councilmember to go to the next Power and Light board meeting on March 17th to discuss the PILOT payment. Councilmember C. Bolen and Councilmember Watts offered to attend with Hubbard.

Discussion of the Pow-180 board being moved to the Grinnell chamber due to the resignation of Laura Manatt.

Councilmember Watts made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. with a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR