

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2022

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on March 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jacki Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, C. Bolen, Schuur, Eichenberger & Watts

ABSENT: none

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Erik Kriegel, Abby Hubbard, Austin Henry, Bret Warden, Travis Johannes & Greg Roth (via phone)

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

- Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2022
- Claims

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

Veenstra & Kimm engineer, Greg Roth, joined the meeting via phone to discuss the final pay requests put in by Dave Schmitt Construction Company, Inc. The two invoices total \$4,540.50 and detail the charges for hitting unmarked manholes and the difference in price for ordering the wrong size of pipe for part of the project. Councilmember Willrich asked why Veenstra and Kimm didn't do more research regarding the size of the pipe so that it was bid out and ordered correctly. Roth said that there was no way of knowing the actual size of the pipe was until after it was dug-up. He went on to say that these are the last items to be considered and if the council approves, he will prepare the change orders and last pay request for the meeting on March 21st. The final step will be having Roth prepare a certificate of completion to present to council which will finalize the 3rd Street Project. All councilmembers agreed to go ahead with the final change order and pay requests.

Hubbard explained she sent a request for more information regarding Peoplerides, but as of meeting time, had not heard back. A motion to table was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Watts made a motion to remove the former mayor and mayor protem from the signature card at County Bank and add Mayor Jacki Bolen and Mayor Protem Ron Willrich. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The city paid for James Frank, to further his education and take the Advanced EMT class. Due to circumstances out of his control, Frank was unable to get all of the required specific patient contacts needed in the time allotted. Because of this, he is requesting that the council allow him to reimburse the city for the class fees over a period of time. A motion to approve Frank to pay back his class fees based on a payment plan was made by Councilmember Schuur and seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Councilmember C. Bolen abstained as he is a member of the Montezuma Fire and Ambulance Service. Frank did want the council to know that he plans on taking the class again in the near future.

Sanger reminded the mayor and council as they are around town to note the addresses that have any junk vehicles or property maintenance issues. With spring approaching she will begin the property maintenance process for the city.

Public hearing concerning the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa.

Opened: 6:17 p.m.

No one was present for discussion.

Closed: 6:17 p.m.

Resolution #22-03-01: Resolution Approving the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 for the City of Montezuma, IA. A motion to approve Resolution #22-03-01 was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Public Hearing regarding grant funding for the Meals on Wheels program for the City of Montezuma, IA.

Opened: 6:18 p.m.

Hubbard presented the following information:

1. Need for the CDBG project. Montezuma Meals on Wheels has a negative fund balance and is in need of assistance.
2. Description of the CDBG funded project & activities. CDBG is reimbursing up to \$16,000 in expenses to help keep this program running.
3. The amount of CDBG funds for the project \$7,500.
4. Estimated amount of CDBG assistance that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. 100%
5. The location of project activities. Montezuma, Iowa
6. Any relocation that will have to take place as a result of the CDBG project. N/A
7. City/ County contact information for residents to contact with concerns or complaints regarding the project.
City of Montezuma – 641.623.5617
8. Community Development and Housing Needs of low to moderate persons in the city/ county and any planned or potential activities to address these needs. N/A – Nobody present to address concerns.
9. Other Community Development and Housing needs and any planned or potential activities to address these needs.

No one was present to address concerns.

Closed: 6:20 p.m.

Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to approve the CLG's Annual Report. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember Eichenberger asked Hubbard if she knew if the CLG group had any plans to treat the weed problem on the new path that connects the Bonham Trail to South Diamond Addition. Since the rock trail has been put in the weeds have taken over. A resolution for this weed problem is needed to make the trail more pleasing to the eye and easier for residents to walk and bike on.

The Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA) is sponsoring Iowa Honey Bee Day (HBD) on March 30, 2022. Mayor J. Bolen was asked that the city proclaim this day as City of Montezuma Honey Bee Day and issue a proclamation intending such. Governor Kim Reynolds has indicated that she will sign a statewide proclamation declaring HBD recognizing the importance of insect pollinators for the State of Iowa. Mayor J. Bolen and city clerk, Christy Sanger, are planning to attend the legislative reception/breakfast on March 30th at the Iowa State Capital as the city's proclamation will be displayed in the Rotunda.

Other items discussed:

- The city's Spring Clean-up Day is being scheduled for Monday, May 9th. You must be paid and signed up by Friday, May 6th at 4:00 p.m. in order to have your "junk" removed.

Councilmember Eichenberger made a motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor