

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
**April 18, 2022**

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on April 18, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jacki Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: C. Bolen, Eichenberger, Schuur & Watts

ABSENT: Willrich

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Erik Kriegel, Abby Hubbard, Austin Henry, Briar Awtry, Joel Kercheval, Dean Fisher & Dedee Lehman

Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the following:

- Minutes from the regular meeting held on: April 4, 2022
- Claims

Iowa State Representative, Dean Fisher, joined the meeting to introduce himself. He is a republican running against Dave Maxwell for a spot in the Iowa House.

Councilmember Schuur made a motion to approve the following liquor licenses:

- Montezuma Super Valu
- Sauce'd Pizza & Pub

Councilmember Eichenberger seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A committee was put together to do the research and then go over the quotes for a new ambulance to see what would fit the department best. Joel Kercheval presented the council with two different quotes. The City will receive ARPA Funds, American Relief Plan Act, to offset the cost of the new ambulance. The funds can only be used toward specific purchases and a new ambulance qualifies. Kercheval answered several questions regarding the quotes and stated that the committee came to the conclusion that the rig from Life Line Emergency Vehicles for \$278,718 would be best suited for the department's needs. A quote for a Stryker Power Load cot system in the amount of \$28,683.15 was also included. This mechanical system loads the patient into the back of the ambulance making it much easier for one person to handle the task. These two items total \$307,401.15 which is \$7,401.15 over the allotted \$300,000 in funding the city will receive. Hubbard stated that there are available dollars to be used to cover the extended expense. Councilmember Watts stated that he would prefer to stick with the committee's recommendation on what rig they would prefer so he made the motion to approve the purchase of a new Life Line Emergency Vehicle in the amount of \$278,718 and the Stryker Power Load system for \$28,683.15. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember C. Bolen abstained as he is a member of the Montezuma Fire and Ambulance Service.

Barnes City Fire Chief, Briar Awtry, addressed the council about the possibility of entering into an agreement with the city and Barnes City First Responders. If Barnes City had first responders, they can respond quicker and can assess the scene before the Montezuma EMT's leave the station, sometimes even being able to call off the ambulance if it isn't needed. Montezuma already shares this type of service with Deep River. Awtry said he has six members that are interested in the training. Montezuma's crew would still be handling the transporting so they would be responsible for filing out the required paperwork. A motion to approve an agreement with Barnes City and their first responders was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember C. Bolen abstained as he is a member of the Montezuma Fire and Ambulance Service.

Resolution #22-04-01: Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year 2022 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. The hearing date and time will be set for Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>,

2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Resolution #22-04-01. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Watts made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor