

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 19, 2021**

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on April 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: C. Bolen, Watts, Willrich & Eichenberger

ABSENT: Webb

ALSO, PRESENT: Mike Cox

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

- Minutes from April 5, 2021 meeting
- Claims

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

Resolution #21-04-02: Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Resolution #21-04-02 and Councilmember Watt seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none. The public hearing is set for Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in chambers.

Recently, Sanger sent reminder letters to all South Diamond Addition lot owners that have not started building that there are timelines set forth in the subdivision's covenants regarding building start and closing dates. The City lowered the accepted selling price on many of the lots with the understanding that construction would take place in a timely manner. Currently, several lot owners have not started building and are now running into issues the prices of building materials and having a hard time getting the supplies. Councilmembers are aware of these issues but feel it is essential to know what kind of a timeframe the owners are looking at in order to keep up with the growth in the South Diamond Addition. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to discuss the possibility of a building and/or closing extension on an individual basis and the owner would need to contact the City Office and be put on an agenda to discuss the extension before their building start date has passed. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

MCG submitted a proposal on possible savings for the City's phone and internet services. Councilmember Watts asked Sanger to inquire if Windstream could provide the same saving. Sanger will report back when more information has been collected.

Currently, the City pays for the ambulance member to take the EMT class and also reimburses the student for their book fees. Unfortunately, there have been instances where a student either drops out of the class or does not pass within the allotted timeframe leaving the City covering the costs. An agreement was drawn up to repay these fees if the student does not pass or finish the courses. Sanger will have the City Attorney review the agreement. Mayor J. Bolen would also like to have the student get approval for funding from the Council before signing up for the class.

Gas Superintendent, Mike Cox, presented the Mayor and Council with a resignation letter effective June 30, 2021. Cox has worked for the City's Gas Department for the past 20 years.

Councilmember Webb presented Mayor J. Bolen with a resignation letter as well. He has moved away from Montezuma and can no longer sit on the council. A new councilmember will be appointed at a future meeting.

Councilmember Watts went down to the brush pile to see what is needed for the installation of the surveillance camera. He asked Sanger to inquire about having a pole set by the Montezuma Light and Power employees. Watts

then submitted a list of needed supplies to Sanger. Once the pole situation has been figured out, a quote for the rest of the supplies will be acquired.

Other items discuss included the following:

- Sealcoating quote from LL Pelling. Kriegel is going to get a quote from Manatt's as well.
- Problem properties that need property maintenance letters mailed out.

Councilmember Watts made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. with a second from Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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