

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 5, 2021

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on April 5, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: C. Bolen, Watts, Webb & Eichenberger

ABSENT: Willrich

ALSO, PRESENT: Abby Hubbard, Bret Warden, Erik Kriegel, Eddie Pierson, Olivia Patton, Travis Johannes & Jen Sinkler

Mayor J. Bolen asked the Council to review the pay app presented by Dave Schmitt Construction for \$214,588.88. A motion to approve Pay App #5 for Dave Schmitt Construction was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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

- Minutes from March 15, 2021 meeting
- Claims
- Liquor License – The Depot, Sauce'd Pizza & Pub and Montezuma Super Valu

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

Eddie Pierson, representing MCG, spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding the possible ways MCG could help reduce their current internet and telephone costs. Currently, MCG donates internet service to the Montezuma Fire and Ambulance service as well as to the Montezuma Library. Pierson explained that since phone services are regulated, they are not able to be donated. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to table the discussion until the Council had more time to review the information. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard presented the Mayor and Council financial statistics through the third quarter of the current fiscal year.

Olivia Patton, engineer for Veenstra & Kimm, submitted a punch list for the Montezuma Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. This list spelled out what items that still need finished and who is responsible for getting the work done. Patton stated she talked to Boomerang and insisted they get a crew back to the site to get these items finished. Hubbard explained to Council that this project is way overdue and nothing is budgeted regarding this project next fiscal year. Patton assured the Mayor and Council that there is no reason why the project can't be completed by June 30, 2021.

Hubbard informed the Mayor and Council that a security camera was ordered to install at the brush pile. Councilmember Watts explained what would be needed to get power to the camera. He stated that Warden and Kriegel should be able to handle most of the installation as long as there is a utility pole that will suffice. Warden expressed his concern about not having an attendant to keep track of who is dumping what. The brush pile is to be utilized by Montezuma residents that live within the city limits. Yard waste, small trees and brush are the only items allowed to be dumped into the brush pile. Warden worries that the City will not be able to regulate who uses the brush pile and what is dumped without an attendant. The Council decided they would like to see how using the security camera plays out before hiring another attendant. Therefore, the hours the brush pile will be open will vary compared to what they have been in the past.

Members from the Patriotic Gentlemen of Iowa met with Mayor J. Bolen and Hubbard to discuss a possible site for their group to help clean up.

Other items discussed:

- Unlocking the front door of the City Office.
- South Diamond Development covenant building deadlines.

Councilmember Watts made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. with a second from Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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