

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 17, 2021

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on May 17, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: C. Bolen, Watts, Willrich & Eichenberger

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Bret Warden, Erik Kriegel, Abby Hubbard, James Frank, Joel Kercheval, Jen Sinkler & Olivia Patton (via phone)

Dave Schmitt submitted Pay App #7 for \$478,453.68 for their work on the 4th Street Project. At this point, the project is ahead of schedule and paving has been completed on the south end. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve Pay App #7 and it was seconded by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Olivia Patton, engineer for Veenstra & Kimm, joined the meeting over the phone to discuss the pay app presented by Boomerang Corporation in the amount of \$5,296.25. Warden updated the punch list and Patton explained that AMC and Jetco are currently 90% finished leaving Boomerang to still complete more than 50% of their projects. Patton stated that she is waiting for Boomerang to acknowledge their disregard involving some of valves being left open which resulted in \$7,000 worth of damaged parts. Mayor J. Bolen asked Patton to set up another progress meeting so that this issue can hopefully be resolved. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to hold the payment to Boomerang until after the progress meeting. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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

- Minutes from April 19, 2021 meeting
- Claims

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

Sanger is going to get in touch with Greg Roth to get more precise numbers for the options and dimensions on the sidewalk replacement for 4th Street. Councilmember Watts made the motion to table the decision on the sidewalks until more numbers can be gathered. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes; all, Nays: none.

A public hearing concerning appointment to the Montezuma City Council was opened at 7:11 p.m. No one was present for comment so the hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

Resolution #21-05-05: Resolution to Appoint to City Council for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember C. Bolen moved to appoint Kelsey Boughton to the vacant council seat. Councilmember Eichenberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Willrich: aye, C. Bolen: aye, Eichenberger: aye. Councilmember Watts abstained as he is related to K. Watts.

The seal-coating bids from LL Pelling and Manatts were reviewed now that they were referencing the same streets and using the same procedures for application.

Manatts \$48,771.81

LL Pelling \$49,141.10

Motion to approve the Manatts bid was made by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember Watts. A roll call vote was as follow: C. Bolen: aye, Watts: aye, Willrich: nay, Eichenberger: nay. A tie-breaker vote from Mayor J. Bolen was made in favor of approving the Manatts bid. The motion passed.

James Frank and Joel Kercheval came to discuss the possibility of EMT's and drivers receiving holiday pay when they volunteer their time to cover certain holidays. Both explained that the extra compensation would give the

volunteers more of an incentive to be on-call for those days. Councilmember Watts made the motion to approve compensation of \$100 per person for two (2) members being on-call for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Willrich: aye, Eichenberger: aye, Watts: aye. Councilmember C. Bolen abstained due to being a Montezuma EMS member. The motion passed. Erik Kriegel has volunteered to be a driver and will be taking the proper training needed.

Mayor J. Bolen stated at a previous meeting that she would like any current and future Montezuma Fire and/or EMS member that would like funding to take the required EMT testing to approach the Council to ask for the City of fund their books and coursework for the class. Hubbard will draft a contract for the student to sign prior to taking the class, laying out the process of paying the City back if they do not finish the EMT course of if they do not pass.

With the new fiscal year approaching, Hubbard needed clarification from the Council on any wage increase for City employees. Last year, because of the pandemic, the Council allowed a 2% raise. They were cautious of the possible decrease in L.O.S.T. and Road Use revenues. Hubbard explained the two revenue funds were not as impacted as once anticipated. A motion to approve a 3% raise for City Employees was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with a second from Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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MAYOR