

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 2, 2022

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on May 2, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jacki Bolen presiding.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Abby Hubbard, Susan Vileta, Lyle Tompkins & Dedee Lehman

The council first considered the retainage payment request submitted from Dave Schmitt Construction in the amount of \$113,002.24. Sanger explained that there is one item that still needs attention and Greg Roth, the Veenstra & Kimm engineer, stated that we could hold the check until that task was completed. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to cut and hold the check to Dave Schmitt Construction in the amount of \$113,002.24. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Dedee Lehman had requested reimbursement for her books, background check, application fee, fingerprints and mailing fees pertaining to the EMT class she completed. The total request was in the amount of \$574.07. Mayor J. Bolen asked Hubbard for a copy of the contract that Lehman signed when the City agreed to pay the EMT class fees. It states the student will be reimbursed up to \$400 for books and \$90 for testing fees. Councilmember Schuur made the motion to reimburse Lehman the contract fees in the amount of \$490 and it was seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember C. Bolen abstained due to being a member of the Montezuma Fire and Ambulance Service.

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

- Minutes from the regular meeting held on: April 18, 2022
- Claims

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

Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to approve the tax abatement application submitted by Shane and Christine Templeton for their new home located at 635 West Main Street. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A motion to approve the liquor license for Dollar General was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Audas Sanitation owner, Steve Audas, addressed the council with some upcoming changes he is looking to make regarding the garbage and recycling collection within the City of Montezuma. He can no longer get the blue recycling bins that many residents currently use so he is looking at upgrading the current bins. Audas also stated that residents would be able to use whichever trash bags they choose as the bags that are necessary currently will no longer be needed. Sanger said that she would need to discuss any billing changes with the Utilities Billing Clerk to see if the software can handle the proposed changes. The council will discuss further when more information is gathered.

The 28E Agreement between the City of Montezuma and the Poweshiek Sheriff's Office for fiscal year 2023 was discussed. The document proposes a monthly fee to be paid in the amount of \$11,141 for 40 hours of patrol per week and not to exceed \$12,000 if the county provides 200 or more hours of service within a month. A motion to approve the 28E agreement with the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office was made by Councilmember Willrich and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

In July of 2021, the city signed a resolution approving the Montezuma Housing Rehabilitation Application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority CDBG Housing Sustainability Fund. An Owner-Occupied Rehab Program Contract was presented to the council. Councilmember C. Bolen approved the contract and it was seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Susan Vileta, representing Unity Point and Public Health, brought along two Grinnell College Students to discuss the possibility of making Montezuma's Parks and Trails tobacco free areas. After seeing the presentation, Councilmember Watts asked Vileta to forward a few examples of the resolutions other cities have used in order to put this into place. A motion to table was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Public Hearing Concerning the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022 for the City of Montezuma.

Opened: 7:00 p.m.

No one was present for discussion.

Closed: 7:00 p.m.

Resolution #22-05-01. Resolution Approving the Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year 2022 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Resolution #22-05-01. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other items discussed:

- Sidewalk replacement at 300 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- Job posting for the EMT Director

Councilmember Watts made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor