

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 2021

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on May 3, 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, Dylan Havran & Jen Sinkler

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.

Dylan Havran discussed the water leak that was recently detected at their rental unit located at 102 S 7th St. It was explained to the Council that the issue was due to a leaking pipe under the house. Havran explained that as soon as they were made aware of the increased water usage, the leak was fixed. The most recent reading indicated that the leak had been taken care of. Havran said they were asking that the portion of the sewer bill related to the leak be waived by the City since the water did not actually run down the sewer. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to waive the sewer portion of the leak in the amount of \$147.53. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A public hearing concerning the budget amendment for fiscal year 2021 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa was opened at 6:04 p.m. No one was present for discussion so the hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Resolution #21-05-01 Resolution Approving the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Hubbard explained that at this time, all functions are still under budget, but because the state requires an amendment to be filed before the end of the fiscal year, she wanted to make sure all accounts were covered through June 30, 2021. A motion to approve Resolution #21-05-01 was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Willrich made a motion to table Resolution #21-05-02 until more information received from the Zoning Commission regarding the rezoning application. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to accept the resignation of Councilmember River Webb. It was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #21-05-04: Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing to Appoint to City Council for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember Watts made a motion to approve Resolution #21-05-04 with a second from Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #21-05-06: Resolution Authorizing the Director of Finance to Make Transfers to the Appropriate Funds for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. A motion to approve Resolution #21-05-06 was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and a second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard and Cox work together to present the Mayor and Council a job description to be used as a posting for the gas superintendent position. Councilmember Watts made a motion to approve the post and Councilmember Eichenberger seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

It was discussed at the end of the growing season last year that watering cart used to hydrate the flowers around the square needed to be replaced. The Montezuma Light and Power Board pledged up to \$6,500 towards the purchase of a new watering cart. Mayor J. Bolen questioned Hubbard on where the City could find funding for the watering cart as well. Hubbard explained that nothing was budgeted, but the consensus of the of the Council was to work it out so that the City could help with the expense since it helps beautify the look of the community. Hubbard did also state that Montezuma Community Development offered up to \$1,000 toward the purchase as well. A motion for the City to pledge \$2,000 towards the watering cart was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The City received seal-coating bids from LL Pelling and Manatts. After reviewing the quotes, Kriegel noted that the amount of square yardage being bid out was not the same. He will contact the two companies to discuss the numbers and will report back with any changes and or updates.

Councilmember C. Bolen had been contacted by Rusty Massengale regarding a couple of different possible sights to construct an E911 tower in the Montezuma area. There are certain restrictions and guidelines surrounding where a tower can be located but C. Bolen wanted to give the information to the rest of the council for any future discussion.

Other items discussed included:

- Property maintenance issues.
- Brush-pile camera progress.

Councilmember Watts made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR