

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2020

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on May 4, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, C. Bolen, Eichenberger, Watts & Webb (electronically)

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Abby Hubbard & Mark Ewing

ALSO, PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Derek Bates & Bret Warden

The Montezuma City Council held their meeting electronically due to the issues surrounding COVID-19. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit electronic meetings and with the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency ordered by Governor Reynolds on March 19, 2020, a suspension was issued on Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings. The agenda and the City's social media source posted the instructions on how others could participate in the meeting allowing the public to be involved during this pandemic.

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

- Claims
- Minutes from April 20, 2020 meeting
- Liquor Licenses: Dollar General Store #16716 & Sauce'd Pizza & Pub

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

Resolution #20-05-01: Resolution Setting Time and Place for the Public Hearing Concerning the Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year 2020 for the City of Montezuma, IA. Hubbard explained that she went ahead and updated all current budget information when she while calculating the budget amendment. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Resolution #20-05-01 and Councilmember Watts seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The Mayor and Council were asked to review Burlington's junk vehicle ordinance in order to revamp the City's current rules. A committee was put in place Councilmember Watts and C. Bolen. They will review both ordinances and report back with any questions, changes and/or additions. Councilmember Watts made the motion to table discussion until the committee has time to review the ordinances. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Sealcoating bids were submitted from Manatt's and LL Pelling. The Mayor and Council reviewed the bids but were concerned that the Manatt's bid did not specify the roads unlike the LL Pelling version. Ewing was asked if the bids were comparing apples to apples and that this needed to be verified. Councilmember Eichenberger made to the motion to approve the Manatt's bid for \$40,112.40 as long as it was comparable to the LL Pelling bid for \$66,354.05. Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Ewing reported that there are five ash trees in the alley between Wheeler and High Street. Some look dead and others look to be dying. There is presently no budget for tree removal so Mayor J. Bolen clarified that it may come down to prioritizing which trees need to be removed first and which ones can be postponed. Hubbard will look into any grant money available for removing ash trees.

Boomerang submitted their pay application late so Sanger provided it so that it could be reviewed before the next meeting and if any questions arise, they can be addressed before that date.

Councilmember Eichenberger inquired about the start date for the 3rd Street Project. Hubbard stated she would get in touch with the engineer to find out what dates they are looking at for a pre-construction meeting and project start date.

A motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. was made by Councilmember Watts with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen.
Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor