

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 15, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on June 15., 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, Eichenberger, & Watts

ABSENT: C. Bolen

ALSO, PRESENT: Abby Hubbard, Mark Ewing, & Derek Bates

ALSO, PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Webb

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 June 1, 2020 meeting

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

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to table the tax abatement request for Daryl Eichenberger on the consent agenda until they could confirm questions with the County Assessor. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve annual Cigarette and Tobacco Permits for The Depot Express, Montezuma Super Valu, Dollar General Store #16716, and Casey's Marketing Co/DBA Casey's General Store. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Eichenberger made the motion to approve Andy Erselius' request for Interest Reimbursement in the amount of \$7376.08 per Resolution 18.03.03-Montezuma Housing Incentive. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Second reading of Ordinance 69 amending gas utility rates. No one present to discuss.

Councilmembers agreed to open City offices as normal beginning Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8a. All City owned property is now back to 100%, including the Memorial Hall. It was agreed that the "Let Freedom Ring" celebration would be postponed to Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmembers reviewed the Junk Vehicle Ordinance and would like it sent to Legal for review before moving forward with the implementation of this ordinance.

Discussion was had regarding the Urban Renewal plan with the County pertaining to compensation for wind turbines located within a 2-mile radius of Montezuma. Webb recapped the Supervisor meeting he attended last week and Mayor Bolen stated the John Danos would be available at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to help answer questions regarding our options. County engineer, Lyle Brehm will be present during negotiations.

Resolution #20-06-01: Resolution Authorizing the Director of Finance to make Transfers to the Appropriate Funds for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember Watts made the motion to approve Resolution #20-06-01 and Councilmember Eichenberger seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Mark Ewing stated that Boyd Sparks reached out inquiring about removing the dead trees in Bonham Trail. Permission was granted.

Abby Hubbard shared the quote from L.L. Pelling for the resurfacing of some City streets. The City is still awaiting a bid from Manatts.

A motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. was made by Councilmember Watts with a second by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor