

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 19, 2023

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jacki Bolen, presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, C. Bolen & Schuur

ABSENT: Eichenberger & Watts

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Abby Hubbard, Erik Kriegel, Dennis Latcham, Ron Hensel & Richard Lemke

Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the following:

- Minutes from the meeting held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Claims

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

Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve the liquor license for Yolanda's Taco Shop. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Schuur made a motion to approve the cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor licenses for:

- The Depot Express
- Casey's General Store
- Dollar General
- Montezuma Super Valu

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

Ron Hensel and Dennis Latcham asked the council to close/block the following streets for the car show that will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

- South 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Main Street to Dallas Street.
- East Liberty Street from South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to South 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- East side parking along the Poweshiek County Courthouse side.

The roads will be closed/blocked from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the closure of the roads for the car show. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A public hearing to consider the proposal to vacate property in the City of Montezuma, Iowa and authorizing sale thereof was opened at 6:10 p.m. No one was present for the hearing so it was closed at 6:10 p.m. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Resolution #23-06-02: Resolution Approving Vacation of Property and Conveyance of Real Property. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A request was made to block-off some of the parking along both sides of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The safety of the patrons watching the parade is top priority so Councilmember Schuur made the motion to block-off the east and west side parking of North 4<sup>th</sup> at Manestreet Hair Designers and Sauce'd south to the alley. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Erik Kriegel as the Memorial Hall custodian with an annual salary of \$3500. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A motion to pay city employees the \$400 clothing allowance at the beginning of the fiscal year was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to table discussion on the sewer work comp procedures for working the weekend until an updated policy can be written and adopted. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other items discussed:

- American Legion Post #169 presented the Montezuma City Council with a certificate of appreciation.
- Dead trees on Bonham Trail.
- Kriegel will submit quotes for asphaltting roads in the city limits at a later date.
- The old hotel being not only an eyesore but is dangerous. What are the owners are going to do to keep it safe for the community?
- Briefing on FY23's revenues and expenses.
- Rescheduling July's council meeting to Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

At 7:03 p.m., Councilmember Schuur made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to:

Review of Employee Professional Competency in Closed Session

a. Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i)

- i. To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.*

Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The council came back into open session at 7:52 p.m.

A motion to table discussion on FY24 salaries was made by Councilmember Schuur and seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Watts made the motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor