

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 20, 2022

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on June 20, 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: none

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Bret Warden, Travis Johannes, Austin Henry, Deedee Lehman, Mike Fleming, Abby Hubbard & Jeni Haas

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

- Minutes from the regular meeting held on: June 6, 2022
- Claims

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

Councilmember Eichenberger made a motion to approve Taren Young as the newest member to the Montezuma Library Board of Trustees. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor permits for the following businesses:

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

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

A motion to approve the FY23 salaries for city employees was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The council discussed Iowa House Bill HF2130, a bill for an act relating to registered all-terrain vehicles and off-road vehicles, and making penalties applicable. The new bill goes into effect on July 1, 2022. After much discussion, a motion by Councilmember C. Bolen was made to table the amendment to the city's Ordinance 68 and instead vote on repealing the current ordinance at a later meeting allowing the city to use the state's rules and regulations. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A motion to table the amendment to city code chapter 106 Collection of Solid Waste was made by Councilmember Schuur and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Sanger will make the final corrections needed and present it for its first reading at the meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Jeni Haas, COO for Boomerang Corp., Inc., introduced herself and provided council with a brief explanation of the events that she has knowledge of that led up to the prolonged sewer upgrade project. The city now must decide how to proceed with liquidated damages. Haas clarified that Boomerang is willing to work with the city in negotiations, but does not believe that all fault should be placed on Boomerang. The city is still holding their retainage in the amount of \$256,411.43 as the project has yet to be finalized. Haas is going to work her way back through email chains and council meeting minutes to try and put together a timeline that will better explain the issues that took place during this project as well as try to outline when the breakdown of communication took place. She will join the council at the next meeting to discuss her findings.

Cranston Landscaping will be working up and reseeding the area in the West City Park where new tile was installed and across the street where a new culvert was put in. Warden said Cranston estimated \$1,000 for the labor and supplies.

Resolution #22-06-04: A Resolution Authorizing the Director of Finance to make the Attached Adjustments & Transfers to the Appropriate Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Hubbard explained that the transfers are needed to close out the current fiscal year. A motion to approve Resolution #22-06-04 was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The council went through and discussed the employee handbook. Sanger will make the edits and revisions in order for council to have their final vote on passage.

Other items discussed:

- Councilmember Eichenberger stated that he had received several calls/texts regarding the new hours of operation for the city's brush pile. He stressed the importance of making sure it is open when it is supposed to be.
- Johannes inquired about reducing the lunch hour for some city employees from one hour to thirty minutes.

Councilmember Schuur made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor