

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2023

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on June 5th, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jacki Bolen, presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, C. Bolen, Watts, Eichenberger & Schuur

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Bret Warden & Abby Hubbard

Councilmember Watts made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the following:

- Minutes from the meeting held on May 15th, 2023
- Claims

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

Councilmember Schuur made a motion to approve the liquor license for Monte Spirits. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Poweshiek County Sheriff, Tom Kriegel, submitted the Law Enforcement 28E Agreement for FY24. The agreement sets forth a monthly fee of \$11,805 which equals a rate of \$68.10/hour based on 2,080 hours of work per year. This would bring the annual contract fees to \$141,653. After some discussion regarding the quality of service, Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve the 28E Agreement for FY24 for the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #23-06-01: Resolution Proposing to Vacate Property in Montezuma, Iowa, and Setting Time for Hearing and Prescribing Notice Thereof. A motion to approve Resolution #23-06-01 was made by Councilmember Schuur and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

An Audit Services Proposal was prepared and submitted by Van Maanen, Sietstra, Meyer & Nikkel, PC Certified Public Accountants. The city has an audit conducted every year and this proposal is set not-to-exceed the amount of \$11,100. Councilmember Eichenberger made the motion to approve the audit proposal with a second by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The council discussed the bid received from Manatt's regarding their annual seal-coating fees. They offered to lower the price by allowing city employees to haul the rock, but council wants Kriegel to determine how the price reduction was figured. The city still has outstanding ARPA funds to use by December of 2024. The council discussed using some of that money to coat more streets. Councilmember Watts made a motion to table the discussion on seal-coating the streets until Kriegel can determine what other streets should be done this year using the ARPA funds. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Kriegel was finally able to locate and purchase street paint. Unfortunately, the paint was not made to use in the city's current sprayer. It required a large amount of acetone in order to thin it out and not clog the sprayer nozzle. The school has a different type of sprayer that works with the type of paint purchased. Kriegel plans to try-out their unit and see how it works and possibly finding a demo model. Not having to thin the paint could result in less painting as it would last longer. Kriegel will report back to the council when he has more information.

The council had previously asked Hubbard to look into the Sewer Department finances to see if purchasing a sewer jetter was feasible. From the numbers she presented, it did not look like the purchase would be a smart financial decision. Sanger is going to contact the League of Cities and inquire about using the ARPA funds on such a

purchase. A motion to table further discussion until more information is retrieved was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Warden said he found a couple options to replace his truck bed but said he would prefer to see them in person before he decided on which one looked best. Councilmember Watts made the motion to allow Warden to spend up to \$2,500 toward the purchase of truck bed. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A motion to table discussion regarding city employee's FY24 salaries until the council has more time to look over the numbers was made by Councilmember Schuur and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other items discussed:

- Issues with Nexum and their diffusors coming off. Warden is waiting on a call back.
- Weekend wastewater duties.
- Fireworks and what the city can and cannot enforce according to the state.

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

City Clerk

Mayor