

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 2021

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on July 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jacki Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: C. Bolen, Watts, Willrich & Eichenberger

ABSENT: Boughton

ALSO, PRESENT: Abby Hubbard (via phone), Travis Johannes, Erik Kriegel, Bret Warden, Deb VerMeer, Nicole Hartman, Mark Newberg, Dedee Lehman & Jake Thompson

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

- Minutes from July 6th, 2021 meeting
- Claims

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

A motion to approve EMS Holiday Pay in the amount of \$100/24 hour period for one EMT and one driver was made by Councilmember Eichenberger and seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember C. Bolen abstained due to being a member of the Montezuma Fire and EMS.

Dedee Lehman and Nicole Hartman requested the council's go-ahead to start taking the EMT course. Sanger gave them the Montezuma Ambulance Service Education Reimbursement Agreement to review, sign and return. Councilmember Watts made the motion to approve both Lehman and Hartman to start the EMT courses contingent on the agreements being signed. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Deb VerMeer spoke of a water leak that took place at the Presbyterian Church resulting in a very large sewer bill. VerMeer explained that the church had thought the leak was fixed after having repairs performed, but it was not. The Council was provided copies of their billing history from the past few months to review and could see that the leak had created a very large increase in the water and sewer usage. Mayor J. Bolen explained that the city cannot forgive bills due to negligence but this was not the case in this matter. Councilmember Eichenberger made the motion to forgive the Presbyterian Church's bill in the amount of \$390.43. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A public hearing regarding the CDBG Application was opened at 6:12 p.m. Mark Newberg, a representative for Region 6 Planning Commission, briefed the Mayor and Council on how the CDBG Application process works and inquired if they had come up with a community assessment, aka – wish list, in order to help decide where the funds can be distributed. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

Resolution #21-07-02: A Resolution to Approve the Montezuma Housing Rehabilitation Application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority CDBG Housing Sustainability Fund. A motion to approve Resolution #21-07-02 was made by Councilmember Willrich and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #21-07-03: A Resolution of the City of Montezuma City Council for Selecting a Technical Services Consultant Related to the Montezuma Housing Rehabilitation Application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority CDBG Housing Grant Application. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Resolution #21-07-03 and it was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #21-07-04: A Resolution to Approve the City of Montezuma CDBG Exterior Rehabilitation Program Administrative Plan. A motion to approve Resolution #21-07-04 was made by Councilmember Willrich and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard explained that the city will receive approximately \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Funding dollars. Cities with less than 50,000 residents were eligible and then each city's receivable funds were based upon a set per person dollar amount. Hubbard would like to see \$15,000 from these funds utilized to support the City's portion of the CDBG Grant. She will be putting together a list of other ideas for the funds and asked the Mayor and Council to give her their ideas as well.

Jake Thompson approached the Council with an inquiry on a property he is in the process of purchasing at 501 E Washington Street. He plans on moving his Wilcox All-Pro Tools business to this location. He would like to put up a grain-bin gazebo on the property. Sanger informed Thompson of the City's right-of-way regarding placement and that he would have to file for a building permit for this structure. He also inquired about placing a shipping container on the north side of the building for storage. Councilmember Eichenberger asked if would be putting a fence around it to help it blend in. Thompson stated at this point, that was not in the plan. Sanger stated that this would also be subject to an approved building permit. Thompson said that he hoped to also plant two trees on the west side to of the location a well.

Sanger informed the Mayor and Council that Kriegel and Warden had put the stop-signs back up along South 3rd Street in order to get the new street opened up for use. The seeding and sidewalk clean-up won't be completed until later in the summer which could result in parts of the street needing to be closed off again, but the City will keep the residents informed of the any upcoming closures.

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i) was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR