

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 6, 2020

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

PRESENT: Willrich, Eichenberger, Watts & Webb (joined meeting at 6:27)

ABSENT: C. Bolen

ALSO, PRESENT: Abby Hubbard, Mark Ewing, Bret Warden, Lyle Brehm, Tom Kriegel, Jeff Sanger & Derek Bates

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

- Claims
- Minutes from June 15, 29 & 30, 2020 meetings
- Liquor License – Montezuma Super Valu & Casey's

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

Lyle Tompkins submitted an application for the sidewalk repair program for his property located at 105 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilmember Eichenberger and seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Veenstra & Kimm filed partial pay application #7 for Boomerang in the amount of \$240,627.88. Warden stated that progress is finally taking place on the sewer project, but some of the sub-contractors are not happy with how long this project is taking to complete. The crew to install the liners for the SAGR cells should be on site tomorrow. Councilmember Watts made a motion to approve partial pay app #7 and was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

County Engineer, Lyle Brehm, addressed a proposed an urban renewal strategy from the Poweshiek County Supervisors with the Council. There must be an agreement between the City and County in order for either to receive and use TIF funds from the wind turbines. The City can only obtain funding from the wind turbines that are within a 2-mile radius of the city limits of Montezuma. Councilmembers, as well as Mayor J. Bolen, expressed their concerns that the City could lose out on future necessary projects if the County insists on a complete list of projects now. Councilmember Eichenberger stated that many city streets have experienced deterioration due to the wind turbine construction traffic. Councilmember Watts doesn't want to see the City get the short end of the stick regarding the funding. Mayor J. Bolen requested Brehm to present the County an agreement to decide on a couple projects that need attention now and then go back and review every 5 years to see if anything needs to be prioritized differently. Brehm stated that he would take the Council's recommendation back to the County Supervisors and would report back.

The Council heard the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance #69 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Montezuma, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Gas Utility Rates. Councilmember Watts made a motion to approve the final reading and to have Sanger publish the new ordinance so that it goes into effect August 1, 2020. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

It seems the quotes for seal-coating city streets submitted by LL Pelling Co. and Manatts, Inc. are not being bid out for the same streets or the same type of resurfacing. Hubbard stated she will reach out again and specifically request that the same streets are being bid out by both companies. She will report back at a later meeting.

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve a tax abatement submitted by Austin and Ashley Battreall for their property located at 118 S Diamond Drive. A second was made by councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Willrich made a motion to approve the tax abatement submitted by Daryl and Peggy Eichenberger for their property located 105 S Diamond Drive and Councilmember Webb seconded the motion. Councilmember Eichenberger recused himself from this vote. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A motion to approve the tax abatement for Colin and Kiegan Watts for their property located at 121 S Diamond Drive was made by Councilmember Willrich and was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Councilmember Watts recused himself for this vote. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other items discussed included a dialogue about any possible grants/programs available to help purchase nuisance properties near the school, if it was permissible to shoot-off bb-guns within city limits and library salaries.

A motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. was made by Councilmember Webb with a second by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor