

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 6, 2021

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on July 6, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Curtis Bolen presiding as Mayor Pro tem.

PRESENT: C. Bolen, Watts, Boughton & Eichenberger

ABSENT: Willrich

ALSO, PRESENT: Abby Hubbard & Travis Johannes

Pay Application #8 for Dave Schmitt Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$388,075.92 was approved on a motion by Councilmember Eichenberger and seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Dave Schmitt Construction also submitted a change order in the amount of \$10,767.44 concerning modifications to the 8" sewer main at South 3rd Street and Dallas Street. A motion to approve the change order was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Boughton. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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

- Minutes from June 21st, 2021 meeting
- Claims
- Tax Abatement Application – William Wilkerson – 114 South Diamond Drive

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

Erik Kriegel's 90-day review that included a \$2,000 salary increase was approved by Councilmember Boughton and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A public hearing regarding a rezoning application for the property located at 106 East Dallas Street in Montezuma, Iowa was opened at 6:10 p.m. No one was present for the hearing so it was closed at 6:11 p.m. A motion to deny the application was made by Councilmember Boughton and was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. The Council went on to explain that the property was zoned residential when it was recently purchased by Vanderwilt Enterprises LLC and they want it to stay that way.

Matt Eichenberger inquired about purchasing approximately 45 feet east and 25 feet south of his current property line that bumps up next to the West City Park. Eichenberger explained that he maintains that area by mowing and spraying that area. The addition would increase his lot size to just under an acre. Councilmember Watts made a motion to table the vote on the purchase until the next meeting. Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: Watts, C. Bolen & Boughton, Nays: none, Councilmember Eichenberger abstained.

Rachel Perez asked Mayor J. Bolen for permission to place a camper on a property located at 203 East Madison Street while her new home was being built. Perez was not present and no building permit had been submitted at the time of the meeting so Councilmember Watts made a motion to table any further discussion until Perez can attend a meeting and present her plan to Council. A second was made by Councilmember Boughton. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard presented Council with information from Marty Wymore, director of Region 6 Resources Partners & Peoplerides, regarding the opportunity for the city to apply for a Community Development Block Grant. If the City would receive funding, the money could then be used for housing improvements for the six pre-approved applicants. Hubbard stated that the city could receive \$200,000 in grant dollars and then the City would be asked to provide cash funds in the amount of \$15,000. There will be a public hearing on this topic during the meeting on July 19, 2021 where Hubbard will provide more information.

Councilmember Eichenberger questioned who was responsible for taking care of the new walking/biking path near South Diamond Drive that connects to Bonham Trail. Currently, it is overgrown with weeds and Sanger has received complaints for the lack of maintenance. Eichenberger asked if the CLG group was going to finish the trail by paying for it to be finished with a tar and chip application. Hubbard explained that she didn't that was part of the plan, but would verify. Sanger said she is going to have Kriegel knock down the weeds but to also be careful of the vegetation on the north and south sides of the trail.

Let Freedom Ring was a huge success and Councilmember C. Bolen expressed gratitude for all that helped and participated in any way allowing the day to run smoothly.

Councilmember Eichenberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. with a second from Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR