

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
**August 1, 2022**

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on August 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro tem, Ron Willrich presiding.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Deedee Lehman, Jake & Alisha Thompson, Jennifer Sinkler & Erik Kriegel

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

- Minutes from the regular meeting held on: July 18, 2022
- Claims

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

After going through the process of filing for an abandoned property, the City recently acquired the property located at 401 East Jefferson Street. Councilmember Eichenberger stated that he went and looked at the location and structure and stated that it would require a lot of work to make it habitable. Councilmember Watts specified that he didn't want the city to have to deal with developing it and believes the city should try and sell it. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to approve the motion to put the 401 East Jefferson Street property out for sealed bids with the included stipulations of:

- Sealed bids due to the City Clerk by Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
- Selling for a reserve price of \$4,500.
- The buyer to pay for any and all legal and closing fees.

It was seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none. The motion was then amended to include the stipulation of the property being demolished within ninety (90) days of purchase. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Sewer Superintendent, Bret Warden, is facing the need of extra time off to spend at the hospital with his daughter. Sanger spoke to the League of Cities to see how to go about allowing other city employees to donate their unused sick, vacation or comp time to Warden. Sanger was informed it just needed a specific motion therefore, Councilmember Eichenberger made the motion to allow City employees to contribute their unused sick, vacation or comp time for Bret Warden to use. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #22-08-01: A Resolution to Adopt the Revisions to the Written Employee Policy Handbook for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember Willrich made a motion to approve all revisions. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The third and final reading of Ordinance #72; An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Montezuma, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to the Fees for Collection for Solid Waste and Recyclables. Councilmember Watts made the motion for Ordinance #72 be placed on its final passage and adopted as published. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Sanger will have Ordinance #72 published in The Record on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Other items discussed:

- The possibility of changing angled parking to parallel parking in the 100 block of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The council will look into this option and report their findings at a later meeting.

At 6:37 p.m., Councilmember Watts made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i). A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Council resumed the open session at 6:49 p.m.

Councilmember Watts Schuur a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor