

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2022

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on August 15th, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor, Jacki Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, C. Bolen, Eichenberger & Watts

ABSENT: Schuur

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Jake & Alisha Thompson, Travis Johannes, Austin Henry & Abby Hubbard

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

- Minutes from the regular meeting held on August 1st, 2022 and the special meeting on August 4th, 2022
- Claims

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

The council revisited discussion on the bidding specifics in order to sell the city acquired property located at 401 East Jefferson Street. The city attorney advised Sanger to make some changes to the RFP. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to amend the prior bid requirements to what those listed below:

- Reserve price - \$7,000
- Property being sold as-is.
- Structures must be torn down and all holes filled-in within 90 days of purchase.
- Property must be maintained according to Montezuma City Code standards.
- Sealed bids must be submitted to the City Clerk by Monday, September 19, 2022 by 4:00 p.m.
- Bids will be opened on Monday, September 19th during the regular scheduled council meeting.

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

Gas Superintendent, Travis Johannes, presented the council with a summary of the proposals for the natural gas supply for the Montezuma Natural Gas Department. Johannes explained which option he and gas engineer, Bill Buss, suggest using. A motion to approve Option B – Symmetry Energy was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Johannes then explained the breakdown of the gas department's revenues and expenses. He clarified how he is implementing a more efficient way of configuring these numbers to track his expenses. He plans to re-evaluate the figures in twelve months.

At 6:57 p.m., Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i). A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Council resumed the open session at 7:19 p.m.

A motion to approve a 3.5% raise for Gas Superintendent, Travis Johannes, was made by Councilmember Willrich and seconded by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, nays: none. Councilmember Watts then made a motion to provide Johannes with the back-pay from the beginning of the new fiscal year. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Watts a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor