

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 17, 2020

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on August 17, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, Eichenberger, Watts & Webb

ABSENT: C. Bolen

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Bret Warden, Mark Ewing, Derek Bates & Abby Hubbard

The first item addressed by Council was Pay App #1 from Dave Schmitt Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$124,626.84. The invoice accounted for completed work and materials relating to the 3rd Street Project. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve Pay App #1 and was seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Veenstra and Kimm submitted Partial Pay Application #8 for \$974,747.50 to the Boomerang Corp. for work and materials pertaining to the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project. Warden advised the Mayor and Council that progress has been made at the construction site and they are currently working on the UV portion of the plan. After looking over the detailed pay estimate, Councilmember Watts made a motion to go ahead and approve Partial Pay App #8 for Boomerang Corp. A second was made by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Olivia Patton attended the meeting via Go-to Meeting in order to answer any questions on Change Order #5 from Boomerang Corp. She made sure the Council was aware that she had previously relayed the message to Boomerang that the City did not want to pay for any sand, but they wanted to submit the change order nevertheless. Councilmember Watts stated that he was not in favor of the change order for the reason that the City had already told Boomerang that they would not be paying for any sand and the fact that the price included a large mark-up on the sand price. Councilmember Watts then made a motion to deny payment of Change Order #5 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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

- Claims
- Minutes from August 3rd, 2020 meeting

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

A resident brought up a concern to Mayor J. Bolen over the lack of visibility at the intersection of North 4th Street and Washington Street. When a vehicle is traveling east or west on Washington, the cars parked at the corner of the Presbyterian Church, make it difficult to see and proceed into the intersection. Councilmember Watts questioned if removing one or more of the parking spaces could help eliminate this problem as he didn't think turning the intersection into a four-way stop would be beneficial to flow of traffic as that road leads to the school. Sanger also mentioned that there is parking on the east side of North 4th that could be marked off as well to increase visibility of vehicles traveling north. Mayor J. Bolen suggested that the Council travel the intersection and report back. Councilmember Watts made a motion to table the discussion. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The Council agreed to schedule the meetings in September for Tuesday the 8th, due to the 7th being a holiday and Monday the 21st.

Sanger informed the Mayor and Council that the auditors had been on site on Tuesday, July 28th and that so far, all questions had been asked and answered. The audit cannot be completed until the electric audit is done. It is scheduled for early September 2020.

Hubbard inquired if the Council had any suggestions on what they would like to see for the “Let Freedom Ring” weekend. Due to the Corona Virus impact, the festivities were rescheduled to Saturday, September 5, 2020. The school will hold their homecoming parade on Friday so Mayor J. Bolen wanted to make sure to get the word out that the City of Montezuma’s parade would follow on Saturday. The Montezuma Business Boosters will have inflatables and pony rides on the square as well as bringing in a few food vendors.

Other items discussed:

- Councilmember Webb complimented the City employees on all of their effort put in to City-wide clean up after the storm.
- Councilmember Eichenberger questioned the length of time the new siren is set to go off for calls/warnings and tests. He has had several people complain about how loud it is and for how long it goes off.

A motion to adjourn the regular session was made at 6:30 p.m. by Councilmember Willrich with a second by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Watts made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to:

Review of Employee Professional Competency in Closed Session

a. Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i)

- i. To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session.*

Councilmember Webb seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor