

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 3, 2020

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on August 3, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, Eichenberger, Watts, Webb, C. Bolen

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Bret Warden, Rick Talbert, Mark Ewing & Derek Bates

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

- Claims
- Minutes from July 20th, 2020 meeting
- Liquor License - Montezuma Floral

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

At 6:01 p.m. a public hearing was opened to discuss the vacation of an alley. No one was present for the hearing so it was closed at 6:02 p.m.

Resolution #20-08-01: A Resolution Approving Vacation of Property. Councilmember Watts made the motion to approve the resolution. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #20-08-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Director of Finance to make the Attached Adjustments & Transfers to the Appropriate Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. A motion to approve Resolution #20-08-02 was made by Councilmember Willrich with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Eichenberger recently purchased a property located at 404 W Main Street. The property runs right beside the West City Park's entrance. Eichenberger would like to widen the driveway to his property making it easier to access the garage. He would feather out the slope between the two properties. This would make mowing and maintenance easier for all. Eichenberger wanted to request possible encroachment to the City's property in order to finish this project. Councilmember C. Bolen stated he was in favor of the work being proposed. A motion to approve the work was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember Eichenberger recused himself from this vote.

The proposed junk/obsolete vehicle ordinance amendment was addressed. The Council asked Sanger to speak with the City's attorneys for a bit more clarification on a few items before they move forward with approval. A motion to table the ordinance was made by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second from Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Rick Talbert was present to inform the Mayor and Council of the progress completed cleaning up his nuisance property located at 406 N 4th Street. The outside of the residence required six dump truck loads of debris to be removed. The former occupants then left holes in the wall and removed many of the home's appliances. There are currently fines pending litigation on this property due to the constant nuisance issues over the past several years. Councilmember C. Bolen commended Talbert on the progress made at the property. Mayor J. Bolen specified that Talbert require a more vigorous application process in order to eliminate this from reoccurring in the future.

Other items discussed:

- Ordinances pertaining to parking along city streets.

A motion to adjourn the regular session was made at 6:27 p.m. by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember C. Bolen 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 Watts seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor