

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 19, 2022

The Montezuma City Council met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on September 19th, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor, Jacki Bolen presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, Watts, Schuur & Eichenberger

ABSENT: C. Bolen

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Austin Henry, Bret Warden, Travis Johannes, Forrest Aldrich, Oliva Patton, Jenni Haas, Jake Thompson, Doug & Kim Gregson

Councilmember Watts made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the following:

- Minutes from the regular meeting held on September 6th, 2022
- Claims

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

The city received one sealed bid for the RFP for the acquisition and demolition of 401 East Jefferson Street. Jake Thompson submitted a bid of \$7,800. The "buyer", listed as Raymond Thompson, plans to have B&B/K&J Tree Service demolish and dispose of the current structure along with filling in the basement and leveling out the lot. Thompson said the plan for the property within the next two to five years, is to construct a residential home and he assured the council that the property will be maintained as an empty grass lot until construction begins. A motion to approve the bid of \$7,800 along with the other outlined items listed in the RFP was made by Councilmember Schuur and seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Doug and Kim Gregson addressed the council with their concerns regarding a water leak they had at 603 South 3rd Street that resulted in a large sewer bill. The leak took place in the pit and therefore none of the water passed through the sewer. D. Gregson brought up the fact that the leak was found and fixed but their next bill will have remnants of the leak as well. Due to the water not going through the sewer, Councilmember Watts made a motion to approve the sewer bill forgiveness from the current bill in the amount of \$99.37 and to also adjust their September bill as well. Councilmember Schuur seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Sanger provided Council with an updated price quote from Access regarding implementing Datto, a server back-up. The quote presented a one-time cost of \$671.16 and a monthly fee of \$118.80. These fees would be divided amongst all of the departments that agree to the Datto upgrade. Councilmember Schuur made the motion to move forward with implementing the new Datto back-up system. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Forrest Aldrich and Olivia Patton, engineers from Veenstra & Kimm, along with Jeni Haas, business manager from Boomerang Corporation, attended the meeting to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project. Haas submitted a 122-page report to Sanger last week which she forwarded to the mayor and council. All parties would like to be able to come to a conclusion and finalize this project. Aldrich advised putting together a committee consisting of the mayor, two councilmembers, the city attorney and interested parties from both Veenstra & Kimm and Boomerang. They will meet on Monday, September 26th and report back to the council at the next regular meeting on Monday, October 3rd, 2022

Other items discussed were as follows:

- City-wide fall clean-up is scheduled for Monday, October 10, 2022
- Gas Superintendent, Travis Johannes, discussed a different way of keeping track of bad debt owed for utility bills.

Councilmember Willrich a motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger.
Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor