

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 2022

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

PRESENT: Willrich, Watts, Schuur & C. Bolen (via phone)

ABSENT: Eichenberger

ALSO, PRESENT: Christy Sanger, Austin Henry, Joel Kercheval, Harry Meek, Erik Kriegel & Abby Hubbard

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

- Minutes from the regular meeting held on August 15th, 2022
- Claims

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

A motion to approve the liquor license for Montezuma Floral, LLC was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember Schuur abstained as he is the owner of Montezuma Floral, LLC.

Councilmember Schuur made the motion to approve the tax abatement application for John & Christy Bushong for their home located at 506 E. Liberty Street. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Joy Hubbard explained to Council that they had a substantial water leak in August resulting in a large sewer bill. Councilmember Willrich made a motion to approve forgiveness of the water leak portion of their sewer bill by determining their average bill and making the proper adjustments. A second was made by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard explained to the council that the current server is very near the end of its life. Because of this, she is looking into getting a quote to include this large dollar purchase on the FY24's budget. Mayor J. Bolen looked over the Access System invoice and instructed Hubbard to inform the librarian that due to the high price tag on this service, that there should only be one library computer on this service. Hubbard will relay this information to the library board. Hubbard brought up a suggested systems backup option. The updated version would run a backup several times a day and store the information on the cloud and would also mean much less down time in the event of an incident. A motion to approve and to go ahead with the new backup plan was made by Councilmember Watts and seconded by Councilmember Schuur. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other items discussed were as follows:

- EMS Director, Joel Kercheval, reported there were 40 EMS calls and 2 fire calls in the month of August and that the new powerload cot for the ambulance has been installed.
- Presbyterian Church Member, Harry Meek, inquired the possibility of using the floor cleaner on the Family Center's gym floor.

Mayor J. Bolen asked Council their thoughts on allowing farmers access to haul grain to the co-op using South 6th Street. South 6th Street is posted with 10-ton weight limit sign already in place. In order to get to South 6th Street, they would need to drive on East Clark Street which is a seal-coated street and is not engineered for

that much weight and/or use. The Council denied using these streets for the purpose of hauling grain as the weight and excessive use would be unneeded stress on the infrastructure of those particular city streets.

Councilmember Schuur a motion to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. It was seconded by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor