

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2020

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on January 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Mark Ewing, Abby Hubbard, Bret Warden, Joel Kercheval, Derek Bates, Matt Simpson, Daryl Eichenberger, Rick Warden, Olivia Patton, & Josh Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilmember Watts with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Due to the change of City officials, C. Bolen made a motion that C. Simpson and F. Brownell be removed from all bank accounts at Montezuma State Bank, Peoples Savings Bank, and County Bank and Mayor Jacki Bolen, Mayor Protém Ron Willrich, City Clerk Christy Sanger, and Director of Finance Abby Hubbard be added according to the 2020 appointments. Councilmember Watts seconded. Ayes: Eichenberger & Webb, Nays: none. Abstained: Willrich.

Olivia Patton, Veenstra & Kimm, and Josh Miller, Boomerang Corporation, addressed the council's concerns with Change Order 5. The modification of existing manholes for new piping has been completed, items 2 and 3 will be completed upon approval of the change order. A motion to approve payment of Partial Pay App 5 to Boomerang in the amount of \$415,261.15 and Change Order 5, not to exceed \$41,628.38 was made by Councilmember Willrich with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Discussion was had regarding the status of a UTV Ordinance within the City of Montezuma to bring all Councilmembers up to speed. Deputy Matt Simpson quoted the state code regarding a Slow Moving Vehicle sign and Mayor J. Bolen requested that a subgroup meet to work on this. Councilmembers Webb and Eichenberger volunteered to meet with citizens and review recommendations with Matt Simpson before bringing it to the Council.

Resident Claudia Rockwell requested that the City forgive part of her sewer bill for her December bill. Rockwell states she had her house power washed on November 8th, by an unknown company. In December the Montezuma Power & Light caught the large bill and left her a voicemail regarding the usage of 139,400 gallons in the amount of \$3066.96. River spoke with Rockwell's daughter who stated they have no problem paying for the water usage, but would like the city to remove the sewer fee portion of the bill. Councilmember Willrich moved to forgive \$1790.68 less \$48 which is her average monthly sewer bill. Councilmember Webb seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Joel Kercheval detailed the current issue with the lack of ambulance crews available to cover areas of Poweshiek County. Care Ambulance pulled their contract with the City of Grinnell which eliminates Montezuma's ability to tier on required calls. Montezuma Ambulance has agreed to cover a portion of the affected area on a trial basis until Poweshiek County can find another solution. Councilmember C. Bolen moved that we update our service rates from a base price of \$600 per call to \$725 and keep the current loaded mile rate with a second by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The FY 21 Montezuma Public Library budget was reviewed. A motion was made to approve by Councilmember Eichenberger with a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #20-01-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Director of Finance to make the attached adjustments & transfers to the appropriate funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the resolution with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #20-01-02: A Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the Proposed Maximum Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2021 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve the resolution with a second by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard provided the Council with the Quarterly Financial Update.

A motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. A second was made by Councilmember Webb. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor