

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 7, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on January 7, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Simpson presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, J. Bolen & Cline

ABSENT: C. Bolen

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Ewing, Judy Hall, Lori Duggan, Bret Warden, Steve Burnett & Jason Hewitt

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

The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Councilmember J. Bolen and a second by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from December 17th, 2018
- Claims
- Liquor License – Blakely Stevens Post #169

2019 Council Appointments are as follows:

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| Mayor Pro-tem | Frank Brownell |
| City Attorney | Caldwell, Brierly & Chalupa, PLLC |
| Fire Chief | Joel Kercheval |
| Assistant Fire Chief | Rick Warden |
| City Banks | Montezuma State Bank, Peoples Savings Bank & County Bank |
| City Clerk | Christy McCaslen |
| Official Paper | The Record |

Councilmember Brownell made the motion to approve the 2019 Council Appointments and Councilmember Willrich seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Mayor Simpson also asked the Council if anyone would like to be a representative on the POW I80 board so that Montezuma has more of a voice. Councilmember J. Bolen volunteered.

Pay app #7 for TK Concrete was the next item on the agenda. Several members of the Council along with residents along 4th Street brought up numerous issues that have still not been resolved. After some discussion, the Council decided to table the pay app until they could meet with the engineer and someone from TK Concrete to see what conclusions they have to get these issues dealt with. Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to table Pay App #7 for TK Concrete. A second was made by Councilmember Cline. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Steve Burnett along with Jason Hewitt, representing MCG, came to the meeting to discuss their efforts in bringing fiber to the City of Montezuma. He explained that almost all of the fiber will be above ground and will be hung on electrical poles. They have divided Montezuma and the Lake Ponderosa area into three phases hoping to finish downtown Montezuma and around the square by mid-February 2019, the lake area approximately mid-March and finishing up the rest of Montezuma after phase one and two were complete. MCG is also working with the Water Superintendent about possibly putting an antenna on top of the water tower in order to bring

service to those outside of Montezuma within an eight-mile radius. Burnett and Hewitt will be in contact with any other questions or concerns that may arise as they begin installation.

Councilmember Brownell made the motion to accept the employment agreement with Caldwell, Brierly & Chalupa, PLLC for 2019. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Sue Gregson had pictures to show the Council of the recent sanitary sewer backup that occurred in her basement due to a collapsed main. Kempf Excavating, LLC, tried to jet out the sewer line but had to dig it up. It was then determined that the main was plugged causing the issue in Gregson's basement. An old sewer cleanout had broken and caused a suckhole under the road. This issue was repaired. Warden explained that the rest of this pipe should be replaced as well so that this doesn't happen again and the Council agreed. Central Iowa Televising was in town and has found some more issues. They are capable to making repairs through the pipes themselves not having to dig up the problem area. Mayor Simpson asked Warden to collect these problem areas so it can be determined when and where the repairs need to be made.

An easement agreement was submitted to the Council from Ricky Talbert regarding the property removal located at 502 South 3rd Street. Councilmember Willrich moved to have the Mayor sign-off on the agreement. A second was made by Councilmember Cline. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The offer of \$1000 to purchase Lot M in the South Diamond Addition was discussed. The Council decided to submit a counteroffer back in the amount of \$2000 due to the size and location of the lot. Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion for the counteroffer price of \$2000 with a second from Councilmember Cline. Ayes: J. Bolen & Cline, Nays: Brownell & Willrich. Mayor Simpson made the deciding vote of "Aye" and the motion passed. The second offer of \$4000 to purchase Lots R & S in the South Diamond Division was approved on a motion made by Councilmember Willrich and seconded by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Discussion on the projected 3rd Street Project was the next topic of debate. The City is not eligible to apply for the CDBG Grant that was originally in the figures due to the prior approval of this grant for the wastewater treatment plant. Council has requested that McCaslen obtain more concrete numbers on the funding needed for the street project in order to know what should be budgeted. McCaslen stated she would be in contact with the engineers and inform Council with the numbers. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to table this issue until more information has been collected. A second was made by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other topics discussed was the need for another special meeting to go over the Director of Finance position. A special meeting has been set for Thursday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor