

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 18, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on February 18, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Mayor Simpson presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, C. Bolen, J. Bolen & Cline

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Ewing, Bret Warden & Lyle Tompkins

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

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

- Minutes from February 4th, 2019
- Claims
- Liquor License – Montezuma Country Club

Resolution #19-02-02: Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve Resolution #19-02-02 with a second by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Jackie Minner was in attendance with a complaint of only having a one-lane path down Cass Street, where she resides. She states that the plows have their blades straight and that they should be angled in order to clear more snow. Warden explained he has a 12-foot plow with an 8-foot wing that clears more a wider path than the opinion Minner has voiced. Mayor Simpson asked Warden to take another look at Cass Street and make the necessary adjustments to remove the unreasonable amount of snow the City employees have been dealing with so far this winter.

Curtis Bolen, representing Arendt & Arendt Insurance, presented the Council with a dividend check in the amount of \$13,249 from the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities. Bolen explained the reduced amount of work comp and property loss claims throughout the state left a surplus to be redistributed back to the insurance pool. A more detailed explanation on how the dividend was calculated was also included in the annual report.

Lyle Tompkins returned with the question of having his sewer rates refunded due to a water leak at one of his properties located at Spruce Village. Tammi Quinlan-Johnson, the Utility Billing Clerk, explained to the Council that several tenants of Spruce Village have complained about their large water and sewer bills as well due to water leaks that had not been repaired. Tompkins claims that all properties with leaks and tenants still in them have been repaired. The question was then brought up on how some of the water consumption issues seem to have lasted longer than two months in certain instances. Tompkins stated that neither he or his tenants should be responsible for the sewer portion of their bills due to the water leaking from their units.

Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion that the City is not responsible for the sewer bills and no relief will be offered. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: Willrich, C. Bolen, J. Bolen and Cline. Nays: Brownell. The motion passed.

Greg Roth, an engineer from Veenstra & Kimm, discussed two different contracts that had been drawn up for the 3rd Street Project. One included the water portion and one did not. Councilmember Brownell had several questions for Roth about some of the verbiage in the contracts which Roth was able to answer. It was also discussed that once everything was ready to be finalized, the Council would want the City's legal counsel to review and assure that the problems that arose from the 4th Street Project do not happen again. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to sign the agreement with Veenstra & Kimm that includes the Montezuma Water Department's portion included. A second was made by Councilmember Cline. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Chip Schultz, representing Northland Securities, explained the outline of financing figuring in the Water Department's role with the 3rd Street Project. He did say that interest rates have declined some but not knowing what may happen, he left them alone with the figures he submitted. Cash on hand that will be needed with this project was also discussed.

Mayor Simpson spoke with the city attorney about a bonus or stipend for McCaslen. He was instructed not to pay out a bonus in form of a one-time check but to figure in a percentage raise instead. After discussion, it was decided to have McCaslen email city attorney once again on his proposal to execute this salary addition.

A Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Corporate Loan Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$1,500,000 was opened at 6:00 p.m. No one was present for the public hearing so a motion to close the hearing at 6:02 p.m. was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. A second was made by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-02-03: Resolution to Take Additional Action on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and Providing for the Levy of taxes to Pay the Same. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to approve Resolution #19-02-03 with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m. with a motion from Councilmember C. Bolen and a second from Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor