

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 4, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on February 4, 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, Bret Warden & Lyle Tompkins

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 Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from January 21, 2019
- Claims

Resolution #19-02-01: A Resolution Proposing Conveyance and Authorizing Public Hearing on Conveyance of Real Property to Jeff D. Johnson and Julie L. Johnson with Consideration. The date of the public hearing was set for March 4, 2019. Councilmember Brownell made the motion to approve Resolution #19-02-01 with a second by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: None.

Lyle Tompkins addressed the Council with his sewer bill for the property located at 520 North Front Street in Montezuma. This location had a water leak which resulted in a large water and sewer charge. Tompkins explained that the water is running directly into the ground therefore he shouldn't be responsible for the sewer portion of the bill. The leak pertaining to this property was apparent on the October billing statement and since then, only the water portion was paid therefore resulting in a past-due bill. Councilmember Cline asked if there are any more lots with the same issue. Tompkins stated that he has at least 4 lots that have had problems and he has since shut off the water to these properties until he can get around to making all of the necessary repairs. Mayor Simpson asked McCaslen to present copies of the newest bills and have them ready for review at the next meeting. The Council would like to review the past histories for the properties within Spruce Village. Councilmember Brownell made a motion to table this topic until the February 18th meeting when the bills can be evaluated. Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

McCaslen presented the Council with the certification page for the FY20 budget. There are still some numbers that need to be entered and a final draft will be presented to the Council at the February 18th meeting. FY20 proposed raises were also discussed and after some conversation, Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve a 2.5% raise for all City employees for FY20. Councilmember J. Bolen seconded this motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember J. Bolen updated the rest of the Council on her first PowI80 meeting. She said she also had a conversation with Laura Manatt about possible grants available for 2nd floor living spaces around the square.

Other items discussed included revamping the County's policy for subdivision, driveway and field access. Specifics will be determined for pricing and procedure that will work in the City's best interest. Mayor Simpson also attended a meeting with the DNR and Poweshiek Rural Water that discussed the possible upcoming sediment removal project for Diamond Lake. Councilmember J. Bolen also reintroduced the opportunity to provide McCaslen with a compensation bonus for her efforts over the past few months. The Council decided to get advice from the city attorney on how to go about this task.

McCaslen informed the Council that Monte Pride Day is set for Friday, April 26th of this year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. with a motion from Councilmember J. Bolen and a second from Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor