

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 2020

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on March 2, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Travis Johannes, Derek Bates, Mark Ewing, Bret Warden, Andy Erselius, Daryl Eichenberger & Tom Kriegel

Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

- Claims
- Minutes from 2.17.2020 meeting

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

A public hearing concerning the City's max tax levy for fiscal year 2021 budget was opened at 6:01 p.m. There was no one present for the hearing so it was closed at 6:02 p.m.

Resolution #20-03-01: Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year 2021 for the City of Montezuma, IA. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Resolution #20-03-01 and a second was made by Councilmember Webb. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #20-03-02: Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 for the City of Montezuma, IA. A motion to approve Resolution #20-03-02 was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Councilmember Willrich seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A public hearing concerning the proposed action to institute proceedings to enter into a loan agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$700,000 was opened at 6:04 p.m. No one was present for the public hearing and it was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Resolution #20-03-03: Resolution Authorizing & Combining Loan Agreements, Approving the Future of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds & Providing for the Levy of Taxes to pay the Same. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to approve Resolution #20-03-03 with a second from Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A large display of pictures was presented to the Council by Warden depicting the lack of progress for the sewer upgrade project. He explained his frustration with Boomerang and how they have pulled almost all of their equipment from the site. This work issue seems to be a major factor that a few other cities are having with Boomerang as well. Mayor J. Bolen encouraged the Council to try and attend the next progress meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 11:00 a.m. Warden stated that an Iowa DNR representative may be at the meeting as well.

Sheriff Tom Kriegel discussed the availability of having a deputy at future meetings.

Hubbard inquired how the Council would like to proceed with setting up interviews for the applicants for the EMT position. Mayor J. Bolen suggested seeing if J.B. Paulson could assist with the interviews and Sanger proposed Doris Rindels as well.

The ambulance billing company the City had been using is no longer in business. Hubbard has been in contact with a new company that is currently being used by East Poweshiek Ambulance Service out of Brooklyn. The contract had been sent to the City attorney for review and the Council asked Hubbard to email them the contract and legal comments for their review before the contract is signed.

The UTV Ordinance is being fine-tuned and the City will hold a public hearing and the first reading at its Monday, April 6th meeting.

Other items discussed included:

- Monte Pride Day – Friday, April 24, 2020
- Spring Clean-up Day – Monday, May 11, 2020
- Montezuma Helping & Hauling Hands

A motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. was made by Councilmember Watts with a second by Councilmember Webb. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor