

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2020

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in special session at City Hall on Monday, March 9, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. Bolen presiding.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Mark Ewing, Bret Warden, Gil Caldwell, Greg Roth, Travis Johannes & Kevin Kudart

The meeting was called to order.

Councilmember Willrich asked Greg Roth, the engineer from Veenstra & Kimm, if the bids received included the additional drainage changes that had been discussed previously. Roth stated that the contracts did include these additions and that all of the necessary easements have been obtained for this project.

The City's attorney, Gilbert Caldwell, discussed some of issues he has dealt with while representing other towns. There are laws required in place for government entities when accepting or rejecting bids on capital projects. He advised the Council to make sure the liquidated damages section of the contract is not waived in order to protect the City for any unforeseen issues that could come up during construction. And also suggested that the City is also able to reduce some costs by performing some of the work themselves.

Councilmember Watts inquired about the possible start date for the project. Roth stated that he is waiting to hear a more definitive date as everyone is still working through scheduling and he will report back.

Johannes explained that the Gas Department planned ahead for the fourteen gas services along 3rd Street that will need to be lowered. The location of all underground utilities was also discussed. Roth explained that due to the high volume of service lines directly west of the current street, widening the pavement would not be cost effective.

Veenstra & Kimm will write out their recommendation for awarding the bid and will submit it to the Mayor and Council at the regular council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Watts at 6:35 p.m. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor