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

PRESENT: Willrich, C. Bolen, Eichenberger, Webb(electronically) & Watts
ABSENT:
ALSO, PRESENT: Abby Hubbard & Mark Ewing
ALSO, PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Bret Warden, Chip Schultz & Greg Roth

The Montezuma City Council held their meeting electronically due to the issues surrounding COVID-19. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit electronic meetings and with the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency ordered by Governor Reynolds on March 19, 2020, a suspension was issued on Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings. The agenda and the City's social media source posted the instructions on how others could participate in the meeting allowing the public to be involved during this pandemic.

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:
- Claims
- Minutes from March 16, 2020 meeting
- Liquor License – Montezuma Super Valu

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

Resolution #20-03-06: Resolution Setting the Time & Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the Adoption of Ordinance #68 for the City of Montezuma, IA. This ordinance pertains to allowing UTV's the right to be driven on the city streets. The registration fee will be set at $30. Councilmember Eichenberger discussed the issue of violation penalties and fines with Poweshiek County Deputy Matt Simpson. Simpson suggested the City use the laws set for the state of Iowa for these issues in order to make enforcement easier. Councilmember Watts agreed and motioned to approve Resolution #20-03-06 with a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #20-04-01: Resolution Adopting Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract & Estimate of Cost. Greg Roth explained that this is the formal step to move forward with the information submitted for the 3rd Street Project. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember Eichenberger. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #20-04-02: Resolution Approving Contracts, Bonds & Certificate of Insurance. This resolution approves the submissions from Dave Schmitt Construction. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the resolution. A second was made by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #20-04-03: Resolution Approving a Bond Purchase Agreement for the Sale of Bonds Thereunder. Chip Schultz explained how the market had fluctuated over the past few weeks resulting in a lower interest rate for the city. Councilmember C. Bolen motioned to approve Resolution #20-04-03 with a second from Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A public hearing concerning the CDBG Status of Public Funds was opened at 6:13 p.m. No one was present for the meeting. Hubbard explained that the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements are 45% complete and the City has spent $2,197,607 towards the project up to this point. The public hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

Because the service area for the Montezuma Ambulance Service has increased, a new 28E agreement had to be drawn up as well as an existing agreement amended. The new contracts have been signed and will now be recorded.

Warden logged into the meeting electronically to bring the everyone up to date with the lack of progress taking place at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. He reminded them that the next construction meeting would take place electronically on Wednesday, April 8th at 10 a.m. Warden encouraged all to join the meeting and weigh-in on the conclusion of why Boomerang has not been able to work at the project site.

Mayor J. Bolen advised that an EMT had been hired by the city and that James Frank will be starting his position later this month.

A motion to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. was made by Councilmember Webb with a second by Councilmember Watts. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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            City Clerk   Mayor