

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on April 1, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Simpson presiding.

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

**ABSENT:** Cline

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mark Ewing, Abby Hubbard, Mike Cox & Travis Johannes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 with Mayor Pro-tem Frank Brownell presiding.

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

- Minutes from March 18<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Claims

A public hearing proposing the sale of real property, Lot M in the South Diamond Addition, was opened at 6:02 p.m. No one was present for the hearing.

**Resolution #19-04-01: A Resolution Approving Sale of Real Property – Lot M in the South Diamond Addition.** Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve resolution #19-04-01 with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

**Resolution #19-04-02: A Resolution Approving the 2019 IAMU Operations & Maintenance Plan & the Emergency Plan & Procedures for the Montezuma Municipal Gas Department.** Mike Cox, the Gas Superintendent, explained that this is something that is required to be adopted and both Mike and Travis have reviewed the plan. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve Resolution #19-04-02 with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all Nays: none.

At 6:21 p.m., Mayor Simpson joined the meeting.

Cox explained to the Council that the current 5-step tiered billing system is out of date and he is currently working with the engineer to calculate a formula for flat-rate arrangement. A simplified process would make billing much easier to explain and figure for all involved. Cox also requested that the “minimum charge” in the gas rate ordinance be changed to “basic service charge”, essentially stating that anyone that has a gas meter will be charged the basic service charge. These fees will be used for gas meter maintenance and replacement. Cox will get the proper forms prepared for the Council and will submit them for approval.

Mayor Simpson informed the Council that MCG will pay a franchise fee consistent with what Windstream currently pays. He also stated that he had talked to Lyle Brehm regarding the wind turbine tax revenues. Mayor Simpson will update the Council when he hears back with more information.

Lyle Tompkins had requested to be on the agenda to discuss sewer billing, but he was not in attendance. Tompkins had debated at a previous meeting the issue with his sewer bill due to several leaks he has incurred in the trailer park area. After some discussion, Councilmember J.

Bolen made the motion to deny any billing request from Tompkins concerning the sewer charges. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with a motion from Councilmember C. Bolen and a second from Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor