

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 15, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on April 15, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Simpson presiding.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Ewing, Abby Hubbard, Bret Warden & Richard Lemke

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 with Mayor Simpson presiding.

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

- Minutes from April 1st, 2019
- Claims
- Liquor License – The Depot Express & Sauce’d

The Little League recently purchased a new batting cage and right now it is temporarily set-up at the East City Park. Andy Erselius asked about getting some help from the City in order to dig the holes needed to permanently secure the structure into the ground. The Council agreed to help in this task on a motion from Councilmember C. Bolen and a second from Councilmember Cline. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Andy also requested that electricity be run to the cage as well. Mayor Simpson instructed Erselius that he would need to approach the light board regarding that issue.

A Public Hearing on the Plans and Specifications, Proposed Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for Construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Olivia Patton, representing Veenstra & Kimm, informed the Council of the following bids:

CONTRACTOR	TOTAL BASE BID	ALT 1 BID	ALT 2 BID
Boomerang Corp.	\$4,937,000	\$19,000	\$17,000
WRH, Inc.	\$5,290,000	\$19,000	\$9,000
Woodruff Construction, LLC	\$5,292,000	\$30,000	\$17,500
BRB Contractors, Inc.	\$6,117,000	\$30,000	\$21,000

Veenstra & Kimm’s original estimate of cost for the project was \$4,100,000. They have discussed options to reduce the cost with Boomerang and Patton presented the Council with the information to review. Mayor Simpson asked Hubbard to get in touch with Northland Securities for more insight on the numbers presented and if this changes anything regarding the previous numbers that had been used for the City’s financing options. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to table the decision on awarding the contract until more information is gathered. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none. A motion to close the public hearing was offered by Councilmember Brownell with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-04-03: Awarding Contract for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project. Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to table. A second was made by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-04-04: Resolution Adopting Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost. A motion to table was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and a second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-04-05: Resolution to Adopt Restrictive Covenants for South Diamond Addition – Part Three. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-04-06: Resolution Setting Time & Place for Public Hearing Concerning the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa. The resolution will take place on Monday, May 5th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to approve the resolution and a second was made by Councilmember Cline. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember C. Bolen made the comment to accept the Agreement Between the City of Montezuma and The Region Six Planning Commission for Professional Administrative Services. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Richard Lemke approached the Council with traffic concerns on Clark Street. He said he has noticed several semis using Clark Street and with the beating the road took from the harsh winter, it is very torn up. Mayor Simpson said he would speak with the Sheriffs Office and see about making sure the semis are obeying the load-limit signs and see that enforcement can slow or eliminate the problem.

Lemke also questioned the Council about taking over responsibilities for cemeteries in the city limits. Mayor Simson explained that at this point, the City is not looking to take on this task. Councilmember J. Bolen suggested starting a committee to help raise money to take care of these properties.

Poweshiek County submitted a sidewalk repair program application. There are some issues that need some attention. It was agreed upon by the Mayor and Council to repay maximum reimbursement of 132 feet and up to \$10/linear foot.

McCaslen brought up concerns about not enough employee parking on the west side of the office building due to the rental property tenant's vehicles using up over half of the available spaces. There are two additional spaces for the rental unit in the alley, but they are not utilized. A letter will be sent to the property owner and will reference City Ordinance #69.05 states: **PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES ILLEGAL**. No person shall park a vehicle upon property for more than 24 hours.

Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to go ahead with a one-time payment of \$3000 for McCaslen, listing it as income and withhold all required taxes and pension payments and having this done by June 30, 2019. A second was made by Councilmember Cline. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Cline inquired if the City was still looking into the dilapidated houses program. All members and the Mayor are still on board. Mayor Simpson stated he would update Hubbard on the issues that still need resolved in hopes of getting the program in place soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with a motion from Councilmember J. Bolen and a second from Councilmember Wilrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor