

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on May 20, 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 & Jono Cheney

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

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

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At 6:02 p.m. the public hearing pertaining to the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa was opened. No one was present for comment so the hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m. on a motion from Councilmember C. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-05-02: Resolution Adopting the First Amendment to the Annual Budget for the City of Montezuma Fiscal Year 2019. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the Resolution #19-05-02 and Councilmember Brownell seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-05-03: Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$4,990,000. The date for the public hearing will be on Monday, June 17th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to approve Resolution #19-05-03 and Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember J. Bolen made a motion to accept the agreement with Dorsey and Whitney as bond counsel for the 2019 SRF Sewer Improvement Project. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The Sidewalk Repair Application for Riser Fitness was reviewed and Simpson was able to explain how the new sidewalk would be an extension of the current one. Councilmember Brownell motioned to approve the application and Councilmember J. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A letter had been recently sent to the Rowland residence about the chickens and rabbits they have at their property. According to Code of Ordinances for the City of Montezuma, Chapter 55.14, "It is unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, or permit or suffer to be maintained any cows, goats, sheep, hogs, horses, poultry, rabbits, or any miniature dwarf variety of agricultural animal upon any property or premises within the corporate limits of the City of Montezuma, Iowa." Due to some of the complaints of the debris produced by the rabbits and chickens along with the smell, the Council resolved to comply with the ordinance. Councilmember Cline made the motion to not allow the animals at the property located at 205 S. 8th Street and a second was made by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, nays: none.

The Council was asked to look over the proposed Dangerous and Dilapidated Building Program and advise Hubbard of any changes or revisions to be made before adopting. The program will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Hubbard had received a couple of quotes on installing the storm siren. After some discussion, the Council came to the conclusion that they want the siren installed by a company that has experience with the type of siren that the City has purchased. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to move forward with the bid from Blue Valley Public Safety. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The Council just received the projected Law Enforcement Contract with the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Department for July 2019 through June 2020. An increase in salaries by 2.5% has raised the contract amount to \$10,310/month. The Mayor insists these numbers must be presented in the future before the budget is submitted for the City. A motion to approve the contract was made by Councilmember J. Bolen and a second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Ewing announced that he had gone back through the city streets and determined which ones needed resurfaced this summer. The list was read off and the approximate amount of the project will be \$48,935.25. L.L. Pelling will create a map showing which roads they will be taking care of.

Mayor Simpson left the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and Mayor Pro-Tem Brownell took over the meeting.

Hubbard inquired about being named Director of Community Development along with Director of Finance for the City of Montezuma. Councilmember Willrich wants to make sure she is settling into her role in the financial aspect, learning about the on goings of the city's financial system first and be proactive in making connections with others that can help guide her through this process. Councilmember J. Bolen wanted to make sure Hubbard is taking advantage of the training available for the computer program used to run the financials as well as going to clerk school. Hubbard clarified that she has attended a few classes so far and is still waiting to get training from Simple City, the computer system. McCaslen, a Community Development board member, explained that there are no pressing issues pending for this summer as far as Community Development is concerned so it might be best to take a step back at this point to make sure all is being absorbed on the city side. Mayor Simpson addressed that Hubbard is probably already performing Community Development tasks but they need to be limited at this point.

The code book is in the process of being reviewed. The city attorney made some suggestions on what may need to be revised as well as the codification company. The Council has been asked to look at a few of the issues that have been pinned down requiring a possible change and will be asked to present their conclusions at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with a motion from Councilmember J. Bolen and a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor Pro-tem