

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 6, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on May 6, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro-tem Brownell presiding.

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mark Ewing, Abby Hubbard, Bret Warden, Chip Schultz, Joe Heemstra, Olivia Patton, Mike Cox & Mark Ewing

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

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

- Minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Claims
- Liquor License – Dollar General

Councilmember Willrich made a motion to approve the Tompkins application for sidewalk repair. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember Cline motioned to table the Riser Fitness application until more information and a map locating the placement of the proposed sidewalk can be determined. Councilmember J. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Joel Kercheval updated the Council on the number of ambulance and fire calls for the past quarter. He also reported that the EMT class has concluded and now the members will be taking their clinicals and national testing. Kercheval stated that the fire department will also be conducting a few controlled burns in the next few months. Hubbard and Kercheval brought information on the new storm siren into discussion. The siren was purchased two years ago and has not been installed as of yet. Two quotes have been received at this point; \$5400 from BVPS and \$2578 from Lowry Electric. The Lowry quote states that it does not include any programming or set-up for the siren. The Council asked Hubbard to find out some more information on who can provide these services. Councilmember Willrich motioned to table until Hubbard can provide some more specifications on the set-up. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

**Resolution #19-04-06:** Resolution Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing Concerning the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019 for the City of Montezuma. Councilmember C. Bolen approved the resolution and Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. Ayes: all, nays: none.

A four-plex housing unit to be located at 100 South High Street was presented by Joe Heemstra in conjunction with a partnership with Johnson and Plants. Heemstra provided tentative plans and pictures of what kind of structure they are looking into. The location is currently zoned residential and they are looking into having it rezoned. The Council agreed to go ahead with the rezoning process.

**Resolution #19-05-01:** Resolution Consenting Assignment of Trustee Agent Agreement; Escrow Agent Agreement; and/or Paying Agent and Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreements. UMB Bank bought out Bankers Trust and this agreement needs to be Council approved in order to maintain making the City's bond payments in a timely fashion. Councilmember C. Bolen made

the motion to approve Resolution #19-05-01 and a second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, nays: none.

Olivia Patton, from Veenstra & Kimm, was present to help guide the Council with any questions they may still have on the awarding the winning bid for the Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Project. Chip Schultz, from Northland Securities, went over the financing options due to the higher plan costs. The sewer rate increase previously approved will not be sufficient enough to cover the proposed cost and Councilmember Willrich stated that he would like to stay with the 50/50 split that is currently in place with the water and sewer bills. Schultz agreed saying it is the best way to stabilize revenues. After much discussion, Resolution #19-04-03: Resolution Awarding Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project was offered for review. Councilmember J. Bolen made a motion to pass the resolution with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Quotes were received from L.L. Pelling and Manatt's pertaining to seal-coating some of the streets in Montezuma. The Council advised that the streets in the most disrepair needed to be placed at the top of the repair list and asked about the funding for the project. Hubbard was asked to get the specific budget numbers and a motion to table until then was made by Councilmember Willrich. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, nays: none.

The Mayor received a letter from the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors regarding the possible tax revenues created from the wind turbines under an Urban Renewal Plan between the City of Montezuma and Poweshiek County. The Supervisors declined the City's proposal and is prepared to give up the application for Urban Renewal for the turbines located within a 2-mile radius of Montezuma. The Council discussed what options were available to the City with the understanding that Poweshiek County would still receive tax revenue and the City would not if an agreement could not be made. Council concluded that they would like the Mayor to discuss further with the City Attorney and once more information had been compiled to get on an agenda for a Supervisor meeting. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to table until more data is available. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Dave Hoeger, the superintendent at the Montezuma School District, had contacted McCaslen in hopes of locating a space for a city/school marquee sign that was being proposed by Alliant Energy. It was the consensus of the Council that the best location would be the circle-drive of the school. McCaslen will relay this information to Mr. Hoeger.

Motion to approve the previously discussed flat-rate billing and basic service charge changes to the Gas Department's billing was made by Councilmember Willrich. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Cline inquired about the dilapidate building program and asked to see about getting it figured out and put into place. It will be placed on the next agenda for review.

McCaslen had been approached with the question of the possibility of a house/shop structure being built in the South Diamond Subdivision. It was agreed upon by the Council, that this type of building will not be permissible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 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 Pro-tem