

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on June 17, 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

- Minutes from June 3, 2019
- Claims
- Liquor License – Monte Spirits

A Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement was opened at 6:03 p.m. No was present for comment so the hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

**Resolution #19-06-01: Resolution Authorizing & Approving a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and Providing for the Issuance and Securing the Payment of \$4,990,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2019. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to approve Resolution #19-06-01 with a second by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.**

**Resolution #19-06-02: Resolution Approving the Montezuma Dangerous and Dilapidated Program for the Period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Councilmember J. Bolen motioned to approve Resolution #19-06-02. A second was made by Councilmember Cline. Ayes: all, Nays: none.**

**Resolution #19-06-03: Resolution Approving the Final Plat for South Diamond Addition – Part 3 Containing 11 Lots in the City of Montezuma, Poweshiek County, Iowa. A motion to approve Resolution #19-06-03 was made by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.**

Dawn Rowland met with the Council to explain the reasoning for the chickens and rabbits at her property. At a previous meeting, the Council had voted to abide by the ordinance prohibiting rabbits and chickens within the City limits. Rowland stated that her husband has to follow a very rigid diet and that is why they need to raise their own chickens and rabbits to suit his dietary needs. Many neighbors have complained about the noise and the debris that has accumulated due to these animals. Rowland stated that she uses the debris for her garden and they have tried to have someone else raise their rabbits and chickens but it didn't work out. At this time, they have approximately 27 chickens and 3 rabbits. Since a previous motion had already been made, the Mayor polled the Council to see if their answers had changed. Council was asked if the chickens and rabbits would be allowed within city limits and the roll-call vote was as follows: Brownell – yay, Willrich – nay, C. Bolen – nay, J. Bolen – nay and Cline – nay.

The Council entertained an offer to purchase lots #23 & 24 (Q & P) in the South Diamond for \$2000 each. Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to accept the offer with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard clarified she is still looking into the Urban Renewal process and will report back with an update at a later meeting.

Warden explained that much of what he does with the monitoring of the sewer system is done on his phone and he is using more data than he originally had. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to raise Warden's cell phone stipend to \$50/month. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to approve the cigarette permits submitted to the city. Councilmember Willrich seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

CD#4133 matured on the June 14, 2019 in the amount of \$209,170.45. With the sewer project getting ready to start, the Council decided to go ahead and cash in this CD in order to have cash on hand for bills that may come due before the closing of the financing. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to cash in CD#4133 with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard has been with the City for ninety days as of the end of May. Per her employee agreement this engages her \$2500 salary increase as well as adding in compensation for director's wages for Montezuma Community Development.

Other items discussed included the time-frame for the new siren's pole being set and the City's rules for fireworks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. with a motion from Councilmember J. Bolen and a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

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City Clerk

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Mayor