

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 3, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on June 3, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Simpson presiding.

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

ABSENT: Willrich

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Ewing, Abby Hubbard, Bret Warden & Tom McMeekin

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.

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The Council reviewed a Sidewalk Repair Application for Lyle Tompkins at a property located at 105 N 6th Street. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve the application and Councilmember Cline seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Tom McMeekin addressed the Council about an issue he is having with water in his basement after the recent high amounts of rain. The ground is obviously saturated, but McMeekin stated that in the 45 years that he has lived in his house, he has never had water back-up into his basement. He would like to see a tile put in and run down to the creek that runs on the east side of his house in order to improve the water movement. He claims this has decreased ever since the new infrastructure had been added and the new Brownells addition was put on. It was decided to have Ewing, McMeekin and a representative from Brownells meet and take a look at the condition of the area. They will report back with their findings.

A few more changes were brought forth for the Dangerous and Dilapidated Building Program. Hubbard will make the changes and have a resolution available at the meeting on June 17th.

Lowry Electric submitted another quote for installing the new weather siren. The Council had previously approved BVPS for this task and after further discussion on all of the possible issues with programming and maintenance, Councilmember Cline made the motion to stay with BVPS. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Fusion Farm presented some information on the new brand for the City at a previous school board meeting in which only a few councilmembers were able to attend. Councilmember Brownell voiced his disapproval of the marketing campaign and made the motion to discontinue using Fusion Farm on this project. The motion died with a lack of a second. The Council expressed their concerns on feeling left out of some of the decision-making procedures and how logo, colors and overall campaign were developed and ultimately decided upon. The Council asked for the members of Fusion Farm to come to a Council Meeting to go over everything before they proceed any further. Councilmember Brownell made the motion to table this topic until after the meeting. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

TK Concrete submitted pay request #8 in the amount of \$7513.08. Mayor Simpson stated that he had looked over the punch list of items that still needed taken care of and it looked like they are getting almost done with completing the project. The Council inquired to have McCaslen find out if this was the final payment and to report back. A motion to go ahead with paying Pay

request #8 was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and a second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Mayor Simpson had asked Hubbard to create an Economic Development Plan for Montezuma in hopes of encouraging interest for commercial/industrial growth.

Mayor Simpson left the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and Mayor Pro-tem Brownell took over the proceedings.

Councilmember C. Bolen brought to the attention of the Council Resolution #18-03-02 adopting the compensation and incentives package to be offered to new EMT's. All of the members from Montezuma passed their tests. The resolution states that they should receive a \$1000 bonus for the success. It was asked if any documentation was needed to verify that the students had passed. C. Bolen explained that those who have passed will receive a card and certificate. McCaslen suggested getting a copy when they submit their invoice for the bonus. Councilmember J. Bolen discussed the need for this program in the future and made a motion that moving forward the City makes a change prior to the next EMT class, eliminating the monetary incentive but still paying for the class as long as the EMT would run calls for Montezuma. The motion died with a lack of a second.

Councilmember C. Bolen made a motion to table the code book review as Hubbard was still writing up the changes. Councilmember Brownell seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Hubbard informed the Council that there had to be change in the construction loan application for the Sewer Improvement Project changing the amount not to exceed from \$4,900,000 to \$4,937,000. The pre-construction meeting is tentatively set for some time in June.

Other items discussed included the need for rock at the Masonic Cemetery and dead trees between the street and sidewalk.

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