

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 16, 2019

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on September 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Simpson presiding.

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

ABSENT: Brownell

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Ewing, Abby Hubbard, Bret Warden, Boyd Sparks, Lola Willrich, Sally Johnston, River Webb, Penny Sharer, Janet McKee, Matt Simpson, Harold Wheeler & Jim Kivi

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

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

- Minutes from August 19 & September 6, 2019
- Claims
- Tax Abatement Application – Gene & Laura Tish
- Liquor License – Casey's – Add Full Wine

Members of the Library Board were present to inquire about the hiring of a new Library Director and adding new hours of operation. Lola Willrich stated that the board would like to hire a new director on a full-time basis of 40 hours per week. Most of the applicants have requested benefits. A starting wage of \$15/hour is being requested with the possibility of a \$1/hour increase after a 90-day probationary period. The Council explained that health insurance benefits would be offered just like any other full-time city employee. Sanger was asked to get them an insurance scenario to use as a sample on the possible insurance costs and what is budgeted for this fiscal year. The board would be reporting back once they have conducted interviews.

Veenstra & Kimm presented Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$115,900 for the Montezuma Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements. This payment primarily covers fees incurred for bonds, permits and insurance. Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$115,900 to Boomerang Corp. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-09-01: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montezuma, Iowa, Approving the 2019 Street Financial Report. Councilmember Willrich motioned to approve Resolution #19-09-01 with a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A public hearing for adopting Ordinance #67 was opened at 6:21 p.m. No one was present for the hearing. Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to close the hearing at 6:24 p.m. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none. A motion to waive the second and third readings and to adopt Ordinance #67 was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and a seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-09-02 was tabled until the attorney could review the verbiage. A motion to table was made by Councilmember J. Bolen and a second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-09-03: Resolution Proposing Sale and Authorizing Public Hearing for Sale of Certain Real Estate in Montezuma, Iowa, Poweshiek County, Iowa – Lots #19(V) & 20(W) for Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. A motion to approve Resolution #19-09-03 was made by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-09-04: Resolution Proposing Conveyance and Authorizing Public Hearing on Sale of Real Property – Lot #4(EE) for Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve Resolution #19-09-04. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #19-09-05: Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and Providing for the Issuance and Securing the Payment of \$4,900,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2019. A motion to approve Resolution #19-09-05 was made by Councilmember C. Bolen and a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

An offer to purchase Lots #25(X) and 26(Y) in the South Diamond Development for \$2000 each was presented to Sanger by Joel Kercheval in regards to his client, Justin Richards. A motion to approve the offer was made by Councilmember J. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

A review of Ordinance #68 was conducted by the Mayor and Council with information from those in attendance. Councilmember J. Bolen advised Hubbard to make sure the correct language explaining the type of UTV is used consistently throughout the ordinance and to make the change to “stock exhausts only”. Deputy Matt Simpson suggesting making the rules mirror those of the golf-cart ordinance. This will make it easier to enforce and for the residents to follow. This would include making sure the UTV’s have slow-moving vehicle signs as well as the appropriate flag needed. Councilmember Willrich suggested forwarding a copy to the sheriff’s office to review. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to table until more work can be done on the ordinance. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember J. Bolen inquired about the grant that was submitted for the fire department. Hubbard will look into the results of the grant and report back to the Council.

Penny Sharer was present for the Council to get some clarification on her previous application for grant money to make repairs to her house. She explained what issues need attention and will be handing over a more finite explanation at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. with a motion from Councilmember J. Bolen and a second from Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor