

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 10, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on July 10th, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson, presiding.

PRESENT: C. Bolen, Willrich, J. Bolen, Duffy & Brownell

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Whitney Baethke, Bret Warden, Tammi Quinlan, Sara Ranfeld & Mark Ewing

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from June 19th, 2017
- Claims
- Liquor License – Casey's General Store

Sara Ranfeld came to the meeting in order to discuss having rock put down in the alley behind her house in order to make a driveway for a new garage. Once it was decided that it was a platted alley, Mayor Simpson said to have Ewing go ahead and put rock further into that particular alley.

Tammi Quinlan addressed a problem with her neighbors shooting off fireworks now that state law allows them. She asked the Council to reconsider allowing them to be shot off at all within City limits. The Council relayed that they had received several calls and complaints and would take her request into consideration. Quinlan also asked if any recourse was going to take place after the house next to her had been inspected. McCaslen informed her that the City had just received the reports from Safe Building and they were being forwarded to the City Attorney.

A new truck purchase for the Gas department was the next item of business. It was discussed by the Council to see if the City would want to purchase the old truck from the Gas department and replace Ewing's vehicle. A motion to approve the purchase of a new Gas department truck was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. J. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Councilmember Duffy made a motion to have the Street department purchase the Gas truck for the amount of \$9,500. A second was made by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The Council had been emailed the property maintenance reports from Safe Building on the four properties that they had inspected. Councilmember Brownell made the motion to go ahead and forward the findings to the City Attorney. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The Memorial Hall's HVAC issues are once again being discussed. The current units are not functioning. The original bids were reviewed again and it was decided that new bids were going to have to be collected. Councilmember Brownell made a motion to accept Jim's Heating & Air Conditioning's first bid but the motion died with the lack of a second. It was then decided that a second round of bids be requested stating specific details along with them all being itemized out. This topic will be discussed again at the July 24th meeting.

Other items discussed included having the Street Department repair some sand pipes and the final review of the FY2017 financial statement.

Councilmember Duffy made the motion to close the meeting with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 24, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on July 24th, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson, presiding.

PRESENT: C. Bolen, Willrich, J. Bolen, Duffy & Brownell

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Forrest Aldrich, Dave Hoeger & Mark Ewing

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from July 10th, 2017
- Claims

The Council received three bids for upgrading the Memorial Hall's HVAC system. The bids are as follows:

Mike's Electric \$17,934.77

Jim's Heating & Air Conditioning \$20,340

Jensen Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. \$25,419

After much discussion, Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to accept the bid from Mike's Electric in the amount of \$17,934.77. Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember C. Bolen also stated that EMC had been contacted to see if any of the damage and replacement costs could be covered under the City's insurance.

The first reading of Ordinance #63 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Montezuma, Iowa, by Adding Chapter 91, "Stormwater Management and Drainage Systems Utility" was held. Councilmember Brownell made a motion to table the reading until some corrections to the ordinance had been made. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Forrest Aldrich, engineer for Veenstra and Kim, came to present the Council the wastewater treatment facility plan findings. He discussed several options that included varying price tags. Aldrich suggested that Warden and a councilmember make plans for a site visit to the two most logical options. Councilmember Duffy made the motion to close the meeting with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on August 7th, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson, presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, J. Bolen & Duffy

ABSENT: Brownell & C. Bolen

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden & Mark Ewing

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from July 24th, 2017
- Claims

The first reading on Ordinance #63 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Montezuma, Iowa, by Adding Chapter 91, “Stormwater Management and Drainage Systems Utility”. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to waive the three readings. A second was made by Councilmember Duffy. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Montezuma Community Development’s Director, Whitney Baethke, reported to the Council that the pharmacy is set to open on October 2, 2017. NuCara will take over their lease on August 9th.

The purchase of a wireless projector for council chambers was agreed upon by the Council.

Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Councilmember Willrich seconded the motion.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 21, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on August 21, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson, presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, J. Bolen & C. Bolen

ABSENT: Brownell & Duffy

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Mark Ewing, Mike Cox, Forrest Aldrich & Whitney Baethke

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember Willrich with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from August 7, 2017
- Claims

Forrest Aldrich, from Veenstra & Kimm, joined the meeting to give the Council his recommendation on which wastewater treatment facility the City should pursue. After discussing the pros and cons of the SAGR System at \$4.6 million and the LEMNA System at \$6.7 million, Aldrich instructed the Council that it was his recommendation to look into financing for the SAGR System. Councilmember Willrich made a motion to have Veenstra & Kimm go ahead with resourcing funding options for the SAGR System. A second was made by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Baethke, Montezuma Community Development's Director, explained to the Council all of the needed repairs that have been made to the pharmacy pending its opening in October. The money left over after the previous owners of the pharmacy backed out of the façade project resulted in approximately \$9,000 left in the project fund. The Council agreed that this money should be used to finalize the cost of the development of the pharmacy.

Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Councilmember J. Bolen seconded the motion.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 5, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on September 5, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson, presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, C. Bolen & Duffy

ABSENT: J. Bolen

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Mark Ewing, David Arendt & Mike Cox

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember Duffy with a second by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from August 21, 2017
- Claims

David Arendt attended the meeting on behalf Peoples Savings Bank, presented the Mayor and Council with an aerial portrait of the city of Montezuma.

Councilmember Brownell made the motion to table the topic of fireworks until a later meeting. A second was made by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Mike Cox, the Gas Superintendent, presented the Council with an option for significant cost savings when it comes to the transportation of the natural gas being used by the City. By allowing CenterPoint Energy to not only transport the gas and being able to purchase the product from them as well, they are able to give us a much better rate. A contract lasting 3 years has been suggested by Bill Buss, the City's gas engineer. Councilmember Brownell made the motion to continue purchasing gas from CenterPoint Energy and have them take care of the transportation of the gas for the City as well. Councilmember Duffy seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Ewing discussed all the issues they have encountered trying to seal-coat some of the streets this year. Between the equipment breakdowns, parts and repairs, it has been a costly season.

Councilmember Brownell made the motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on September 18, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson, presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, C. Bolen, J. Bolen & Duffy

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Mark Ewing, Carolyn Woods & Michael Hart

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember Brownell with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from September 5th, 2017
- Claims
- Liquor License – Just a Small Town Grill

Michael Hart, from Northland Securities presented the Council with some funding options for the upcoming sewer project. Several possibilities including SRF loans, GO Bonds and a USDA loan were discussed by Hart and the Council.

Carolyn Woods attended the meeting to see what could be done with her yard now that her sump pump dumps water onto her property. She lives in a low-lying area and there is nowhere for the water to go. Ewing was going to look and see if there is an existing tile that she could hook into in order to take the water away from her house.

Resolution #17-09-01: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montezuma, Iowa, Approving the 2017 Street Financial Report. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the resolution with a second by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The City had received several complaints regarding fireworks after the State of Iowa legalized the use of them this summer. After some discussion, the Council decided on changing the dates and hours of when fireworks will be allowed to be let off within the city limits of Montezuma. Fireworks will be allowed 5 days before and 5 days after July 4th. Hours allowed to let them off is from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4th. No fireworks will be permitted to be let off on the New Year's Eve holiday. Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to agree to the new dates and times listed above. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Charlie Sheets made an offer of \$1.00 and to incur all closing costs in order to have the City vacate a piece of Madison Street. After some discussion, Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to decline this offer with a second by Councilmember Duffy. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other items discussed include; the FY2017 report of current fund balances, the storm sewer project and a driveway needing repair on Sunnyside Drive after being tore up during the sealcoating process.

Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Councilmember Brownell seconded the motion.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on October 2, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson, presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, C. Bolen, J. Bolen & Duffy

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Mark Ewing & Whitney Baethke

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember Willrich with a second by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from September 18th, 2017
- Claims
- Tax Abatement – Ogan Enterprises

Warden informed the Council that cement is being poured this week in order to finish up the sewer project.

Ewing presented the Council with some numbers on the cost of purchases different seal-coating equipment and what it would cost to have another company redo the roads. Ewing was asked to get some more information before a decision could be made.

A sample fireworks ordinance was reviewed by the Council.

Councilmember Brownell made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Councilmember Duffy seconded the motion.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 16, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on October 16, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro tem, Frank Brownell presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, C. Bolen, J. Bolen & Duffy

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Mark Ewing, Whitney Baethke, Sandy Ross, Laura Tish, Charlie Sheets and Laura Durr

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember Duffy with a second by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from October 2nd, 2017
- Claims
- Tax Abatement – Corey Simpson

Charlie Sheets attended the meeting in order to discuss the purchase of part of Madison Street. The other part of this street is already owned by Sheets. The Council discussed how much the portion would be worth. Councilmember Willrich commented that streets within the City had been previously priced at \$15,000. After some discussion, the price of \$5,000 was settled upon along with Sheets agreeing to trade Lot 8 in the South Dimond Subdivision for Lot 7 or 9. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to sell Sheets Enterprises the remaining portion of Madison Street for \$5,000 plus all closing costs. Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Laura Tish inquired about the progress of dealing with the water draining onto her property due to draining issues to the north. It was resolved that the City would do the work to tap into the existing tile and direct the water away from her property.

Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield has dropped the current plan the City is on for health insurance. Baethke proposed the two best options available. Both plans can be obtained in order to custom fit the coverage for each employee. Councilmember Duffy made the motion to offer the two best policies and allow the employee to choose which fits their needs best. Councilmember J. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember C. Bolen mad the motion to accept the change order provided by Dave Schmitt Construction with a second by Councilmember Duffy. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Duffy made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 6, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on November 6, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, C. Bolen, J. Bolen & Duffy

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Mark Ewing, Whitney Baethke, Travis Johannes, Mike Cox, Joel Kercheval, Bill Buss & Forrest Aldrich

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember Duffy with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from October 16th, 2017
- Claims

Bill Buss, who was representing Hall Engineering, discussed with the Council that Montezuma Municipal Light & Power has been purchasing natural gas from the Montezuma Municipal Gas Department based on an agreement dated in 1977. At the time of the agreement, the Light Plant was generating power for the City and was a large volume user. Currently, the Light Plant only runs the engines to exercise them or in the event of an emergency. The amount of usage from 1977 compared to today has significantly decreased. After some discussion, the Council approved the presented draft agreement provided by Bill Buss. Buss and Cox will provide specific rate information at the next meeting.

Forrest Aldrich, Veenstra & Kimm, informed the Council that the Mill Street Project has been completed. There were just a few clean-up items that had to be done. The project ended up being only 1% above bid price. Aldrich recommended the Council approve the completion of the project. Councilmember Duffy made the motion to approve the final claim from Dave Schmitt Construction with retainage being paid in December. A second was made by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

The Council also agreed to move forward with the SAGR System in order to meet the new E.coli, ammonia and phosphorus removal standards imposed by the DNR. Baethke will be looking into the different options for financing this new facility. A motion to appoint Veenstra & Kimm as the head engineering firm for the new wastewater treatment facility was made by Councilmember J. Bolen with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

There have been two purchase offers submitted for the lots in the South Diamond Addition. A motion to approve the purchase price of \$5000 for Lot #10 submitted by John Brenniman was made by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none. The second offer to purchase lots #6, 7 & 8 for \$15,000 was submitted by Daryl Eichenberger. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve the Eichenberger's offer contingent on Sheet's moving to Lot #9 and the recording of the trade agreement between Sheets Enterprises Ltd. and the City of Montezuma. Councilmember Brownell seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #17-11-01 – A Resolution Proposing Sale and Authorizing Public Hearing for Sale of Lot #10 (formally known as Lot G) in South Diamond Addition Part One to the City of Montezuma, Iowa. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilmember Willrich with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #17-11-02 – A Resolution Proposing Sale and Authorizing Public Hearing for Sale of Lots #6, 7 & 8 (formally known as Lot I, J & K) in South Diamond Addition Part One to the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve this resolution with a second by Councilmember Duffy. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #17-11-03 – A Resolution Setting Date of Public Hearing to Consider Vacating Certain Real Property. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilmember Willrich with a second by Councilmember Brownell. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #17-11-04 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montezuma, Iowa, Approving the Submission of the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Financial Report to the State Auditor's Office. Councilmember Brownell made the motion to accept this resolution with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Joel Kercheval, Assistant Fire Chief, reported to the Council the amount of fire and ambulance calls since July 2017. The department had a good turn-out for the fire prevention supper in October as well as many sessions of search and rescue training. A new ambulance purchase for fiscal year 2018 is in the planning stages with hopes of using a refurbished box.

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the attendance of the Certified Public Manager Program for Baethke. Duffy seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Councilmember Brownell made the motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Councilmember Willrich seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 13th, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in special session at City Hall on Monday, November 13th, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson presiding.

PRESENT: Willrich, C. Bolen & J. Bolen via phone

ABSENT: Brownell & Duffy

ALSO PRESENT: Whitney Baethke

The meeting was called to order.

Resolution #17-11-05 – A Resolution Proposing Sale and Authorizing Public Hearing for Sale of Lot Nine (formally known as Lot H) in South Diamond Addition Part One to the City of Montezuma, Iowa. Councilmember Willrich made the motion to approve the resolution with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on November 20, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, C. Bolen, J. Bolen & Duffy

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Mark Ewing, Whitney Baethke & Mike Cox

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember Duffy with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from November 6th & 13th, 2017
- Claims

No one was present for the public hearings regarding resolutions #17-11-06, 07, 08 and 09.

Resolution #17-11-06: A Resolution Approving Sale of Real Property. Councilmember Brownell made the motion to approve the resolution for the sale of Lot #10 in the South Diamond Addition. Councilmember Duffy seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #17-11-07: A Resolution Approving Sale of Real Property. Councilmember Duffy made the motion to approve the resolution for the sale of Lot #9 in the South Diamond Addition. Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #17-11-08: A Resolution Approving Sale of Real Property. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve the resolution for the sale of Lots #6, 7 & 8. A second was made by Councilmember Duffy. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #17-11-09: A Resolution Permanently Vacating Property Located in the City of Montezuma, Iowa and Authorizing Deposal Thereof. Councilmember Brownell made the motion to approve the resolution vacating a part of Madison Street. Councilmember Willrich seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

After much discussion and number crunching, Councilmember Brownell made the motion to implement the necessary sewer rate increase the base rate by half as well as the flow rate by half. A second was made by Councilmember Duffy. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Other items discussed included the budget for fiscal year 2019 and the Gas Department's new agreement with Montezuma Light and Power.

Councilmember Brownell made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Councilmember Willrich seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 7, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on December 7, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, C. Bolen, J. Bolen & Duffy

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Mark Ewing, Whitney Baethke, Travis Johannes & Mike Cox

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember Duffy with a second by Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from November 20th, 2017
- Claims

The mayor introduced, and the City Council of the City of Montezuma, Iowa considered, for the first time, Ordinance #64 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE SALE, USE AND EXPLODING OF FIREWORKS."

It was moved by Councilmember J. Bolen and seconded by Councilmember A. Duffy that the rule requiring ordinances to be considered on three different days be dispensed with, and that Ordinance No. 64, be adopted at this meeting.

After full discussion of the matter, the Mayor put the question and the Clerk called the roll and on roll call, the following vote resulted:

AYES: Bolen, Bolen, Brownell, Duffy, Willrich

NAY: None

The motion having received a three-fourths majority of the members elected to the Council, the Mayor declared that said motion was carried and that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 64 to be considered on three different days was suspended.

Councilmember C. Bolen moved and Councilmember J. Bolen seconded, that Ordinance No. 64 be now placed on its passage and adopted as considered.

After full discussion of the motion, the Mayor put the question and directed the Clerk to call the roll. The Clerk did call the roll and on roll call the following vote resulted:

AYES: Bolen, Brownell, Duffy, Willrich, Bolen

NAY: None

The motion having received an affirmative vote of the majority of the whole number of the members elected to the Council was declared to have been carried and Ordinance No. 64 was declared adopted.

Gas Department Superintendent Mike Cox presented the Council with a final draft of an agreement for the provision of natural gas to Montezuma Light & Power. Councilmember

Duffy moved to approve the agreement as presented and Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. All in favor.

Three members of the Montezuma Light & Power Board of Trustees will have their terms expire at the close of 2017. Pursuant to legal counsel, Mayor Simpson needed to stagger the terms of the new appointments to meet the requirements of city code. Mayor Simpson approved Harold Wheeler to a six-year term of service, Doug Vermeer to a three-year term of service and Keith Hudnut to a two-year term of service. Councilmember Brownell made a motion to approve the appointments and Councilmember J. Bolen seconded the motion.

There was also brief Council discussion of the street shop overhead door and the upcoming sewer rate increase.

Councilmember J. Bolen made the motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Councilmember Brownell seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 18, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on December 18, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Corey Simpson presiding.

PRESENT: Brownell, Willrich, C. Bolen, J. Bolen

ABSENT: Duffy

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Mark Ewing, Whitney Baethke, Richard Lemke, Brian Paul

The consent agenda which consisted of the following items was approved on a motion by Councilmember C. Bolen with a second by Councilmember Willrich. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

- Minutes from December 4th, 2017
- Claims

The new Poweshiek County Emergency Management Coordinator introduced himself to the City Council.

The City Council discussed Ordinance 65, "AN ORDINANCE INCREMENTALLY INCREASING SEWER RATES FROM \$13.50 TO \$29.25 MINIMUM AND FROM \$3.75 TO \$10.50 PER EACH ADDITIONAL 1000 GALLONS." It was decided to proceed with a rate increase to support a 30-year loan repayment. The mayor directed Baethke to revise the ordinance.

It was moved by Councilmember Willrich and seconded by Councilmember Bolen to approved the retainment agreement for legal services with Caldwell & Brierly. All in favor.

Richard Lemke was present to ask why the City is not caring for the cemeteries in town owned by the Masonic Lodge and Jackson Township. There was a brief discussion and Councilmember Willrich requested annual expense figures for the care of the cemeteries.

The Council reviewed the property maintenance cases currently in litigation and also provided some additional property addresses that may be in violation. City staff will begin proceedings.

Three members of the Montezuma Light & Power Board of Trustees will have their terms renewed with

Councilmember Willrich made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Councilmember C. Bolen seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

City Clerk

Mayor