

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 15, 2017

The City Council of the City of Montezuma met in regular session at Montezuma City Hall on May 15th, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro-tem Frank Brownell, presiding.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bret Warden, Whitney Baethke, Mark Ewing, Mike Cox, Janice Henry, Mac Purdum, Mike Varier & Beth Kirton

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

- Minutes from May 1st, 2017
- Claims

Resolution #17-05-02: A Resolution Proposing Sale and Authorizing Public Hearing for Sale of Lots 5, 6 & 7 (Formerly known as Lots J, K & L) in South Diamond Addition Part One to the City of Montezuma, Iowa. A public hearing will be set for Monday, June 5th, 2017. Councilmember Duffy made the motion to approve this resolution with a second from Councilmember J. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #17-05-03: A Resolution Adopting the First Amendment to the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Duffy with a second by Councilmember C. Bolen. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Resolution #17-05-04: A Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the Second Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2017 for the City of Montezuma, Iowa for May 30, 2017. Councilmember C. Bolen made the motion to approve this resolution. Councilmember Duffy seconded the motion. Ayes: all, Nays: none.

Bart Sharer and Mac Purdum came to discuss with the Council the storm water issue they have on their property. The ditch that had been dug out has since filled in with leaves and silt and both Sharer and Purdum explained that it never dries up. All of the water makes it very hard to mow. After some discussion, the Council stated they would have the City's engineer review the issue and consider adding it to an existing upcoming project.

The Memorial Hall was rented out over this year's graduation season and once again the air conditioning could not keep up. The Council reviewed a contract from Brown Engineering to come and do an HVAC study. The report would give a better understanding on what exactly is needed in order to make the Memorial Hall more efficient. A motion was made by Councilmember Duffy to accept the proposal which was set not to exceed \$5,000. Councilmember J. Bolen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Brownell – Nay, Willrich – Aye, C. Bolen – Aye, J. Bolen – Aye and Duffy – Aye. The motion carried.

Dave Fisch, Mike Varieur, Beth Kirton and Janice Henry were all in attendance to discuss some of the dilapidated properties located around the City. Many letters have been sent out to landlords and property owners advising them of the current ordinances and any violations that need to be taken care of in a timely manner. The City's building inspector is also coming to take a closer look at some of the problem properties. This discussion was a great segway into the rental inspection program Baethke is in the process of developing so we can keep properties from getting too run down.

Mike Cox, the Gas Superintendent, discussed with the Council that it is time to renew the pipeline permit. It will be inspected due to the changes that have been made. Cox also proposed raising the cost being charged in order to install a new service. The Council agreed that this was a good change and a resolution will follow at the next meeting.

Other items discussed included the sewer project still being put on hold due to the easement issue and the problem with vehicles not obeying the speed limit coming into town from the west on Diamond Trail.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor