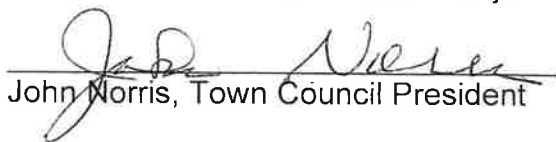
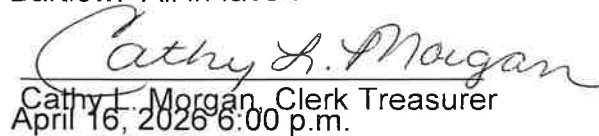


agreement regarding the purchase of natural gas from PEFA, Inc. to be effective March 25, 2026. Motion seconded by Atkinson. All in favor.

Thomas made motion to adjourn seconded by Bartlow. All in favor.


John Morris, Town Council President


Cathy L. Morgan, Clerk Treasurer
April 16, 2026 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Montezuma Town Council Meeting is being livestreamed and will be available for viewing at www.youtube.com@Town of Montezuma. In addition, a copy of the approved minutes from prior meetings will be available on the Montezuma Town website: www.in.gov/towns/montezuma/

The Montezuma Town Council met in Regular Session at the Montezuma Community Center with all members, Town Marshal/Town Manager, Clerk Treasurer and Superintendent present.

Bartlow made motion to approve and accept the minutes of 03/19/26 and 03/25/26 as presented. Motion seconded by Atkinson. All in favor.

Atkinson made motion to approve the following as presented.

EOM Claims March 2026:	\$ 689,799.48
April 16, 2026 Meeting Claims:	\$ 278,033.92

Motion was seconded by Thomas. All in favor.

Thomas made motion to approve the 4/16/26 Industrial Supply claim in the amount of \$ 248.15. Motion was seconded by Bartlow. All in favor except for Bovair whom abstained from the vote.

Bartlow made motion to approve Payroll Warrants/Claims for 03/26/26, 04/02/26, 04/09/26 and 04/16/26 in the amount of \$ 43,741.40. Motion also included the following EOM March 2026 Bank Reconciliations:

Utility:	\$ 2,433,504.08
Town:	\$ 762,504.69
Payroll:	\$ 2,786.86
Customer Deposit:	\$ 25,870.00
BNY Mellon:	\$ 46,169.41

Motion was seconded by Atkinson. All in favor.

Thomas made motion to approve 1 Water/Sewer Leak Adjustment request according to ordinance for:

Account # 3095.00	Ginny Taylor
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Motion was seconded by Bovair. All in favor.

Bartlow made motion to approve 3 billing adjustments as presented:

(131.76)	Previously approved water/sewer adjustment
(3,847.43)	Previously approved water/sewer adjustment
0.00	Gas Meter Credit # 1020.01

Motion seconded by Thomas. All in favor.

Atkinson made motion to approve Resolution 2026-04-01 (AFR Approval) as presented. Motion seconded by Bovair. All in favor.

Dustin Whalen of HWC presented pay application # 12 for MSI Construction, Inc. Motion was made by Atkinson to approve pay application # 12 in the amount of \$ 1,319,094.56. Motion was seconded by Bartlow. All in favor.

Whalen informed members that equipment testing at the new Water Treatment Facility would begin next week. Each piece of equipment would be tested piece by piece until all up and running correctly. HWC will have two people on sight along with an engineer who will help with equipment testing procedures. In addition, Whalen stated that two inspectors from IDEM were onsite today to tour the new facility.

Mike Novac of RCAP held discussion with council in regards to the water operation portion of the new facility. Novac suggested that council speak with Gary Nuckols to make sure that he wants and is willing to run the new facility. Novac stated

that there has been some concern about contractors not spending enough time at the facilities and are pushing for at least two hours daily during the week.

Novac also informed members that EPA will be sending out new circulars in regards to PFAS. Also, reminded council members about the training to be held on Saturday, April 18th at the Community Center from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Bruce McElheney, sewer operator reported that the phosphorous tank had been pumped out last week. He stated that there had been a lot of sludge from the winter but everything in compliance for now.

Cyndi Todd, Partnership Parke County stated that she had not received any feedback on the 5-question survey so she is assuming its good to go with. She will be supplying copies of the survey to the utility office and an online link.

Diana Bartlow, President of the Park Board updated council on several items in the works:

Signs printed in the next few weeks to be placed along the walking trails

Basketball Court—will need to get new estimates

6 posts at the Montezuma Shelter at Aztec Park need replaced (more quotes and information to be obtained)

Rip Rap needed on bank on the North side of boat dock

Cyndi Todd led discussion in regards to a station/locker of some sort to house life jackets at the dock. She stated she had spoken with a company that provides lockers for lifejackets and also can provide locker box for kayaks. She stated the company owns the lockers & lifejackets and they do all the maintenance. The lockers run off a kiosk. Todd also stated that the company carries their own insurance. The lifejacket lockers have a fee of \$ 10,000.00 over a 5-year period and the kayak lockers have a fee of \$ 45,000.00 over a five-year period. Todd stated that she is trying to obtain funding for both projects so that there will not be a cost to the town. Todd stated that the Town has to give permission to set the lockers on town property. Council were in agreement for the project as long as funding is obtained.

Assistant Fire Chief P Atkinson reported 12 runs for last month and 7 so far for April for a total of 39 runs for the year.

Town Manager Koch held discussion on the Utility side:

2 quotes for new street signs:

Industrial Supply Co.	\$ 1,305.37
Econo Signs	\$ 669.30

Kian Allee released to come back to work. He will finish out the High School Internship Program through August.

New Business & Old Business items noted

Issue with communication between the library in regards to maintenance personnel entering the building when needed and the reporting of issues with the building when needed. Council stated it should be the responsibility of each department head/director to report issues as they arise. Town Attorney to be consulted.

Town Marshal Koch reported the following on the town side:

56 – calls for service
 2 – Felony Arrests
 1 – Misdemeanor Arrests
 6 – Citations/ 6 – Warnings

Ordinance:

2 vehicles removed from 404 E Ida Street
Camper removed from 492 E Ida Street
Property at 379 E Miles was cleaned up

Atkinson made motion to proceed with quote from Econo Signs at a cost of \$ 669.30. Motion was seconded by Thomas. All in favor except for Bovair whom abstained from the vote.

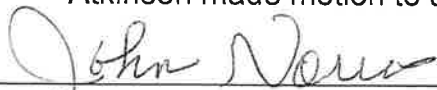
May Yard of the Month were chosen for the North and South end of town:

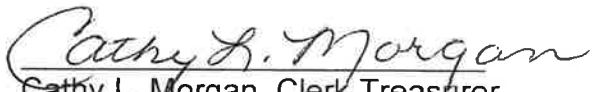
John and Leslie Schaffer 404 E Patterson Street

John Morris 667 N Jefferson Street

Councilman Bartlow stated that he would like to see the no parking ordinance on Water Street amended and that he is bringing it up for Mart Jeffery who owns a business that it affects. Discussion was had.

Atkinson made motion to adjourn seconded by Thomas. All in favor.


John Norris, Town Council President


Cathy L. Morgan, Clerk Treasurer