



7. General Business.

7(A) CITY PROPERTY USE - FIESTA DAYS BEER GARDENS.

Gary Flinn has made application for the use of the city parking lot directly south of Groat's. Mr. Flinn proposes to provide the Fiesta Days beer gardens on the site June 18-20, 2009. The application is only for the use of city property. A separate application for the operation of the beer gardens is required.

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Nieuwbeerta and unanimously passed to approve the use of city property, as requested.

7(B) BEER GARDENS APPLICATION - INN LIKE FLINN'S.

Gary Flinn, dba/Inn Like Flinn, has applied for a 3.2 percent malt liquor on-sale license for a beer gardens during Fiesta Days, June 18-20, 2009. By the previous agenda item, the use of a city parking lot was approved for this event.

It was moved by Johnsrud, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to approve the application, as requested.

7(C) \$335,000 G.O. BOND SALE.

In order to fund the 2009 Street Improvements, the city needs to sell \$335,000 of G.O. Improvement Bonds. Carolyn Drude, Ehlers & Associates, was present to discuss the sale. Drude explained that due to the size of the issue and the costs involved, proposals were solicited from local financial institutions. She provided copies of the sale report, dated June 1, 2009, which reflected the purchase by KleinBank at an average coupon rate of 3.9% (preliminary rate was 4.45-4.55%). The assessment revenue rate would then be 4.9% for the issue. Drude said that this is an excellent rate, very competitive with the current market and recommended approval by the council.

MARVIN GARBE OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 2914, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$335,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2009A, PLEDGING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2914 WAS SECONDED BY AL JOHNSRUD. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: MARVIN GARBE, AL JOHNSRUD, BRYCE

CURTISS, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA AND SANDRA HODGE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(D) LEVEE PROJECT LAND ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE.

Staff would like assistance in negotiating approximately 40 land purchases for the levee project. Community Partners Research, Inc., Lake Elmo, MN, has experience in these procedures and has submitted a proposal at a fee of \$75.00/hour.

Council member Nieuwbeerta asked if it would be advantageous to set a maximum expenditure amount. Staff explained that it would be difficult to determine a maximum amount; however, a limited amount of funds are available to the city for this expense.

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to accept the proposal from Community Partners Research, Inc., with the understanding that the purchase agreements be prepared by the city attorney.

7(E) CHANGE ORDER #5 - WWTF MODIFICATIONS.

This change order is necessary to splice existing feeder cable and reroute service by Qwest and results in an increase of \$6,350.00. Utilities Superintendent Byron Hayunga was present to explain that this is simply the cost associated with relocating/installing a new pedestal for the phone lines.

It was moved by Johnsrud, seconded by Nieuwbeerta and unanimously passed to approve Change Order #5, as submitted.

7(F) ADDITIONAL STAFF - WATER DEPARTMENT.

Staff asked that council consider giving the city manager permission to add another utility worker to the water utility staff. Due to increased tasks associated with the wastewater treatment facility modifications, discussions had previously occurred with the council about possibly adding this position in 2010. However, staff has been reviewing the current situation and now recommends adding someone in the next 1-3 months.

Council briefly discussed pros/cons associated and possible budget ramifications.

It was moved by Johnsrud, seconded by Garbe and unanimously passed to authorize the hiring of an additional water utility staff member, as requested.

7(G) NEW FIRE HALL & POSSIBLE GRANT FUNDS.

The fire hall project had been put “on hold,” but it was identified as a priority item in the council’s goal setting sessions. SEH had provided cost estimates, based on a 14,100 square foot building, of \$3,097,000. There are possible grants that the city may be able to apply for later in 2009 and staff asked for direction on how to proceed.

Council member Garbe and City Manager Jones discussed a grant opportunity available through the Minnesota Fire Service. Stimulus funds in the total amount of \$212 Million will be available for the construction of new fire halls throughout the United States. This means approximately \$5 Million per fire hall. The grant is for 100% funding, excluding engineering and furnishing costs. Two major components of the grant require that land and a final architectural plan be in hand. Staff estimates these costs at \$200,000 and has some concerns with committing the funds with the possibility of not obtaining the grant. Staff noted that in addition to the grant opportunity, there may be a small grant and/or loan opportunity through the Public Facilities Authority.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the council that a meeting be held by the fire building committee with SEH to further discuss the issue.

7(H) JOINT COMMUNICATIONS GRANT APPLICATION

Council member Garbe discussed an Assistance to Firefighter Grant application he submitted in the amount of \$621,414 for the federally-mandated communications upgrade required by the year 2013. This application includes various agencies within our region, with each agency paying 5%. The Montevideo Fire Department’s portion would be \$5,937.80.

BRYCE CURTISS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 2915, A RESOLUTION REGARDING AGREEMENT TO FUND 5% LOCAL SHARE OF THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM (AFGP), AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2915 WAS SECONDED BY AL JOHNSRUD. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, AL JOHNSRUD, MARVIN GARBE, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA AND SANDRA HODGE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

City Engineer David Berryman arrived at 7:52 P.M.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- ▶ Council member Curtiss announced that an open house will be held at the hospital on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, to welcome two new doctors. He also informed the council that the entire building project for the hospital/clinic was over budget, by approximately \$400,000. He added that, during the construction, many problems were discovered which supported a new building vs. a remodel.
- ▶ Curtiss said the hospital is contemplating changing its name to something shorter and asked for council input. Brief discussion followed.
- ▶ Curtiss informed council of the hospital's website address: [www.montevideomedical.com](http://www.montevideomedical.com)
- ▶ Council member Garbe discussed the need for Mn/DOT to complete the markings at the intersections. City Engineer Berryman stated he had talked with Duinincks, who indicated that painting will occur sometime after the highway projects. It was the consensus of the council that staff write a "strong" letter to Mn/DOT on this issue.
- ▶ City Manager Jones responded to an earlier request by the council for "dead-end" signage at 9<sup>th</sup> Street & Grove Avenue. The area is not a dead end; but rather, a cul-de-sac. Those areas are not signed.
- ▶ Brief discussion took place on signage along Black Oak Avenue for North 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Legion Drive.
- ▶ City Manager Jones informed the council that he is proposing address changes for two businesses along Black Oak Avenue that currently have East Highway 7 addresses. In order to be consistent, he will notify the businesses of the proposed change, who would then have a grace period for compliance.
- ▶ Council member Garbe informed the council of a Webinar scheduled for 3:00 P.M. to review ambulance service areas.
- ▶ City Manager Jones announced that Scott Hoidal was recently hired as the city's newest employee. He was hired as a Maintenance II/Laborer II in the utilities department.

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- ▶ It was noted that a bill was recently signed by the state to authorize administrative fines for certain traffic violations. The fee was increased, with the state taking its “cut.”

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

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Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council June 15, 2009:

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Sandra Hodge, President