

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 19, 2010

The city council met in regular session Tuesday, January 19, 2010 in the council chambers at city hall. President Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Marvin Garbe, Karen Nieuwebeerta, Sandra Hodge, Al Johnsrud and Bryce Curtiss (7:03 P.M.) Mayor Jim Curtiss absent.

Also present were: City Manager Steven C. Jones, City Engineer David Berryman, City Attorney Janice Nelson and City Clerk Glennis Lauritsen.

It was moved by Nieuwebeerta, seconded by Johnsrud and unanimously passed to approve the agenda, as presented.

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Nieuwebeerta and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2010, as presented.

4. Notices/Communications/Announcements or Appearance of Interested Citizens.

- None.

5. Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Nieuwebeerta, seconded by Johnsrud and unanimously passed to approve the following consent agenda items:

5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 15, 2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,544,856.08.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

Council member Curtiss arrived at 7:03 P.M.

7. General Business.

7(A) 2010 STREET IMPROVEMENT REPORT/CONSTRUCTION DATES.

As directed by Resolution No. 2942, City Engineer David Berryman prepared a preliminary engineering report on the 2010 Street Improvements. Berryman reviewed the report, which discussed the following projects:

Project 1 - William Avenue, 12th Street to 17th Street - \$476,000
Project 2 - Coleman Avenue (petitioned project) - \$87,000
Project 3A - Ashmore Avenue, 17th Street to 24th Street - \$261,000
Project 3B - 24th Street, Ashmore Avenue South 575 Feet - \$50,000
Project 4 - Windom Avenue, Alley West of 4th Street to Benson Road - \$297,000
Project 5 - Park Avenue, 6th Street to 8th Street - \$104,000

Total Estimated Project Costs: \$1,275,000

A time line for the project was also proposed, as follows:

January 19	----	Formally receiving the report and calling for a public hearing (3/1) (Resolution)
March 1	----	Council holds public hearing
	----	Council orders plans, specifications and the solicitation of bids (Resolution Ordering the Improvement After Public Hearing)
April 15	----	Bid opening date
April 19	----	Council reviews bids
	----	Council sets assessment rates for the project (Resolution)
	----	Council calls for final assessment hearing (5/17)(Resolution)
May 17	----	Council holds final assessment hearing and sets final rates (Resolution to Adopt the Final Assessment Roll)
	----	Council awards bids
June 7	----	Bond sale approval
Mid-June	----	Construction begins

Staff noted that there are two projects that may be met with some resistance - Coleman Avenue and Park Avenue. A petition was received for the Coleman Avenue project; however, it was signed by only a few property owners and, therefore, may not reflect the wishes of all property owners in that area. The Park Avenue project is located in an older area of the city with a good number of rental properties, and those property owners may or may not support the assessment.

It was noted that the resolution prepared for this meeting would receive the engineer's report and set the hearing date for public comment, with council making its final decision on areas to be improved at that time.

Council president Hodge asked whether there are other areas of the community that have been "bumped" from the list, or whether the list reflects the city's priorities. Staff commented that the proposed projects are on the city's capital improvement program for 2010, or have been petitioned for (Coleman Avenue).

MARVIN GARBE OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 2959, A RESOLUTION RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT (2010 STREET IMPROVEMENTS), AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2959 WAS SECONDED BY AL JOHNSRUD. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: MARVIN GARBE, AL JOHNSRUD, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA, BRYCE CURTISS AND SANDRA HODGE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(B) FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT AGREEMENT.

The State of Minnesota has prepared a Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Agreement, which awards the City of Montevideo \$2,500,000 for the levee project. This is one of several steps needed to begin Phase II of the project. City Manager Jones explained that Phase II will include the reconstruction and the raising of Highway 212. Additional funds will be needed for Phase 3 (probably in 2011) which will complete the rebuild of the entire levee system.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Nieuwbeerta and unanimously passed to approve the agreement, authorizing the mayor and city manager to execute the document on behalf of the city.

7(C) USE OF WATER TOWER.

Council member Garbe explained that as planning continues on the new radio communications requirements for the area, it has been requested that the city water tower be approved as a site for some of the new equipment installation. This would be used by the city, county and others.

City Manager Jones stated that it has been policy that the water tower site be saved for governmental needs, and this would be such a use. He added that any installation would be coordinated with the city staff so that it would not interfere with city utility needs. Also, an inspection of the tower needs to be done in the near future to prepare for painting and to look for any problems prior to attaching any equipment to it.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Johnsrud and unanimously passed to approve use of the water tower, as requested.

7(D) ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS.

Two grants have been awarded to the City of Montevideo:

- 1) The fire department has been awarded \$2,400 from the MN Board of Firefighter Training & Education (MBFTE) for firefighter classes being conducted between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010; and,

- 2) The police department has been awarded up to \$1,320 for overtime expenses associated with the Nightcap Grant for a DWI enforcement night.

Acceptance of the grants must be approved by resolution of the council.

AL JOHNSRUD OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 2960, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANTS, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2960 WAS SECONDED BY KAREN NIEUWBEERTA. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: AL JOHNSRUD, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA, MARVIN GARBE, BRYCE CURTISS AND SANDRA HODGE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(E) HOUSING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT.

An application for appointment to the Housing Commission has been submitted by Jamie Winters. The Housing Commission has an unlimited membership, with three-year terms.

It was moved by Johnsrud, seconded by Garbe and unanimously passed to appoint Jamie Winters to the Housing Commission, term expiring December 31, 2012.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council February 1, 2010:

Sandra Hodge - President