

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 20, 2009

The city council met in regular session Monday, July 20, 2009 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: Sandra Hodge, Al Johnsrud, Karen Nieuwbeerta, Marvin Garbe and Bryce Curtiss. Absent: None. Mayor Jim Curtiss present.

Also present were: City Manager Steven C. Jones and City Clerk Glennis A. Lauritsen.

It was moved by Johnsrud, seconded by Garbe and unanimously passed to approve the agenda, with the following addition:

ADD:

**7(E) CONSIDER RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$8,000.00 GIFT FROM THE
MONTEVIDEO FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION TO BE CONVEYED TO THE
MONTEVIDEO YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION.**

It was moved by Nieuwbeerta, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting of July 6, 2009, as presented.

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

4(A) NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION.

Utilities Superintendent Byron Hayunga introduced new employee Scott Hoidal. Scott was hired June 15th for the Maintenance II/Laborer II position.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 17, 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$787,141.00.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) RETIRED FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION.

Tim Christensen has retired from the fire department with 23 years of service. A resolution of appreciation has been prepared.

BRYCE CURTISS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 2923, A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO TIM CHRISTENSEN, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2923 WAS SECONDED BY KAREN NIEUWBEERTA. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA, MARVIN GARBE, AL JOHNSRUD AND SANDRA HODGE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(B) ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE AT 110 SOUTH 8TH STREET.

MARVIN GARBE OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 2924, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY TO ABATE NUISANCE AT 110 SOUTH 8TH STREET, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2924 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(C) CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY MODIFICATIONS.

This change order addresses the reroute of primary telephone service by Qwest (revised route from Change Order #5 which had resulted in an increase of \$6,350.00). The *decrease* of this change order is \$1,859.00.

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to approve Change Order No. 7, as presented.

7(D) 2009 AMENDED BUDGET.

City Manager Jones presented staff's proposed amendments to the 2009 Budget for review and discussion. The amendments reflected a \$130,245 decrease in revenues and a \$102,670 decrease in expenditures. A resolution has been prepared to incorporate the amendments, modifying the total revenues for 2009 to \$11,394,930 and expenditures to \$12,093,330.

AL JOHNSRUD OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 2925, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2925 WAS SECONDED BY MARVIN GARBE. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: AL JOHNSRUD, MARVIN GARBE, KAREN

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

7(E) \$8,000 GIFT FROM FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The Montevideo Fire Relief Association has asked the city to accept an \$8,000.00 donation to be conveyed to the Montevideo Youth Sports organization. A resolution has been prepared for that purpose.

BRYCE CURTISS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 2926, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFT, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2926 WAS SECONDED BY KAREN NIEUWBEERTA. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA, MARVIN GARBE, AL JOHNSRUD AND SANDRA HODGE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- ▶ Council member Johnsrud informed the council that at a recent library board meeting, the board discussed replacing its computers in 2010 and, subsequently, at three-year intervals. It was his opinion that this is not necessary; however, it may be a decision made by the Pioneerland Library System and not at the local level.
- ▶ Council member Curtiss informed the council that September 20th has been selected as the grand opening date for the hospital and clinic.
- ▶ Council member Garbe expressed concern over lack of crosswalk painting on the Highway 7 beltline. He also said that signage indicating a crosswalk location would be quite helpful. The city manager will talk with the city engineer about contacting Mn/DOT.
- ▶ City Manager Jones discussed the 2010 Budget process. The council had previously set three (3) worksessions for this purpose; however, in light of the unallotment of funds by the state (\$265,000 for 2010) and relatively minor changes from the 2009 document, it may not be necessary to hold all three sessions. It was the consensus of the council that all department heads meet with the council at the first worksession (August 3rd) and, after that, determine whether additional sessions are needed.

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- ▶ Council members Garbe & Curtiss commented on the condition of streets: 13th Street, between Black Oak & Lincoln Avenues; and, Park Avenue by Sanford School. Also discussed were the proposed 2010 street improvements. Staff was asked to resubmit a listing of proposed projects for 2010.
- ▶ City Manager Jones expressed his appreciation for council's support for hiring an additional employee in the Utilities Department; however, staff is holding off on this for now. Staff has been re-examining departmental needs and looking at alternatives to a new hire.
- ▶ Council member Garbe asked about the status of future sewer rate increases. City Manager Jones stated that it was not necessary to increase rates in July and that staff will now review the numbers and adjust accordingly. The information will be shared with the council in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council August 3, 2009:

Sandra Hodge, President