

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 20, 2010

The city council met in regular session Monday, September 20, 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, Bryce Curtiss, Karen Nieuwbeerta and Al Johnsrud. Absent: Sandra Hodge. Mayor Jim Curtiss present.

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

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

It was moved by Nieuwbeerta, seconded by Johnsrud and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2010, as presented.

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

4(A) INTRODUCTION OF DYLAN LINES.

Utilities Superintendent Byron Hayunga introduced the newest hire in the Utilities Department. Dylan Lines was hired June 14, 2010 in the Maintenance Worker II/Laborer II position. Lines is a MN Certified Class D Wastewater Treatment Operator and Water Treatment Operator. Council welcomed Mr. Lines to employment with the City of Montevideo.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,889.61.

5(B) APPLICATION FROM TWO RIVERS CHAPTER OF MN DEER HUNTERS ASSOCIATION FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR PADDLEWHEEL, RAFFLE AND PULL-TAB ACTIVITY AT THE AMERICAN LEGION ON FEBRUARY 26, 2011.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) WWTP GENERATOR & XCEL ENERGY INTERRUPTIBLE RATE.

As a part of the upgrades at the wastewater treatment facility, a generator was installed that has the capability of carrying the full electric load of the plant. City Manager Jones explained that SEH was asked to analyze the pros/cons of going to an “interruptible rate” with Xcel Energy. It was determined that with the lowest Tier 2 rating, and no interruptible requests, the monthly average savings of \$1,880/month was estimated. Worst case, where Xcel Energy uses the full allotment (80 hours) of interruptions, a monthly average savings of \$1,337/month was anticipated.

Jones further explained that Xcel engineers are fairly confident that the wastewater plant would qualify to the next level (Tier 2 “B”) in which case, the anticipated savings would increase to \$2,118/month in the best case scenario and \$1,574 in the worst case. Xcel Energy has not made a single interruptible call in two years. While this could change, it is reasonable that it is the more likely scenario than not.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the council that the issue is worth pursuing.

7(B) CURB BOX VOLUNTARY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT.

David Richards is the owner of the property located at 113 North 1st Street. The curb box at this property is leaking and in need of repair. Richards has acknowledged his obligation to make the repairs; however, with the cost at hand, he has requested the city consider entering into a Voluntary Special Assessment Agreement which would allow the cost to be assessed over a 10-year period at 8% interest. Estimated cost for the repairs is \$2,500.00, plus street and sidewalk repairs.

It was moved by Johnsrud, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to approve the agreement with Richards, as presented.

7(C) RESPONSIBILITY OF WATER LINES.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Nieuwbeerta and unanimously passed to table this item to the October 4th meeting.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- ▶ City Engineer Berryman provided a brief update on the status of the 2010 Street Improvements, noting that the contractor is finishing up on boulevard work.
- ▶ Council member Johnsrud urged the public to take a look at their properties and make any clean-up efforts necessary prior to the winter season.
- ▶ Acting president Garbe asked staff to take a look at the property at 218 North 2nd Street and, specifically, the size of the windows on the second floor. He also noted that there may be junk cars on the property as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Glennis Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council October 4, 2010:

Sandra Hodge - President