

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 16, 2009

The city council met in regular session Monday, March 16, 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, City Clerk Glennis A. Lauritsen, City Attorney Janice M. Nelson, City Engineer David Berryman.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Nieuwbeerta and unanimously passed to approve the agenda, with a slight modification to item 7(A) - Annual Report Presentations. It was noted that Public Works Director Greg Schwaegerl would not be in attendance and, therefore, his presentation would be rescheduled.

It was moved by Nieuwbeerta, seconded by Garbe and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting of March 2, 2009, as presented.

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

4(A) UPDATE - WESTERN MN PRAIRIE WATERS ORGANIZATION.

Kristi Fernholz, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, was present representing the Western Minnesota Prairie Waters Organization. Fernholz distributed copies of the Prairie Waters Visitors Guide for review and discussion. Fernholz updated the council on the organization's past, present and future activities and thanked the council for its continued financial support.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 13, 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,410.41.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATIONS.

The following department heads were present to review their 2008 annual report information:

- ▶ Diane Ostlie, Community Center
- ▶ Byron Hayunga, Utilities

7(B) CEMETERY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

City Manager Jones explained that approximately one-half of the estimated \$55,000 has been saved for an overlay of a portion of the cemetery roads. The portion that is in most need of repair is in the lower portions of the cemetery. It was noted that the cost of the improvements is not assessable but could be included in the city's bonding work for 2009.

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Johnsrud and unanimously passed to include cemetery road improvements in the 2009 Street Improvement Project.

7(C) DISBURSEMENT OF SMALL CITIES GRANT FUNDS.

A list of eligible projects was submitted by Prairie Five Community Action Council, Inc. for approval by the city, in conjunction with the Small Cities Rental & Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant. Total cost of the projects is \$80,304.00 (\$36,600 grant funds / \$43,704 other funds.)

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Nieuwbeerta and unanimously passed to approve the list, as submitted.

7(D) 2009 GOAL SETTING SESSION.

Council discussed setting a goal setting session prior to budget worksessions. Several scenarios were discussed, with the consensus being that staff would meet to develop its list of goals/priorities; council would meet to develop its list of goals/priorities; and the two groups would then meet together.

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Johnsrud and unanimously passed to set a goal setting session for 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 27, 2009, at city hall.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- ▶ Mayor Curtiss said that the town hall meeting held at Trailways Café on Saturday, March 14th, was well attended. Senator Kubly and Representative Koenen were both in attendance. Interesting topics and discussion took place.
- ▶ Council member Garbe asked about the possible \$4,000,000 being offered the city for the wastewater treatment plant modifications. City Manager Jones explained that this funding would be in the form of a grant through the Public Facilities Authority (PFA). It is not a part of the bonding bill; however, staff feels that the bill helped to highlight the issue. Jones added that he met with a PFA representative earlier today who indicated that there are a lot of issues to be worked out, i.e. “Buy American Act,” etc.
- ▶ Mayor Curtiss stated that a VA Home presentation is being made to Renville County on Tuesday, the 17th, at 11:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council April 6, 2009:

Sandra Hodge, President