

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
September 21, 2009

The city council met in regular session Monday, September 21, 2009 in the council chambers at city hall. Acting President Jim Curtiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Al Johnsrud, Karen Nieuwebeerta and Bryce Curtiss. Absent: Sandra Hodge and Marvin Garbe. Mayor Jim Curtiss present.

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

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

**ADD:**

**7(C) CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE MONTEVIDEO LIONS CLUB FOR PERMISSION TO USE SMITH PARK FOR THE ANNUAL LIGHTING DISPLAY.**

It was moved by Johnsrud, seconded by Nieuwebeerta and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2009, as presented.

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

- None.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$707,970.18.

5(B) USE OF CITY PROPERTY BY TRAVIS ZACHMAN, MONTEVIDEO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL, FOR THE HOMECOMING PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2009, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) LAND EXCHANGE IN LIEU OF ASSESSMENT.

The Montevideo Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) has taken steps to acquire land along Ashmore Avenue and are interested in trading future assessments for road improvements for land. The engineer's estimate of assessment value ranges from \$15,863.00 to \$26,4378.54, depending upon type of improvements provided (overlay/replacement/new). Estimated value of land in accordance with Minnesota Extension Office information is \$25,080.

Staff believes this is equitable on part of value and beneficial because it would help the city acquire land that needs to be protected within the Airport A Zone. This would also allow the MIDC the ability to acquire and possibly develop the adjacent industrial land.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the council to direct staff to draft an agreement for this purpose, for review at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

7(B) APPRAISAL SERVICES CONTRACT.

City staff has found an appraiser and a contract was negotiated for assistance in land acquisition (or easements) for Phase II of the Flood Control Project (levee). The Army Corps of Engineers has given its approval of this appraiser and, therefore, the city attorney has drafted a proposed contract. The contract indicates a \$75.00/hour fee; travel time at \$30.00/hour plus expenses and provides estimates for the various types of appraisals.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Nieuwebeerta and unanimously passed to approve the contract with Robin R. Nesburg dba/Rural Appraisal Services.

7(C) LIONS LIGHTING PROJECT.

A request was submitted by the Montevideo Lions Club for permission to again use Smith Park for their annual Christmas lighting display. The request stated that there are currently 30 displays confirmed.

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

8. Ordinances.

8(A) APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #891.

Inasmuch as only three members of the council were present, this item was tabled to the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

8(B) APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #892.

Inasmuch as only three members of the council were present, this item was tabled to the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

8(C) APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #893.

Inasmuch as only three members of the council were present, this item was tabled to the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

City Attorney Janice Nelson commented on the area of Washington Avenue & 5<sup>th</sup> Street, noting that currently, Washington Avenue is posted as one-way. However, in light of the recent Highway 7 improvements and access closure, the need for one-way traffic may no longer exist. This item will be placed on a future traffic safety improvement committee agenda for discussion.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

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Steven C. Jones, Acting Secretary

Approved by council October 5, 2009:

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Sandra Hodge - President