

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 1, 2011

The city council met in regular session Monday, August 1, 2011 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, Al Johnsrud, Bryce Curtiss, Karen Nieuwbeerta and Sandra Hodge. Absent: None. Mayor Debra Lee Fader present.

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 Johnsrud, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to approve the agenda, as presented, with the following modifications:

ACTION ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Modify: 5(A) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 29, 2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$143,088.18~~ \$207,183.63.

Modification reflects the following additional claims:

<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
	SW/WC Services	BC/BS - September	\$58,467.50
<u>POLICE</u>			
	Dell	Computers (2)	2,684.09
<u>STREET</u>			
	YM County Hwy. Dept.	Crack seal	2,943.86

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Nieuwbeerta and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2011, as presented.

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

- None.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

- 5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 29, 2011 IN THE (MODIFIED) AMOUNT OF \$207,183.63.
- 5(B) APPLICATION FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE MONTEVIDEO AREA, INC. TO CONDUCT EXCLUDED BINGO AT THE MONTEVIDEO COMMUNITY CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2011.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

- 7(A) VARIANCE REQUEST - BYRON & SHIRLEY ZURN, 606 SOUTH 12TH STREET.

Community Development Director Nick Haggemiller was present to report on the results of the Board of Zoning Adjustment public hearing held at 6:00 P.M. The issue before the Board was a variance request by Byron & Shirley Zurn, 606 South 12th Street, to allow a garage addition to within 4' of the required side yard setback on the south property line, or a 4'5" variance. The Board voted unanimously to approve the variance, based on the following:

- 1. An undue hardship exists because the property is considered substandard (85' width).
- 2. The property cannot be put to a reasonable use under the language of the zoning ordinance due to the substandard size, preventing the highest and best use of the parcel.
- 3. The present landowner did not create the situation (i.e., substandard width).
- 4. The construction will not alter the essential character of the locality.

5. Variance is consistent with the comprehensive plan's direction to "encourage residents to fix up and improve their homes."

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to accept the recommendation of the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the variance, as requested.

7(B) USE OF MINNBID/EBAY FOR SALE OF SURPLUS & SEIZED ITEMS.

Police Chief Adam Christopher was present to request permission to begin using MinnBid.org and eBay to liquidate surplus and seized items. Christopher explained that the department conducts an annual auction for sale of vehicles and other surplus and seized items. The auctions have gone well; however, staff feels that revenue could be increased by using these web-based mechanisms, particularly on vehicles, and its use would also speed up the process of liquidating property. He added that there are some minimal fees involved. Christopher stated that items expected to be over \$1,500.00 could be listed on the council's Consent Agenda for consideration, so that a personal appearance by staff would not be required each time.

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Johnsrud and unanimously passed to allow permission to use MinnBid.org and eBay by ALL city departments for these purposes.

7(C) CITY HALL BUILDING REPAIRS.

As directed by the council, quotes were received for city hall building repairs, including brick repair (tuckpointing), concrete repair and additional flashing. The following quotes were received:

Tuckpointing/Concrete:	Schmidt Masonry Construction	\$ 5,200.00
	Quigley & Sons	10,560.00
Flashing:	Gilbertson, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Johnsrud and unanimously passed to approve the quote of Schmidt Masonry & Gilbertson, Inc., as noted.

7(D) SEH ENGINEERING AMENDMENT #12.

Bids were received and approved for the airport maintenance building construction and, pending state approval and grant application approvals, it is hoped that construction will take place yet this fall. City Manager Jones explained that this engineering contract is for the construction phase of the project. Estimated city and county cost for this amendment is about \$250/each. The FAA picks up 95% of the cost.

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

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council August 15, 2011:

Sandra Hodge - President