

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
October 15, 2012

The city council met in a worksession at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, October 15, 2012 in the conference room at city hall. This date/time was set by motion of the council on September 4, 2012 for the purpose of discussing public works issues.

Council members present: Sandra Hodge, Marvin Garbe, Al Johnsrud and Bryce Curtiss.
Absent: Karen Nieuwbeerta. Mayor Debra Lee Fader present.

Also present were City Manager Steven C. Jones, Public Works Director Greg Schwaegerl, Finance Director Jan Flaherty and City Clerk Glennis A. Lauritsen.

Materials distributed for the worksession included an agenda, a copy of the city manager's April 4, 2011 memo sent to Gravel Road Area Residents and a 2011 Flood Reimbursement Synopsis showing a total expenditure of \$362,767.60.

City Manager Jones and Public Works Director Schwaegerl discussed staff's concern over the potential lack of FEMA reimbursement for future flooding expenses. Based on this, staff is looking for council direction on how much city staff should actually do during flood times. The two key areas of concern are the Gravel Road and Smith Addition areas. In 2011, approximately \$41,000 was spent in pumping costs for the Gravel Road area.

It was noted that the remaining property owners in the Gravel Road area had been offered multiple buyouts in the past and all had refused. It was also noted that residents in the Smith Addition area had been told in the past that the city would assist as we can; that the city would pursue future buyouts, if possible; and, that the businesses are responsible for their own efforts.

Discussion took place regarding what to do with seepage in the Gravel Road area, along the 1969 levee and along West Highway 212. Staff had debated the benefit of a written policy regarding pumping in these areas, as well as possible liability issues associated with such a policy. Some discussion also took place regarding Phase III funding.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the council that the city manager draft a letter to be sent to Gravel Road residents informing them that no pumping for private property would be undertaken by the city. Rather, the only pumping that would occur during flood times would be

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to save/protect municipal facilities and/or infrastructure. The letter would be reviewed by the council at a regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Glennis Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council November 5, 2012:

Sandra Hodge, President