

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
June 17, 2013

The city council met in regular session Monday, June 17, 2013 in the council chambers at city hall. President Garbe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Todd Hay, Nathan Schmidt, Bryce Curtiss and Marvin Garbe.  
Absent: Karen Nieuwbeerta. Mayor Debra Lee Fader present.

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

It was moved by Hay, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to approve the agenda, with the following modifications:

**ADD:            4(C)    PRESENTATION OF JAMES LEE WITT LOCAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF MONTEVIDEO FOR ITS FLOOD MITIGATION EFFORTS.**

**ADD:            7(D)    CONSIDER RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$3,500.00 GIFT FROM THE MONTEVIDEO FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.**

**ADD:            7(E)    CONSIDER ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER TOWER PAINTING PROJECT.**

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Hay and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2013, as presented.

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

4(A)    OATH OF OFFICE - POLICE OFFICER TED ARGABRIGHT.

Mayor Fader administered the Oath of Office to the newest full-time police officer, Ted Argabright.

4(B)    PLAQUE PRESENTATION - FIELDS FOR KIDS GRANT.

Doug Broich presented a plaque recognizing the City of Montevideo as a 2012 grant recipient of the MN Twins Fields for Kids Grant. Broich had been instrumental in

procuring the \$10,000 grant and finding local donations to match. The plaque will be permanently displayed at Windom baseball field.

4(C) JAMES LEE WITT AWARD.

Public Works Director Greg Schwaegerl was on hand to present the council with the 2013 James Lee Witt Local Award for Excellence. Schwaegerl had accepted the award on behalf of the city on June 13<sup>th</sup> in Hartford, Connecticut. This national award recognizes “exemplary community flood mitigation goals and efforts to protect, preserve and manage the properties and resources of the city and citizens.” He expressed his appreciation to the city for giving him the opportunity to attend the official award ceremony. Schwaegerl stated that Montevideo is the smallest community to have received the prestigious award and the only Minnesota city to ever receive the award. The plaque will be displayed in the council chambers.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 14, 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,483.12.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) PERA ELIGIBILITY - PT OFFICERS OLSON & MILO.

Police officers Derek Olson and Angela Milo have moved to part-time employment with the city. For a part-time officer to be eligible for the PERA Police & Fire Fund, a resolution must be approved by the governing body.

BRYCE CURTISS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3173, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY INTO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (PERA) POLICE & FIRE FUND, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3173 WAS SECONDED BY

NATHAN SCHMIDT. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, NATHAN SCHMIDT, TODD HAY AND MARVIN GARBE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

7(B) COMPREHENSIVE PLAN / ZONING MAP / ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES.

The city has been working on a revision to its comprehensive plan and associated zoning map and ordinances. The materials have been presented to the council for a final review prior to scheduling public hearings to consider approval(s). The planning commission will conduct its final review on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The proposed public hearing date is July 22, 2013.

Suggested minor wording/language changes were discussed and will be incorporated into the documents.

7(C) DRAFT STREET CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW.

Public Works Director Schwaegerl discussed the city's long-term street construction plan (2014-2023) and asked for council input/comments. Council members made a few suggestions to the time frame for specific projects. Also discussed was the condition of the fairgrounds road and options available for its improvement. The city engineer was directed to provide updated estimated costs for improvements, after which time it will again be reviewed.

7(D) FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION GIFT (\$3,500.00).

The Montevideo Fire Relief Association would like the city to accept a donation in the total amount of \$3,500.00 from their gambling funds. Their wish is that the funds then be given to Montevideo Youth Sports.

NATHAN SCHMIDT OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3174, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFT, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3174 WAS SECONDED BY TODD HAY. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: NATHAN SCHMIDT, TODD HAY, BRYCE CURTISS AND MARVIN GARBE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

7(E) ADDITIONAL COSTS - WATER TOWER PAINTING PROJECT.

Staff explained that some of the existing radio control equipment on the water tower cannot be removed when the tower is painted. To work around this, the contractor will need to alter his plan, and it will cost an additional \$19,950 to protect the equipment. However, per the city's agreement with Chippewa County for the water tower site, this expenditure should be the responsibility of the county.

In addition, recently added supports for the communication cables inside the tower have been deemed insufficient and need to be upgraded. Staff has asked that additional supports be added to take care of future equipment needs at a cost of \$19,125.00. Most of this is due to the county's radio equipment and how the wiring was installed. Some of the costs are due to city staff requesting to add the additional brackets. City staff suggests the county pay for the required brackets (\$9,750) and rubber boot access ports (\$950), and the city pay for the extra 13 brackets (\$6,174) and the roof cable brackets (\$2,250).

City Engineer Berryman stated he would follow-up with the county.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Schmidt and unanimously passed to approve the additional expenditures, as presented.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- ▶ City Engineer Berryman updated the council on the street improvement project, noting that streets have been milled, and the storm sewer work on 11<sup>th</sup> Street & Park Avenue is scheduled to begin Wednesday, with excavation to begin in the next 1-2 weeks.
- ▶ Mayor Fader relayed information that an individual has come forward with funds for the construction of a bathroom facility and other possible amenities at the Camp Release site. She asked whether the city had been contacted on the issue. City Manager Jones stated he had not heard from the individual directly; however, he had received e-mails from Jim Ruether inquiring about the matter.
- ▶ Council member Hay relayed a citizen concern about tree overgrowth blocking the stop sign on the road behind the former post office, as you travel north onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He also

asked whether that road width was adequate to allow parking on one side. Staff noted that this is an alley - not a street - and the vehicles parked on the west side of that alleyway are on private property, so it's okay.

- ▶ Council member Schmidt addressed the issue of the races running long on a couple of occasions this summer. He said he attends the races regularly, and assured city staff that they are doing everything possible to keep the races moving and completed by 11:00 P.M. City Manager Jones stated that there has been a "gentleman's agreement" in place that no race is started after 10:30 P.M. Citizens are understanding if this is the case; however, it gets late in the evening (11:00 or after), that's when the complaints are received.
- ▶ Council member Schmidt thanked the community for its support of the fire department's fund raiser event during Fiesta Days.
- ▶ Mayor Fader congratulated Fiesta, Inc. on a successful 2013 Fiesta event. Fader noted that plans are being made for the attendance of the Uruguayan ambassador in 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

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Glennis Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council July 1, 2013:

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Marvin E. Garbe, President