

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
March 3, 2014

The city council met in regular session Monday, March 3, 2014 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: Marvin Garbe, Bryce Curtiss, Todd Hay, Nathan Schmidt and Karen Nieuwebeerta. Absent: None. 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.

President Garbe welcomed high school students in attendance to observe the proceedings.

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

**MODIFY:**    5(A)    **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$216,507.04~~ \$299,894.30.**

Modified amount reflects the following:

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| <u>LIQUOR</u>   |           |
| Madison Bottling Co. - Inventory                              | 5,244.75  |
| <u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT &amp; FACILITIES</u>                     |           |
| Schoep Contracting, LLC - Materials for Lagoon Park Riverbank | 3,900.00  |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>  |           |
| Chippewa County Auditor/Treasurer - 2013 HRA P.I.L.O.T        | 4,196.64  |
| ISD #129 - 2013 HRA P.I.L.O.T.                                | 4,879.81  |
| SW/WC Service Co-Op - BC/BS April Insurance Premium           | 59,583.00 |
| <u>PARKS</u>  |           |
| Excel Overhead Door - New Garage Door @ Public Works          | 2,995.00  |

**ADD:**        5(B)    **CONSIDER THE SALE OF SURPLUS ITEMS FOR SALE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

- ▶            1990 Chevrolet Kodiak Dump Truck w/hitch & plow.



7(B) PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ALONG 1969 LEVEE.

In 2005, the Montevideo Economic Development Authority (EDA) purchased property along the existing 1969 levee for \$5,046.00. The city council has requested that the EDA sell the property along the levee and the city buy it back for the original purchase price, plus any additional fees associated with the sale.

The EDA met on February 18<sup>th</sup> and approved the request by the city. The EDA held the required public hearing for this issue on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. and determined that the sale is advisable/appropriate.

BRYCE CURTISS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3211, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PURCHASE/TRANSFER OF LAND FROM THE MONTEVIDEO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3211 WAS SECONDED BY KAREN NIEUWBEERTA. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA, NATHAN SCHMIDT, TODD HAY AND MARVIN GARBE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(C) PURCHASE OF COMMUNITY CENTER.

The city has been leasing the Montevideo Community Center from the EDA. The EDA took out the loan and makes payments to KleinBank. The city makes the same payment to the EDA. The council has requested that the EDA sell the community center and the city buy it for \$1.00, as per the original agreement, once the debt had been repaid.

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NATHAN SCHMIDT OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3212, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PURCHASE/TRANSFER OF THE MONTEVIDEO COMMUNITY CENTER FROM THE MONTEVIDEO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3212 WAS SECONDED BY TODD HAY. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: NATHAN SCHMIDT, TODD HAY, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA, BRYCE CURTISS AND MARVIN GARBE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(D) BENSON ROAD SAFE ROOM.

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to approve the Advertisement for Bids for the Benson Road Safe Room Project (Thursday, April 10, 2014, 2:00 P.M.)

7(E) USE OF PARKING LOT FOR FLASHBACK CAR SHOW.

It was moved by Nieuwbeerta, seconded by Hay and unanimously passed to authorize the use of a portion of the city-owned parking lot behind Minnwest Bank for their Annual Flashback Classic Car Show as part of the Fiesta celebration on June 14, 2014, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

7(F) RAIL YARD DISCUSSION.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Nieuwbeerta and unanimously passed to set a worksession for Monday, April 7, 2014, 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing the rail yard property.

8. Ordinances.

8(A) ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 927.

IT WAS MOVED BY NATHAN SCHMIDT THAT ORDINANCE NO. 927, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2-1-9(A), 2-1-9(E) AND 3-4 OF THE CITY OF MONTEVIDEO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SICK LEAVE & EMPLOYEE WELLNESS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAMS, BE ADOPTED. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 927 WAS SECONDED BY BRYCE CURTISS. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: NATHAN SCHMIDT, BRYCE CURTISS, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA, TODD HAY AND MARVIN GARBE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. ORDINANCE PASSED 5-0.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

9(A) UPDATE - COLD WEATHER ISSUES.

City Manager Jones stated that there have been two (2) watermain breaks so far this year, as compared to 13 in 2013. In addition, due to the extremely cold weather, several of the city's sewer mains have frozen (no watermains to date). Staff is also aware that 30-40 personal lines have experienced freeze-ups as well. Jones explained that some area cities are advertising specific methods to keep water lines from freezing (i.e., setting a slow drip or steady "trickle" of water) and/or are adjusting utility bills. The city is not making adjustments to utility bills or thawing private lines; however, staff will make residents aware of possible remedies other cities are trying.

- ▶ City Attorney Nelson informed the council that Thursday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, is the court date for the fire hall site eminent domain issue.
- ▶ City Engineer Berryman stated that his office continues to work on preparing the plans and specs for the 2014 Street & Utility Improvement Projects.

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- ▶ Mayor Fader requested that the VA Home Committee make a presentation to the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC). Their next meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in Appleton.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

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Glennis Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council March 17, 2014:

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Marvin E. Garbe, President