

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
WORKSESSION - RAILYARD DISCUSSION
April 7, 2014

The city council met in a worksession Monday, April 7, 2014 in the city hall council chambers. Council President Garbe called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Purpose of the worksession was to discuss future railyard use issues. The worksession had been set by motion of the council on March 3, 2014.

Council members present: Marvin Garbe, Karen Nieuwbeerta, Bryce Curtiss, Todd Hay and Nathan Schmidt. Absent: None. Mayor Debra Lee Fader present.

Also present: City Manager Steven C. Jones and City Clerk Glennis Lauritsen.

President Garbe stated that inasmuch as this is a worksession which is designed for discussion by council and city staff, no public comment(s) will be allowed.

In addition to materials provided prior to the worksession, the council had received copies of a letter from Kevin Wald, CEO Ritalka, Inc. dated 3/20/14 and a letter from Jim Ruether, Milwaukee Road Heritage Center & Museum (MRHC) dated 4/3/14.

The worksession was spent with review/discussion of the packet of materials compiled by city staff and previously distributed to the council relating to the property. City Manager Jones highlighted areas of interest, including:

- ▶ Pictures of the site;
- ▶ Current lease agreement between the City and Milwaukee Road Heritage Center;
- ▶ History of ownership;
- ▶ Environmental assessment; and
- ▶ Property valuation information.

Also included in the packet was MRHC's response to the city's request for information. President Garbe referred to the city's specific request for grant information and asked audience member (and Milwaukee Road Heritage Center board member) Jim Ruether to address that item. Ruether briefly updated the council on the type(s) of grant(s) applied for and/or time line for such application/award.

Jones presented the following "Executive Summary of the Most Likely Opportunities for the Montevideo Rail Yard:"

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1. Reconstruction of the rail yard for railroad use, municipally owned (and run similar to a municipally owned airport.)
2. Redevelopment of the rail yard into non-railroad commercial property.
3. Selling the rail yard for railroad associated uses (to a railroad or others.)
4. Continuation of the leasing of the property to the MRHC.
5. Using the rail yard for municipal use (public works facility.)

President Garbe stated that the council will be discussing future rail yard use issues at its regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. and encouraged those present to stay for that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Glenn A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council April 21, 2014:

Marvin E. Garbe, President