

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 3, 2021

The city council met in regular session Monday, May 3, 2021 in the council chambers at city hall. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held both in person and via ZOOM (Meeting I.D. #96455957516); however, number of persons allowed in the council chambers at one time was limited. Council President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present in the council chambers: Steve Sulflow, Beverly Olson, Nathan Schmidt, Dan Sanborn and Bryce Curtiss. Council members present via ZOOM: None.
Absent: None. Mayor Erich Winter absent.

Staff present in the council chambers: City Manager Robert Wolfington, City Attorney Janice Nelson, City Engineer Mike Amborn and City Clerk Glennis Lauritsen.

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

MODIFY: 5A) **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$158,103.03~~ \$3,435,406.69.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Great Plains Natural Gas	\$	2,303.66
Old National Bank - Interfund Transfers/Wire Transfers		3,275,000.00

ADD: 7F) **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BENSON TO PROVIDE BUILDING INSPECTOR SERVICES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.**

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2021 and Board of Equalization Meeting of April 26, 2021, as presented.

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

- None.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

- 5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2021 IN THE (MODIFIED) AMOUNT OF \$3,435,406.69.
- 5(B) USE OF CITY STREETS FOR A RELAY OF LIFE 3K/5K WALK/RUN FUND RAISING EVENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021, 8:30-11:00 A.M.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) VARIANCE - JENNIE-O SOLAR DEVELOPMENT.

As a part of its meeting on April 26, 2021, the Montevideo Board of Zoning Adjustment held a public hearing to consider a request from DG Central 1, LLC on behalf of Jennie-O Foods, Inc. to allow construction of a solar energy system within the required 50' front yard setback and within the required 50' side yard setback spanning two parcels located in an I2 - Heavy Industry District at 901 North 24th Street. The request was for a 25' variance on the front yard and a 30' variance on the side yard, resulting in front yard setbacks of 25' and side yard setbacks of 20'. After discussion, the Board unanimously recommended approval.

Adam Siegelstein, representative of DG Central 1, was present via ZOOM to address questions/concerns raised. Council member Curtiss asked if all of the development will take place within Jennie-O's fenced-in area. Siegelstein answered yes.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Sanborn and unanimously passed to approve the variance, as recommended by the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

7(B) UTILITIES DEPARTMENT PICKUP QUOTES.

Three (3) quotes were received for the purchase of a 2021 or newer 3/4 ton, 4x4 pickup for use by the Utilities Department, with the low quote submitted by Schwieters Ford of Montevideo for a 2022 Ford F250 RC XL 4x4 regular cab pickup at a cost of \$27,387.00.

The CIP includes \$30,000.00 for this purchase. Staff recommended the purchase of this vehicle, at a total cost of \$29,167.16 with tax.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Sanborn and unanimously passed to accept the quote of Schwieters Ford, as recommended by staff.

7(C) 3.2 ON-SALE LICENSE FOR FIESTA CITY SPEEDWAY.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to authorize the issuance of a 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor On-Sale License (Monday-Saturday) to Fiesta City Racing Association, dba/Fiesta City Speedway, contingent upon receipt of all of the required paperwork.

7(D) HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING ACQUISITION.

The Chippewa County Historical Society requested the city allow them to relocate an accessory building from property purchased through the flood mitigation program. The building is located on the property previously owned by Richard & Linda Mitchell at 103 River Road. The Society proposed moving the building from the property onto the Historic Chippewa City property to represent a funeral home and to also give the Society additional storage space. All costs associated would be borne by the Historical Society.

Council member Sanborn asked about a time frame for moving the building. City Manager Wolfington stated that the end of June would seem reasonable. The Corps has indicated a start date for the levee work to be mid-July.

It was moved by Sanborn, seconded by Sulflow and unanimously passed to authorize the relocation of the building, and direct the city attorney to prepare any necessary paperwork for this contribution.

7(E) MODIFICATION AGREEMENT - TC&W RAILROAD.

In 2020, work was performed on the railroad closure portion of the Montevideo Flood Mitigation (Levee) Project. The work conducted by Meyer Construction did not meet the standards and specs from the Army Corps of Engineers, prompting the need for additional testing and corrections. Because the additional work was not included in the original agreement, a Modification Agreement was prepared for this purpose. The ACOE will work directly with Meyer Construction for any costs associated.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the Modification Agreement, as presented.

7(F) AGREEMENT WITH BENSON/TEMPORARY BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES.

The City of Benson requested the City of Montevideo provide its building inspector for up to one day a week during a proposed 30-day contract period while it works out plans for a more permanent solution. Staff has met with Benson about providing the requested service. Building Inspector Brad Henriksen expressed a willingness to work with Benson on this temporary basis. The agreement states that for these services, the City of Montevideo would be reimbursed for the actual cost of the building inspector's work for Benson based on the hourly rate for the building inspector, including benefits and mileage.

City Manager Wolfington noted one modification to Section 1 of the proposed agreement, "Term of Agreement," as follows: ".....The term of this Agreement will automatically renew on a month-to-month basis thereafter unless terminated by either party on ~~10~~ 30 days advance notice to the other."

When asked if Henriksen would use a city vehicle or his personal vehicle, City Manager Wolfington explained that Henriksen currently receives a monthly mileage reimbursement. Any mileage incurred by Henriksen over and above that stipend for trips to/from Benson would be reimbursed by the City of Benson at the IRS rate.

Council member Olson stated that even though Henriksen has indicated a *willingness* to provide his services, she asked whether he has the *time* to cover both cities and how taking on the additional duties would/could affect his work for the City of Montevideo. City Manager Wolfington stated that Henriksen has indicated that based on the limited and temporary nature of the arrangement, it should not be an issue.

Council president Schmidt asked if Henriksen would spend a specific day of the week in Benson, or what type of schedule is proposed. City Manager Wolfington stated that a schedule had not yet been developed; however, the agreement is for a limited amount of time only (up to 8 hours per week.) Schmidt noted the importance of informing the local contractors of the agreed upon schedule so that they are made aware of Henriksen's availability locally.

It was moved by Olson, seconded by Sulflow and unanimously passed to authorize the mayor and city manager to execute the agreement with the City of Benson for building inspection services on a temporary basis.

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8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council May 17, 2021:

President - City Council