

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 19, 2021

The city council met in regular session Monday, July 19, 2021 in the council chambers at city hall. President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Nathan Schmidt, Bryce Curtiss and Steve Sulflow. Absent: Dan Sanborn and Beverly Olson. Mayor Erich Winter present.

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

It was moved by Sulflow, 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 JULY 16, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$663,607.08~~ \$1,190,474.95.

LIQUOR

Johnson Brothers Liquor Co. - Inventory	\$ 4,697.80
Locher Brothers Liquor - Inventory	15,209.55
Locher Brothers Liquor - Inventory	10,488.45
Locher Brothers Liquor - Inventory	14,412.80
Madison Bottling Company - Inventory	1,685.60
Madison Bottling Company - Inventory	3,160.89
Phillips Wine & Spirits - Inventory	4,606.12

2021 UTILITY METER REPLACEMENT

Ferguson Waterworks - Meters/Wall Mounts/Data Collection	451,815.00
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MISCELLANEOUS

Prairie Five Rides - Transit Operating Costs/January-June	3,500.00
Lyle Pringnitz - IT Work	6,800.00

POLICE

Schweikers Ford of Montevideo - Mechanical Work	8,733.09
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UTILITY

Hawkins, Inc. - Chlorine, Soda Ash, etc.	1,758.57
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ADD: 7D) REVIEW/DISCUSS CITY OF MONTEVIDEO WATER EMERGENCY & CONSERVATION PLAN.

ADD: 9B) CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Sulflow and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2021, as presented.

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

- None.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 16, 2021 IN THE (MODIFIED) AMOUNT OF \$1,190,474.95.

5(B) SALE OF SEIZED/SURPLUS ITEMS BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (2013 GMC TERRAIN | 2002 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE GT | 2004 CHEVROLET MALIBU).

5(B) USE OF CITY-OWNED VACANT LAND BY THE REFUGE CHURCH, 1117 BENSON ROAD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021, 4:00:7:00 P.M. FOR ITS "FAMILY FUN NIGHT."

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) JAVA RIVER USE OF PARKING SPOTS/SIDEWALK.

Becky Daly, Java River Coffee House, 210 South 1st Street, was present to discuss a request for use of two (2) parking spots and the sidewalk in front of the business on Thursdays for the remainder of the summer, through September 30th. Daly explained that they have recently completed construction of a stage for events to be held in the courtyard area and would like to move the outdoor grill and food tent onto the city-owned parking

spots and sidewalk so that additional seating is available in the courtyard area itself. The expanded area will benefit their business and create an even better gathering place for the community, which is the spirit of the application.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Curtiss, and unanimously passed to approve the request, as presented.

7(B) 2020 AUDIT REVIEW.

Nancy Aagesen, Dana F. Cole & Company, LLC, was present to review and discuss the 2020 Audit.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Sulflow and unanimously passed to accept the audit, as presented.

7(C) INN LIKE FLINN 2:00 A.M. OPTIONAL CLOSING.

Inn Like Flinn, Inc., 305 South 1st Street, wishes to submit a renewal application to the State of Minnesota for the optional 2:00 A.M. closing of their liquor establishment. Their current permit expires 9/4/21. The application must first be approved in an official meeting of the council. Due to there being no incidents after 2:00 A.M. at the establishment over the past year, no police incident log had been generated. And, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state fee has been waived for this permit. There is no local fee.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Sulflow and unanimously passed to approve submission of the renewal application to the state.

7(D) WATER EMERGENCY & CONSERVATION PLAN.

Utilities Superintendent Byron Hayunga was on hand to provide information on the city's Water Emergency & Conservation Plan and, specifically, how it relates to the current drought situation. Hayunga stated that the city had recently received correspondence from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with suggestions for cities in their efforts to restrict water usage, as well as communication tools for this purpose. Hayunga shared water usage figures from 2017, 2019 and 2020 and also the projected 2021 figure, which indicates that Montevideo will meet its goal as stated in the existing Plan. Therefore, there is no need to ban water usage at this time. The utilities department intends to visit with a few of the higher volume customers to discuss how they might adjust usage temporarily.

Hayunga reiterated that this information was provided to update the council only, with no action necessary by the council.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

9(A) “WELCOME TO MONTEVIDEO” SIGNS.

City Manager Wolfington explained that the existing welcome signs are needing to be repaired/replaced/updated. Currently, there are three of these signs - one along T.H. 29 (Benson Road) located at the north end of the cemetery; one on the Culligan building in Smith Addition and one by City Hall. Staff is looking for direction on how to proceed.

It was the consensus of the council that staff contact local professionals for re-branding ideas, with the understanding that the sun design be kept inasmuch as it reflects the Uruguay connection.

- ▶ City Attorney Nelson reminded the council that a hearing is scheduled for this Thursday for the eminent domain issue in conjunction with the Levee Phase III Project.
- ▶ City Manager Wolfington updated the council on the VA Home Project, noting that a “kick-off” meeting was held last week, an August 24th groundbreaking ceremony is being planned, ground work and footings are slated for September and the targeted project completion date is January 2023.

City Attorney Nelson asked that the council move into Closed Session to discuss a real estate transaction; specifically, to consider the purchase of Lots 4A4 and 4A5 of the City of Montevideo Levee Right-of-Way Plat for the continued purpose of the Levee III Project property acquisitions.

Those individuals present in the council chambers were asked to leave to facilitate the Closed Session.

9(B) CLOSED SESSION.

At 7:31 P.M., the council moved into Closed Session to discuss a real estate transaction. In attendance were City Manager Robert Wolfington, Council members Nathan Schmidt,

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Steve Sulflow and Bryce Curtiss, Mayor Erich Winter, City Clerk Glennis Lauritsen and City Attorney Janice Nelson. The entire Closed Session was recorded electronically, with the media kept in accordance with the city's adopted records retention schedule, after which time the media will be destroyed.

At 7:40 P.M., the council moved out of Closed Session and back into Regular Session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council August 2, 2021:

President - City Council