

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
BUDGET WORKSESSION
August 16, 2021

The city council met in a worksession on Monday, August 16, 2021 in the council chambers at city hall. Council President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The worksession had been set by the council on May 27th.

Council members present: Nathan Schmidt, Steve Sulflow, Dan Sanborn, Beverly Olson and Bryce Curtiss, Absent: None. Mayor Winter present.

Also present were: City Manager Robert Wolfington and City Clerk Glennis Lauritsen.

Staff present: Finance Director Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Public Works Director Aaron Blom and Police Chief Ken Schule.

Police Chief Schule reviewed and discussed expenditures and the CIP/CEP for the police department. Line items highlighted by Schule included ammunition cost/ordering time, the DARE Program, gun range shared use arrangement with the Sheriff's Department and the added \$2,000 expense for natural gas for the furnace at the former city shop. The department is utilizing the building for better and safer vehicle storage, both for vehicles from drug forfeitures and those vehicles being held during ongoing investigations. The CIP/CEP was also discussed, which included tasers, radios, computer upgrades and patrol car purchases. Schule noted that due to the difficulty of getting vehicles this year, he may hold off until 2022 and purchase two at that time.

Public Works Director Blom reviewed and discussed expenditures and the CIP/CEPs for the public works department, including Streets, Street Lights, Cemetery, Parks (Equipment and Facilities) and the Municipal Swimming Pool. Blom stated that the streets and parks divisions no longer have separate budgets; rather, they are now incorporated into one budget known as "public works." Blom stated that there are no major changes in the 2022 numbers and that they are very similar to 2021. He noted that five (5) additional camping spaces are being added in Lagoon Park, which will be for long-term usage. He suggested that the council consider raising camping rates, which have stayed at \$20/night and \$100/week for quite some time. Blom then discussed equipment needs, noting that a number of big ticket items are planned for each year over the next few years. He asked that council members give some thought to the most beneficial/creative way of acquiring these large pieces of equipment, i.e., purchase/lease/other options. With regards to the street lights budget, Blom discussed his desire to convert lamps to LED, starting with the Parkway Drive area. He then discussed current and future amenities at the

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outdoor swimming pool. Blom said that the condition of the pool is good. The boiler is original, so that is something that is being kept in mind. He suggested that the council be thinking about what it wants the future to be for the outdoor swimming pool as extra features are quite expensive (splash pads, etc.) and that additional discussions be held in this regard.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council September 7, 2021:

Nathan Schmidt, President