

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
August 16, 2021

The city council met in regular session Monday, August 16, 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, Steve Sulflow, Dan Sanborn and Beverly Olson. Absent: None. Mayor Erich Winter present.

Staff present: City Manager Robert Wolfington, City Engineer Mike Amborn, City Attorney Janice Nelson 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 AUGUST 14, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$189,985.22~~ \$236,637.57.**

LIQUOR

Johnson Brothers Liquor Co. - Inventory	\$	2,394.04
Locher Brothers Liquor - Inventory		10,573.95
Phillips Wine & Spirits - Inventory		4,087.26

MISCELLANEOUS

Moss & Barnet - Professional Services/Cable Franchise Renwal	2,161.00
Ehlers - Continuing Disclosure Fee/2021	3,925.00
Montevideo Publishing - Ads/Fund Statements, Ordinances, etc.	1,816.10

UTILITY

MN Department of Health - Water testing fee	21,695.00
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**ADD:**        5C)    **CONSIDER APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE SW INITIATIVE FUND (SWIF) FOR USE OF THE BEAR CAGE AREA IN SMITH PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., FOR A "WELCOME AMERICA" CELEBRATION EVENT.**

**MODIFY: 7A) CONSIDER RESOLUTION DIRECTING CITY REMOVAL OF ABANDONED SIGNAGE.**

Resolution and revised write-up provided.

It was moved by Sanborn, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 2, 2021 and Budget Worksession of August 9, 2021, as presented.

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

- Morgan Ironheart, 421 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, appeared before the council to request participation by the city in the recognition of Overdose Awareness Month (September). Further, he asked that the community recovery group be allowed to use the Artigas Plaza area for a meeting location and that Artigas Plaza be lit up in purple lights in acknowledgment of the struggles and successes that accompany addiction and mental health issues. Council member Sanborn stated that Mr. Ironheart is a friend of his, that the issue of addiction and mental health awareness is important to him personally and strongly encouraged the city to assist in Mr. Ironheart's endeavor in any way possible. The council voiced its support and directed the city manager to work with Mr. Ironheart on the requests.
- It was noted that this date/time had been provided as an opportunity for property owners to be heard in response to a July 30, 2021 notice issued by the city requiring the removal of abandoned signage. A total of four (4) notices were sent.

There were no individuals present to speak on this issue.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

- 5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 14, 2021 IN THE (MODIFIED) AMOUNT OF \$236,637.57.
- 5(B) APPLICATION FROM THE CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH FOR USE OF 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET FOR ITS FALL FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021, 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

5(C) APPLICATION FROM THE SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FUND (SWIF) FOR USE OF THE SMITH PARK BEAR CAGE AREA ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2021, FOR A “WELCOME AMERICA” CELEBRATION EVENT.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) ABANDONED SIGNAGE.

Staff explained that by letters dated July 9, 2021, a number of property owners were informed that abandoned signs had been identified on their properties. The letter asked that the signage be removed by August 8<sup>th</sup>, provided them an opportunity to appear before the council on August 2<sup>nd</sup> (in the event that they disagreed that the signage was abandoned) and informed them that the matter would be placed on the August 16<sup>th</sup> council agenda for final action. Of the nine (9) letters mailed, three (3) have not responded or taken action to remove their signs:

<u>Sign</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
Moldes Plumbing Tax parcel No. 70-375-1730 (219 North 1 <sup>st</sup> Street)	J&R Plaza Suites, LLP
Grand Buffet Hunt on Main Hunt Bar & Grill L’Patron Mexican Restaurant Tax parcel No. 70-375-1760 (207 North 1 <sup>st</sup> Street)	Redwood Investments, LLC
Pierce Tactical Training & Trade, LLC Tax parcel No. 70-165-1825 (115 South 1 <sup>st</sup> Street)	Pierce Tactical Training & Trade, LLC

A resolution was drafted by the city attorney which would authorize the city to remove the abandoned signs, with expenses recovered through a special assessment against the premises.

BRYCE CURTISS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3730, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY REMOVAL OF ABANDONED SIGNAGE, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3730 WAS SECONDED BY DAN SANBORN. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, DAN SANBORN, BEVERLY OLSON, STEVE SULFLOW AND NATHAN SCHMIDT. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(B) APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION.

It was moved by Sanborn, seconded by Sulflow and unanimously passed to appoint Michael Groothuis to the Montevideo Planning Commission, term expiring January 2023.

7(C) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS/GRANTS.

The following gifts/grants have been received by the city:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount/Value</u>
State of Minnesota/DOT	Local Road Improvement Program Grant (Ashmore & 24 <sup>th</sup> )	\$1,095,000.00
State of Minnesota/DNR	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (Chippewa River Riffle Project)	50,000.00
Chippewa County/Fair Burnout Event	Donation - DARE Program	2,400.00

STEVE SULFLOW OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3731, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTS/GRANTS, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3731 WAS SECONDED BY BEVERLY OLSON. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: STEVE SULFLOW, BEVERLY OLSON, BRYCE CURTISS, DAN SANBORN AND NATHAN SCHMIDT. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

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9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- ▶ City Attorney Nelson stated that the necessary paperwork was ready for city signatures for the sale of the land for the new VA Home.
- ▶ City Manager Wolfington provided a brief update on the progress of the work on the Levee 3B Project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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Glenn A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council September 7, 2021:

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President - City Council