

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
October 18, 2021

The city council met in regular session Monday, October 18, 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 and Beverly Olson.  
Absent: Dan Sanborn. 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 OCTOBER 15, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$366,779.65~~ \$1,668,970.24.**

LIQUOR

Bellboy Corporation - Inventory	\$ 2,100.00
Breakthru Beverage MN - Inventory	1,993.23
Johnson Brothers Liquor Co. - Inventory	4,346.04
Paustis Wine Company - Inventory	2,281.19
Phillips Wine & Spirits - Inventory	4,541.48
Phillips Wine & Spirits - Inventory	2,395.98
Southern Glazer's of MN - Inventory	1,944.40

AIRPORT

Everstrong Construction - Application #5 - T-Hangar	633,479.99
Everstrong Construction - Application #6 - T-Hangar	637,399.89

ARPA - COVID FUNDS

West Central Communications, Inc. - Police Radios (Moved from CE&F; does not affect total)	49,557.00
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- 5(C) APPLICATION FROM THE MONTEVIDEO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW BINGO ACTIVITY AT THE VFW POST #59 ON NOVEMBER 20, 2021.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

- 7(A) VA CLINIC RELOCATION PROJECT COSTS.

CCM Health CEO Brian Lovdahl was present to request approval from the council to proceed with costs of relocating the VA Clinic from its current location at 1025 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street to an existing wing in the main campus building of CCM Health. The relocation will require a remodel of the existing wing to meet the requirements of the VA Clinic. The CCM Health Board has approved spending up to \$5 Million on the project. Lovdahl provided a breakdown of the project and discussed the financial ramifications. He added that he would be presenting a similar request to the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, October 19th.

It was the consensus of the council that it is important to keep a VA Clinic in Montevideo and, therefore, it was moved by Curtiss and seconded by Sulflow to authorize CCM Health to proceed with the project. Those voting in favor of motion: Curtiss, Sulflow and Olson. Those voting against motion: None. Schmidt abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

- 7(B) BID AWARD - FARM RENTAL PROPERTIES.

A bid tabulation was presented for bids received Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> on the farm rental property which surrounds the Montevideo-Chippewa County Airport site and adjacent areas owned by others. Bidders were asked to submit per acre/per year bids on a number of specific parcels for crop years 2022 and 2023 as identified by letters A-E and Alternates 1-2 on a map provided within the bid packet materials. Six (6) bidders submitted bids, which resulted in two (2) successful bidders. Staff recommended the council award the bid for Parcels A, C and Alternates 1 & 2 to Eichhorst Brothers and the bids for Parcels B, D & E to Toby Sunderland.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the award of bids, as recommended by staff, with the understanding that if either bidder would choose to decline the award, staff is authorized to then offer the lease to the next highest bidder(s).

7(C) CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - WATER METER PROJECT.

Ferguson Waterworks submitted Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$139,965.00 for the city's Water Meter & Mobile AMR Project for the purchase of larger meters that will be used in commercial properties. This was not included in the original bid due to the need to finish surveying the city's meter inventory to determine appropriate sizing. The proposed Change Order increases the total project cost to \$796,475.00, which is still below the original estimate. No further change orders are anticipated at this time; however, the project would continue to be monitored.

Utilities Superintendent Byron Hayunga was on hand to address questions/concerns related to the proposed Change Order and to provide an update on the progress of the project. Hayunga stated that the city is six weeks into this project, approximately 24% of the residential meters have been installed (586) and 284 additional appointments have been made/awaiting installation. This puts the project on track with the proposed time line.

It was moved by Curtiss, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve Change Order No. 1 with Ferguson Waterworks, as presented.

7(D) 2022 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Staff recommended that the city council approve a resolution authorizing the city engineer to prepare a preliminary report and cost estimates for the 2022 Construction Project, including the following:

- Ashmore Avenue, 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 24<sup>th</sup> Street;
- 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Ashmore Avenue to Washington Avenue;
- Eichelberger Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street; and,
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Ost Avenue to Wolfe Avenue

By Resolution #3731, the city had accepted a \$1,095,000 Local Road Improvement Grant for the Ashmore Avenue & 24<sup>th</sup> Street segments. The city would need to bond for any

other segments completed. It was noted that staff continues to work on an updated street construction plan outlining proposed future projects, which will be presented to the council for review at a later date.

BRYCE CURTISS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3747, A RESOLUTION REGARDING PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY REPORT AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PROPOSED 2022 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3747 WAS SECONDED BY STEVE SULFLOW. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, STEVE SULFLOW, BEVERLY OLSON AND NATHAN SCHMIDT. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

7(E) LETTER OF INTENT - TAP GRANT - ASHMORE TRAIL.

The Transportation Alternatives Solicitation is a competitive grant opportunity for local communities and regional agencies to fund projects for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, historic preservation and more. Minnesota will be soliciting projects for approximately \$6.2 Million in available funds across the state where the total is sub-targeted to the seven area transportation partnerships (\$700,000 for District 8). Greater Minnesota applicants must submit a letter of intent describing the key components of their project.

The city had applied for this grant in 2020; however, the project was not selected. Staff requested authorization to re-apply for this grant program to provide funding assistance for the reconstruction of the Ashmore trail. A 20% local match is required. This solicitation would be for construction in 2026.

It was the consensus of the council that staff proceed with the submission of a Letter of Intent, as discussed.

7(F) CELLULAR BOOSTER ANTENNA PURCHASE.

It was explained that following construction of the public works facility, it was discovered that the construction created a poor cellular reception area with cellular data being unable to travel into the building. Therefore, staff researched a solution to address the issue and found that a cellular repeater antenna would provide a stable cellular connection. A quote from West Central Communications was received in the amount of

\$12,369.65. It was noted that the American Rescue Plan Act includes communication as an approved expense.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to authorize the purchase of a repeater antenna from West Central Communications, as presented.

7(G) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS/GRANTS.

The following gift was received by the city:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount/Value</u>
Wesley & Dorraine Thompson	Donation - DARE Program	\$ 75.00
Darlene Black	Donation - DARE Program	25.00

BRYCE CURTISS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3748, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTS/GRANTS, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3748 WAS SECONDED BY BEVERLY OLSON. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, BEVERLY OLSON, STEVE SULFLOW AND NATHAN SCHMIDT. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

7(H) SNOW PUSHER PURCHASE.

Quotes were received for the purchase of a new 8' snow pusher for use in the public works department. Two quotes were received - one from Haug-Kubota on a Land Pride 96" pusher in the amount of \$3,982,79 and another from Crysteel Truck Equipment on a PROTECH SP08S pusher in the amount of \$3,044.00. Staff recommended purchasing the pusher from Crysteel, as quoted. It was noted that there is \$14,570 included in the CIP for this purpose.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to authorize the purchase of the PROTECH pusher, as recommended by staff.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

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9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- City Manager Wolfington reported that he and Council Members Sanborn and Olson had recently attended a meeting of the school board, where it was agreed to form an Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of representation by the city, county, school and possibly hospital for the purpose of discussing areas of mutual interest/concern.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

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Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council November 1, 2021:

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President - City Council