

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 17, 2023

The city council met in regular session Monday, April 17, 2023 in the council chambers at city hall. Council 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, Beverly Olson and Dan Sanborn. Absent: None. Mayor Erich Winter present.

Also present: City Manager Robert Wolfington, 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: 5B) CONSIDER APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SHEILA KOEPKE, MONTEVIDEO PROM COMMITTEE, REQUESTING USE OF CITY STREETS IN THE AREA OF THE MONTEVIDEO MIDDLE SCHOOL, 2001 WILLIAM AVENUE, FOR THE PROM DRIVE-UP & GRAND MARCH ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Modified agenda item write-up provided to clarify location to include both Middle School AND High School areas.

ADD: 5D) CONSIDER APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY AARON BLOM, MONTEVIDEO PROM COMMITTEE, REQUESTING USE OF A PORTION OF THE SOUTHTOWN PLAZA PARKING LOT FOR THE AFTER PROM EVENT ON SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MAY 6-7, 2023.

ADD: 7G) CONSIDER LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DAN DIRKSEN FOR PRIVATE HANGAR AT THE MONTEVIDEO-CHIPPEWA COUNTY AIRPORT.

It was moved by Sanborn, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2023, as presented.

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

4(A) LAKE SNOOPY LOOP TRAIL SYSTEM PROJECT.

A group of citizens appeared to discuss a Lake Snoopy Loop Trail System Project. In addition, written letters of support had been submitted from area residents and businesses which had been made available to the council prior to the meeting.

Bill Pauling, Chippewa County Commissioner/resident/former business owner, spoke in support of a collaborative effort between Chippewa County and the City of Montevideo, stating that this project is “shovel ready” and the engineering had already been accomplished. He referred to the most recent collaboration of the pedestrian crossing at T.H. 7/CR15 and said that he hoped the two groups could work together on another successful project. Pauling noted that there will be an opportunity for federal funding, with an estimated \$25 Million available, and he encouraged the council to take a hard look at participation.

Dave Stendahl, resident/former business owner/former Chamber President, spoke in support of the project from the perspective of someone wanting community growth. Stendahl stated that this trail project deserves the support of the city because these amenities will help attract new residents to Montevideo.

Patrick Moore, resident/Java River building owner, also spoke in support of the project. He said that no application for funds would be looked at seriously if not fully supported by a city’s governmental agencies.

Council members each stated their full support for a trail project; however, there were concerns relative to the cost/responsibility of maintenance. The City of Montevideo is not in a position to accept that responsibility and, therefore, more discussion needs to take place between the two entities.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 13, 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,053.80.

- 5(B) APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SHEILA KOEPKE, MONTEVIDEO PROM COMMITTEE, REQUESTING USE OF CITY STREETS IN THE AREA OF THE MONTEVIDEO HIGH SCHOOL, 1501 WILLIAM AVENUE, AND MONTEVIDEO MIDDLE SCHOOL, 2001 WILLIAM AVENUE, FOR THE PROM DRIVE-UP & GRAND MARCH ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, 5:00-6:00 P.M.
- 5(C) APPLICATION FROM THE CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW RAFFLE ACTIVITY ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 AT 512 BLACK OAK AVENUE.
- 5(D) APPLICATION FROM THE MONTEVIDEO PROM COMMITTEE REQUESTING USE OF A PORTION OF THE SOUTHTOWN PLAZA PARKING LOT FOR THE AFTER PROM EVENT ON SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MAY 6-7, 2023.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) ANNUAL REPORT - MONTEVIDEO LIBRARY.

There was no one present to provide the report.

7(B) DEPARTMENTAL 2022 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEWS.

The following department heads reviewed and discussed their 2022 Annual Reports:

- Liquor Sore Manager Jeff Andreas
- Public Works Director Aaron Blom
- Fire Chief Mitch Stueck
- City Manager Robert Wolfington (Airport/Planning & Zoning)

7(C) 2023 OUTDOOR POOL SEASON.

The Montevideo Park Board met April 11th and recommended the following for the 2023 outdoor pool season:

- Fees: Individual passes - \$50.00; Tickets - 50 for \$100.00; 25 for \$62.50; 10 for \$27.50. Daily admission would be \$3.00/session, with \$1.00/session charged for the wading pool. Lap swim - \$2.00.
- Schedule: June 5-August 13, 1:00-8PM daily.
- Free swim day for all swimmers on June 16th, as part of the Montevideo Fiesta Days celebration.
- Elimination of Family Swim.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the 2023 outdoor pool fees, free swim, program and the elimination of family swim, as recommended by the Park Board.

7(D) PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT.

It was moved by Sanborn, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to appoint Tracy Wellendorf to the Montevideo Park Board, term expiring January 2027.

7(E) FEES & CHARGES AMENDMENT/STORM WATER DRAINAGE CHARGE.

The establishment of a new Storm Water Drainage Utility for the city included agreed-upon rates/charges, as follows:

- Single-family dwellings or twin homes - \$6.50/month
- A rate design for all other property classifications within the City of Montevideo using the formula “Residential Equivalency Factor (REF) x Acreage x Fee with the residential equivalent for each land use set as:

Residential uses, except single-family dwellings, twin homes and Manufactured Homes	2.0
Manufactured Homes	1.5
Institutional and Churches, except schools	2.0
Commercial and Industrial	2.5
Schools	1.0
Agricultural and Vacant Parcels	0.0

In order to incorporate the charge and rate design, a resolution was presented to amend the city's existing fees & charges schedule.

DAN SANBORN OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3858, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S 2023 FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3858 WAS SECONDED BY BRYCE CURTISS. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: DAN SANBORN, BRYCE CURTISS, STEVE SULFLOW, BEVERLY OLSON AND NATHAN SCHMIDT. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(F) FEES & CHARGES AMENDMENT/PREMISES PERMIT INVESTIGATIONS.

The Montevideo City Code 3-3-7A states that "Organizations applying for or renewing premises permits shall pay the city an investigation fee set by resolution of the city council;" however, the 2023 Fees & Charges Schedule does not include such a fee. Staff does not feel that a fee is necessary for this service at this time. But, because it could become necessary in the future, it was recommended that a line item be added to the fees & charges schedule in order to comply with the ordinance. A \$0.00 "fee" is recommended.

BRYCE CURTISS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3859, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S 2023 FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3859 WAS SECONDED BY STEVE SULVLOW. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, STEVE SULFLOW, BEVERLY OLSON, DAN SANBORN AND NATHAN SCHMIDT. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

8. Ordinances.

8(A) ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 979 - STORM WATER UTILITY CHARGE.

Ordinance No. 979 was introduced at the April 3, 2023 meeting. The ordinance establishes a utility charge for the new storm water drainage utility for the City of Montevideo.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRYCE CURTISS THAT ORDINANCE NO. 979, AN ORDINANCE ADDING A UTILITY CHARGE FOR STORM WATER DRAINAGE, BE ADOPTED. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 979 WAS SECONDED BY BEVERLY OLSON. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BRYCE CURTISS, BEVERLY OLSON, STEVE SULFLOW, DAN SANBORN AND NATHAN SCHMIDT. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED 5-0.

8(B) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 980 (PREMISES PERMIT FEES).

Staff recommended modifying the Lawful Gambling chapter of the Montevideo City Code to remove the requirement of a zoning ordinance compliance statement and to add clarifying language regarding the background investigation provision(s).

STEVE SULFLOW INTRODUCED ORDINANCE NO. 980, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 3-3-7 OF THE MONTEVIDEO CITY CODE, INVESTIGATION FEES.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- City Manager Wolfington provided a flood update, noting that the river is forecast to crest at 19' 44". There has not yet been closure at the railroad but sanitary sewer was shut off in the Smith Addition area and Watson services are on bypass.
- City Clerk Lauritsen reminded the council of the Board of Review Meeting on Monday, April 24th. The county assessor had informed staff that one party has indicated they may be in attendance; however, no appointments have yet been scheduled by city staff.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council May 1, 2023:

President - City Council