

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 22, 2024

The city council met in regular session Monday, July 22, 2024 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: Steve Sulflow, Beverly Olson, Dan Sanborn and Nathan Schmidt.
Absent: Bryce Curtiss. Mayor Erich Winter absent.

Also present were: City Manager Robert Wolfington, City Attorney Janice Nelson and City Clerk Tami Schuelke-Sampson.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the agenda, with the following modifications:

MODIFY: 5(A) **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 18, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$781,760.67~~ \$914,025.88.**

The revised list reflects the following additions:

<u>DOG PARK</u>	
Builders FirstSource - Chainlink Fence & 3 gates	\$ 6,957.00
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
SW/WC Service Coop - August Medica Premium	80,040.20
 <u>REFUSE</u>	
Tostenson, Inc. - June Services	45,268.01

ADD: 7(D) **CONSIDER GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH HEIDY TORREZ AND JAMIE PAULING FOR A TOTAL OF FIVE CHILDCARE PROVIDER SLOTS IN MONTEVIDEO.**

7(E) **CONSIDER RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTS/GRANTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.**

It was moved by Sanborn, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2024 as presented.

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

- None.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

- 5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 18, 2024 IN THE (MODIFIED) AMOUNT OF \$914,025.88.
- 5(B) APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH FOR USE OF 6TH STREET AND EUREKA AVENUE FOR ITS FALL FESTIVAL EVENT ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024.
- 5(D) APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR USE OF ARTIGAS PLAZA, SIDEWALKS AND PARKING SPOTS ON 1ST STREET FOR A GOSPEL SINGING EVENT ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) OPIOID LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT FUNDS ANNUAL UPDATE.

Liz Auch, Administrator of Countryside Public Health, was present to give an update on the opioid settlement. Auch provided a handout that explained that there were 3,000 lawsuits brought against opioid manufacturers, distributors, pharmacy chains and marketing consulting firms that led to a consolidated multidistrict litigation to manage the proceedings. Minnesota received \$568 million dollars with Countryside Public Health receiving \$2,756,352 over 18 years. These funds will be used in Chippewa, Lac qui

Parle, Swift and Yellow Medicine Counties. Big Stone County has opted to administer and provide programs with the funds they would receive which is \$201,000.

The settlement funds will be used in two buckets. The first bucket, \$90,000 annually, is used to work in the school districts with an evidence based curriculum for the third, fifth and seventh grades. The second bucket is a taskforce that will assess data and grant funds to local communities. The role of municipalities is to receive an annual update from Countryside Public Health and provide them with guidance and feedback.

7(B) INN LIKE FLINN 2AM STATE LICENSE/PERMIT.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Sanborn and unanimously passed to approve the submission of a renewal application to the State of Minnesota for the optional 2:00 A.M. closing of Inn Like Flinn, 305 South 1st Street.

7(C) CORRECTED WAGE SCALE - COMMUNITY CENTER/COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR.

At the February 5, 2024 council meeting the Community/Senior Center Coordinator position was appointed to the Community Center/Communications Director. An error was made when computing the pay scale.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the updated wage scale for the Community Center/Communication Director position.

7(D) AGREEMENTS WITH HEIDY TORREZ AND JAMIE PAULING FOR CHILDCARE PROVIDER SLOTS IN MONTEVIDEO AND RELEASE OF FUNDS.

The City of Montevideo received grant dollars from First Children's Finance that is intended to go to new childcare providers. The grant was for \$30,000 from First Children's Finance and the Montevideo Community Development Commission (MCDC) matched with \$15,000, giving each provider \$9,000. The City has the funds and is working on grant agreements with two facility owners, Heidi Torrez and Jamie Pauling.

The City Attorney is drafting the agreements that requires the facilities to provide childcare services for at least one year and would give up to six months to find a replacement provider if one falls through. A total of five providers will be receiving the funds through this grant. A facility located on Benson Road will receive a total of

\$18,000 for its two providers and a facility located downtown Montevideo will receive \$27,000 for its three providers.

It was moved by Sanborn, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the pending agreements with Heidi Torrez and Jamie Pauling, authorize the mayor and city manager to execute the contract and release funds contingent on signatures.

7(E) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS/GRANTS.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount/Value</u>
Fisher Laser Eye Care	Donation - Dog Park	\$ 350.00
Builders FirstSource	Donation - Dog Park (10% off fence/gates)	773.00

STEVE SULFLOW OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 3966, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTS/GRANTS AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3966 WAS SECONDED BY DAN SANBORN. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: STEVE SULFLOW, DAN SANBORN, BEVERLY OLSON AND NATHAN SCHMIDT. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

9(A) BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS UPDATES

- ▶ Council member Schmidt stated the hospital had a very good month with a positive operating margin. Contracting with Big Stone Therapies is continuing to help financially.
- ▶ City Manager Wolfington explained that the hangar at the airport is moving along slowly. The contractor is waiting on materials to finish the roof. The engineering firm, SEH, has

sent a letter to the contractor regarding them being about one year past the tentative completion date.

- ▶ Council member Sulflow had attended the Chippewa County Planning and Advisory Commission and they are looking for feedback on the draft cannabis, solar and wind ordinances.
- ▶ Council member Olson stated the MCDC met and completed a loan review and brainstormed ideas/strategies for repayment.

9(B) OTHER

- ▶ Council member Sanborn asked for an update on the dog park. City Manager Wolfington stated that the fencing items have been ordered and construction will begin in August. The intent is to move forward as designed with options available to expand when funds are available. Jackson will be invited to a council meeting to provide an update.
- ▶ City Manager Wolfington provided a construction project update. Oak Drive construction has started and the storm sewer structures are in route.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Secretary

Approved by council August 5, 2024:

President - City Council