

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The city council met in regular session Tuesday, February 17, 2026 in the council chambers at city hall. Acting Council President Sanborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Steve Sulflow, Dan Sanborn, Dean Matthys and Beverly Olson.
Absent: Bryce Curtiss. Mayor James Bulman present.

Also present were: City Manager Robert Wolfington, City Attorney Janice Nelson, City Engineer Mike Amborn 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 FEBRUARY 12, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$350,087.90~~: \$388,277.13.

The revised list reflects the following additions:

LIQUOR

Dahlheimer Beverage Green Isle - Inventory	\$ 10,555.20
Madison Bottling Company - Inventory	3,140.90
Southern Glazer's of MN - Inventory	6,502.12

MISCELLANEOUS

Clearway Community Solar - Solar bills	11,016.00
Montevideo Area Chamber of Commerce - Feb bills	3,555.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Altec Industries, Inc. - Truck repairs, etc.	1,661.98
Chippewa County - Slip Sand (136 Tons)	1,758.03

ADD: 5(B) CONSIDER APPLICATION FROM THE MONTEVIDEO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/CVB FOR USE OF CITY STREETS FOR A ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026, 5:00-6:00 P.M.

ADD: 7(G) CONSIDER MURAL PROJECT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ADD: 7(H) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY.

ADD: 7(I) CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACTING CITY ATTORNEY.

It was moved by Matthys, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2026 and the worksession of February 9, 2026, as presented.

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

- None.

5. Consent Agenda.

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

5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 2026 IN THE (MODIFIED) AMOUNT OF \$388,277.13.

5(B) USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 (CLOSING OF MAIN STREET AND THE AVENUES BETWEEN MERRIAM AVENUE AND SHERMAN AVENUE).

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) THOMPSON ACCESSORY BUILDING VARIANCE - 1712 SHERIDAN AVENUE.

At its meeting on February 17th, the Montevideo Board of Zoning Adjustment held a public hearing to consider a request from Jamey & Wesley Thompson for a variance to Section 11-13-Paragraph 10 of the Montevideo City Code to allow the construction of an

oversized accessory building within the required setbacks in a R1 - Single-Family Residential District located at 1712 Sheridan Avenue. As the accessory structure would exceed the maximum allowed accessory structure size and span into the required setbacks of the property lines. Following discussion, the Board unanimously recommended approval of the variance.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Matthys and unanimously passed to approve the variance, as recommended.

7(B) 2025 ANNUAL REPORT.

It was moved by Matthys, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to accept the 2025 Annual Report.

7(C) 2026 BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to designate the date of Monday, April 20, 2026, from 6:00-6:30 P.M. for the purpose of conducting the local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting.

7(D) MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UMRDC.

A vacancy currently exists on the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC) for a municipal representative from Chippewa County. The RDC has solicited representatives from all cities within the county.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Matthys and unanimously passed to submit a nomination of James Bulman to serve in this capacity.

7(E) CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.

An RFP has been prepared by City Manager Wolfington and Community Development Coordinator Dahms to solicit interest for those services to assist the City with an updated Comprehensive Plan. If acceptable, the RFP would then be distributed and advertised on the League of MN Cities website.

It was moved by Matthys, seconded by Sulflow and unanimously passed to approve the Request for Proposal for City Comprehensive Plan services as presented.

7(F) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS/GRANTS.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount/Value</u>
Lions Club of Montevideo	Donation to purchase 10 Skate Helpers	\$ 1,800.00

STEVE SULFLOW OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4051, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4051 WAS SECONDED BY BEVERLY OLSON. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: STEVE SULFLOW, BEVERLY OLSON, DEAN MATTHYS AND DAN SANBORN. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

Sanborn thanked the Lions Club and explained how this donation will help fund additional amenities without having to cost the city anything. Sanborn also challenged other City Council members to bring a project to the next meeting that will be voted on to start a Council Project. The Councilmembers will then solicit funds to get the project started/completed.

7(G) MURAL PROJECT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Ethan Sletten from the Montevideo Fire Department reached out to staff to inquire about putting a mural in the Fire Hall. The mural theme would relate to fire service, public safety, local history and/or community identity, with consideration given to the antique fire truck housed in the space. Ethan Sletten provided a proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) for review. The Fire Department is requesting Council approval to move forward with the project. Fire Relief members Ethan Sletten and Chad Hiepler explained to Council that they would like the mural to be a learning experience and explain the history of the Department. They are hopeful that the project will be completed so it can be shown to kids touring the Fire Hall during Fire Prevention Week in October. Sletten said the Fire Relief Association will be paying for the mural.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the Request for Proposal for putting a mural in the Fire Hall as presented.

7(H) CITY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT.

The City of Montevideo went out for an RFP for City Attorney services and received three proposals. After reviewing the three, two candidates were selected for interviews. A series of interviews that included City Staff and representation from the City Council, a recommendation has been reached. Staff recommends to appoint Elizabeth Bloom from Nelson Oyen Torvik as City Attorney.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to appoint Elizabeth Bloom from Nelson Oyen Torvik as City Attorney.

7(I) ACTING CITY ATTORNEY/FOR REST OF 2026.

STEVE SULFLOW OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4052, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN ACTING CITY ATTORNEY (CHRISTOPHER REISDORFER) WHEN SUCH MAY BE REQUIRED, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4052 WAS SECONDED BY DEAN MATTHYS. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: STEVE SULFLOW, DEAN MATTHYS, BEVERLY OLSON AND DAN SANBORN. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

9(A) BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS UPDATES.

- ▶ City Manager Wolfington stated the EDA met this morning and Mayor Bulman elaborated that the EDA will be supporting the Meander and Scenic Byway again this year. A lot at Horizon Trails was also discussed. Councilmember Sulflow thanked Representative Scott VanBinsbergen for attending the recent EDA meetings virtually.
- ▶ Councilmember Sanborn updated that at the last Airport Commission meeting the engineer provided a report on the runway resurfacing project and snow removal equipment purchase.

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9(B) OTHER.

- ▶ City Attorney Nelson stated that tonight will be her last meeting and she thanked all the City staff and Councils that she has worked with. Nelson expressed that it was an honor and pleasure being the City Attorney.
- ▶ City Manager Wolfington updated that the school referendum passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Secretary

Approved by council March 2, 2026:

President - City Council