

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 2, 2026

The city council met in regular session Monday, March 2, 2026 in the council chambers at city hall. Council President Curtiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Steve Sulflow, Dan Sanborn, Dean Matthys, Beverly Olson and Bryce Curtiss. Absent: None. Mayor James Bulman present.

Also present were: City Manager Robert Wolfington, City Attorney Elizabeth Bloom, 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: 4(A) PRESENTATION OF 2025 BUILDING AWARDS.**
- *Best New Residential Construction- 2025 - Yeny Xiomara Urias Hernandez, 809 Windom Avenue.*
 - ~~*Best New Commercial Build - 2025 - Joseph Edman/Edman Builders, 1406 East Highway 7.*~~
 - *Best Residential Addition - 2025 - Allen & Pamela Jacobson, 317 North 10th Street.*

- MODIFY: 5(A) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$189,593.14.~~ \$420,071.96.**

The revised list reflects the following additions:

LIQUOR

Phillips Wine & Spirits - Inventory \$ 4,397.66

ENGINEERING

Rodeberg & Berryman, Inc. - Services (1/26 to 2/20/26) 15,157.50

MISCELLANEOUS

Great Plains Gas Co. - Gas bills 7,326.66

League of MN Cities - 2026 Insurance 198,138.00

UTILITY

MN Department of Revenue - Sales Tax

5,459.00

MODIFY: 7(A) **2025 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATIONS:**

- Fire Chief Allen Jacobson
- Liquor Store Manager Jeff Andreas
- ~~Public Works Director Ryan Gallagher~~
- City Manager Robert Wolfington (Airport and Planning)

It was moved by Sanborn, seconded by Matthys and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2026, as presented.

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

4(A) 2025 BUILDING AWARDS PRESENTATION.

Mayor Bulman presented the 2025 Building Awards to the following:

- *Best New Residential Construction- 2025* - Yeny Xiomara Urias Hernandez, 809 Windom Avenue.
- *Best Residential Addition - 2025* - Allen & Pamela Jacobson, 317 North 10th Street.

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2026 IN THE (MODIFIED) AMOUNT OF \$420,071.96.

6. Public Hearings.

- None.

7. General Business.

7(A) DEPARTMENTAL 2025 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEWS.

The following department heads reviewed and discussed their 2025 annual reports:

- Fire Chief Allen Jacobson
- Liquor Store Manager Jeff Andreas
- City Manager Robert Wolfington (Airport and Planning)

7(B) FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPER TRUCK LOAD OUT EQUIPMENT.

The Montevideo Fire Department pumper truck is in need of new load out equipment. The pumper truck was not fully loaded with the needed equipment when purchased due to budget constraints. The department solicited multiple quotes for the various equipment. The recommendation is a mixture of the quotes from Alex Air Apparatus of Alexandria and Clarey Equipment of Rochester for a projected cost of \$51,500.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the purchase of new load out equipment for the pumper truck as a mixture from both Alex Air Apparatus and Clarey Equipment, as recommended.

7(C) CITY ATTORNEY JANICE NELSON RETIREMENT RESOLUTION.

DAN SANBORN OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4053, A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JANICE NELSON (RETIRED FEBRUARY 2026), AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4053 WAS SECONDED BY DEAN MATTHYS. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: DAN SANBORN, DEAN MATTHYS, BEVERLY OLSON, STEVE SULFLOW AND BRYCE CURTISS. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(D) PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT 310 EUREKA AVENUE.

DAN SANBORN OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4054, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4054 WAS SECONDED BY DEAN MATTHYS. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: DAN SANBORN, DEAN MATTHYS, BEVERLY OLSON, STEVE SULFLOW AND BRYCE CURTISS. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(E) DUMPSTER PERMIT FOR 107 NORTH 1ST STREET.

Chippewa County has begun work on the new Family Services building located at 107 North 1st Street (the former downtown location for MinnWest Bank). Part of the construction will mean the need for a dumpster that would need to be located on First Street and would take up some of the parking stalls directly in front of the building. The Contractor, Contegrity Group, is requesting the permit which traditionally would be handled directly by staff, but since the request is from now through September staff is requesting Council's input before approving. City Manager Wolfington and Public Works Director Gallagher have met with the contractor and discussed the logistics. Staff is comfortable that the contractor is looking to work with the City. Council recommends that nothing be stored on the street the week of Fiesta due to the celebration activities.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the permit to place dumpster on City property, as recommended.

7(F) SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23, 2026.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to hold a special council meeting on March 23, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. to act on a street project for 2026.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

9(A) COUNCIL PROJECT.

At the February 17th meeting Councilmember Sanborn challenged other City Council members to bring a project to the next meeting that will be selected to work on as a team. The Councilmembers will then solicit funds to promote the project. It was the consensus of the council to continue to support the existing splash pad project.

9(B) BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS UPDATES.

- ▶ MCDC meets later this week.

9(C) OTHER.

- ▶ City Attorney Elizabeth Bloom appreciated being appointed as the new city attorney and looks forward to working with the City.
- ▶ City Manager Wolfington expressed thanks to the Fire Department for the Township Dinner that was held last week. The Township representatives seemed understanding of the 15% increase in the truck allocation need.

At 7:32 P.M., the council took a short recess to allow members of the public to leave the council chambers prior to the Closed Session.

9(D) CLOSED SESSION - CITY MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW.

At 7:35 P.M., the council moved into Closed Session to conduct a performance review of City Manager Robert Wolfington. In attendance were Council members Matthys, Olson, Sulflow, Sanborn and Curtiss, Mayor Bulman, City Manager Wolfington and City Clerk Schuelke-Sampson. The entire Closed Session was recorded on a flash drive which will be kept in accordance with the city's adopted records retention schedule, after which time the media will be destroyed.

The Closed Session ended at 7:51 and the council moved back into regular session.

It was noted that a public summary statement would be provided at the March 16th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Secretary

Approved by council March 16, 2026:

President - City Council