

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 16, 2026

The city council met in regular session Monday, March 16, 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, Dean Matthys, Beverly Olson and Bryce Curtiss.
Absent: Dan Sanborn. 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: 5(A) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 12, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$250,496.19~~: \$273,999.94.

The revised list reflects the following additions:

LIQUOR

Johnson Brothers Liquor Co. - Inventory	\$ 5,393.13
Madison Bottling Co. - Inventory	8,755.15
Phillips Wine & Spirits - Inventory	2,352.64
Southern Glazer's of MN - Inventory	7,002.83

It was moved by Matthys, seconded by Sulflow and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2026, as presented.

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

4(A) PUBLIC SUMMARY - CITY MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW.

President Curtiss provided a public summary of the performance review of City Manager Robert Wolfington, conducted by the council in closed session on Monday, March 2, 2026. The review was favorable. It was moved by Matthys, seconded by Olson and

unanimously passed to approve the COLA increase that was given to all the other employees to City Manager Wolfington going back to 1/1/2026.

4(B) 2025 BUILDING AWARDS PRESENTATION.

Mayor Bulman presented the 2025 Building Awards to the following:

- *Best New Commercial Build - 2025* - Joseph Edman/Edman Builders, 1406 East Highway 7.

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 MARCH 12, 2026 IN THE (MODIFIED) AMOUNT OF \$273,999.94.

5(B) APPLICATION FROM THE WEST 212 USBC ASSOCIATION (BOWLING CONGRESS) FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM LAWFUL GAMBLING REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW RAFFLE, TIPBOARD AND PADDLEWHEEL ACTIVITIES AT THE VFW POST 380 ON APRIL 24, 2026.

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:

- Police Chief Ken Schule
- Utilities Superintendent Doug Doty
- Community Center/Communications Director Tracy Wellendorf
- Community Development Coordinator Jessica Dahms

7(B) 2026 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

The following improvement projects are being proposed for 2026:

State Aid Project:

- William Avenue, CR 15 to 17th Street (mill and overlay)

City Project:

- 13th Street, Lincoln Avenue to Black Oak Avenue (street and utility improvements)

It was noted that the city would need to bond for the proposed improvements.

Also presented for review was the 10-Year Street & Utility Infrastructure Improvements Plan.

STEVE SULFLOW OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4055, A RESOLUTION REGARDING PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY REPORT AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PROPOSED 2026 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4055 WAS SECONDED BY DEAN MATTHYS. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: STEVE SULFLOW, DEAN MATTHYS, BEVERLY OLSON, AND BRYCE CURTISS. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

7(C) MARVIN GARBE NOMINATION SUPPORT.

Mayor Bulman is submitting a nomination form for Marvin Garbe to the League of Minnesota Cities for the James F. Miller Leadership Award. This award is the League's highest honor for appointed city officials, and is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership in public service and dedication to the community. The award was formally known as the LMC Leadership Award but the name of the award changed to honor the former Executive Director, James F. Miller, who retired in 2015 after 22 years of service to the League. A statement from the city council verifying its support for the nomination is needed. Council showed unanimous support for the nomination of Marvin Garbe for the James F. Miller Leadership Award.

DEAN MATTHYS OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4056, A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION OF MARVIN GARBE FOR THE JAMES F. MILLER LEADERSHIP AWARD, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4056 WAS SECONDED BY BEVERLY OLSON. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: DEAN MATTHYS, BEVERLY OLSON, STEVE SULFLOW AND BRYCE CURTISS. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

7(D) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS/GRANTS.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount/Value</u>
Java River	Donation to purchase Ice Skate Sharpener	\$ 406.00
The Rivers	Donation to purchase Ice Skate Sharpener	125.00
Flowers From the Heart	Donation to purchase Ice Skate Sharpener	125.00
Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home	Donation to purchase Ice Skate Sharpener	125.00
Whiskey Pete's Bar	Donation to purchase Ice Skate Sharpener	125.00
Edward Jones - James Bulman	Donation to purchase Ice Skate Sharpener	125.00

STEVE SULFLOW OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4057, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTS/GRANTS, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4057 WAS SECONDED BY BEVERLY OLSON. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: STEVE SULFLOW, BEVERLY OLSON, DEAN MATTHYS AND BRYCE CURTISS. 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 airport projects are currently being advertised and the bid opening is scheduled for April 2nd.

- ▶ Mayor Bulman provided the following:
 - Special Council Meeting next Monday, the 23rd at 7:00 P.M.
 - Regular EDA meeting and a special EDA meeting tomorrow.
 - Hospital Board invites the Council Members to tour the new childcare center next Monday at 11:00 A.M.

9(B) OTHER.

- ▶ Council Member Matthys asked about the condition of the hockey rink after the winds. Manager Wolfington explained that some of the connectors were damaged and the boards were removed but there is no permanent damage and staff is learning a lot about the rink during this first year.
- ▶ Mayor Bulman explained an event that the Montevideo Veterans Home is having on March 27th at 2:00 PM for Vietnam Veterans Day.
- ▶ The St. Patrick's Day parade scheduled for tomorrow has been canceled due to weather.
- ▶ Council Member Olson complimented the City for their snow removal work this past weekend. To which all present expressed the same.
- ▶ Council President Curtis informed Council that his last official City Council meeting will be the Special Meeting next week. He has been on Council since 2001. Council expressed their thanks for the years of service he has given the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Secretary

Approved by council April 6, 2026:

President - City Council