

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 20, 2026

The city council met in regular session Monday, April 20, 2026 in the council chambers at city hall and using interactive technology, via GOOGLE MEET (Meeting PIN #746437139). Acting Council President Sanborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present in the council chambers: Steve Sulflow, Dean Matthys and Dan Sanborn. Council members present via GOOGLE MEET: Beverly Olson. Absent: None. Mayor James Bulman present.

Also present in the council chambers 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 Matthys and unanimously passed to approve the agenda, with the following modifications:

**MODIFY:     5(A)     CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD  
ENDING APRIL 16, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$102,503.86~~ \$230,390.69.**

The revised list reflects the following additions:

LIQUOR

Bellboy Corporation - Inventory	\$	3,155.94
Breakthru Beverage Minnesota - Inventory		4,417.58
Breakthru Beverage Minnesota - Inventory		1,929.90
Dahlheimer Beverage Green Isle - Inventory		11,305.22
Grandview Valley Winery, Inc. - Inventory		1,752.00
Johnson Brothers Liquor Co. - Inventory		1,967.12
Madison Bottling Co. - Inventory		7,469.30
Phillips Wine & Spirits - Inventory		4,131.66

FIRE

Ultimate Safety Concepts - Truck Equipment		12,087.18
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MISCELLANEOUS

Clearway Community Solar - Solar bills		27,183.10
Great Plains Gas - Additional Gas Bills		4,934.51

REFUSE

Tostenson, Inc. - March services		47,553.32
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**ADD:           5(D)     CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SEIZED/SURPLUS ITEMS  
BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**



- 5(A) VERIFIED CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 16, 2026 IN THE (MODIFIED) AMOUNT OF \$230,390.69.
- 5(B) APPLICATION FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE MONTEVIDEO AREA, INC. TO CONDUCT EXCLUDED BINGO ON JUNE 15 AND OCTOBER 26, 2026 AT THE MONTEVIDEO COMMUNITY CENTER, 550 SOUTH 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET.
- 5(C) APPLICATION FROM THE CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE FOR A RAFFLE ON SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 512 BLACK OAK AVENUE FOR ITS ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL EVENT.
- 5(D) SALE OF SEIZED/SURPLUS VEHICLES BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (2008 GMC ACADIA, 2005 PONTIAC G6, 2006 CHRYSLER PACIFICA AND 2007 LINCOLN MKX).

6. Public Hearings.

- 6(A) 7:00 P.M. - 2026 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

By Resolution No. 4055, the council had received the engineer's report and set this date/time for a public hearing to consider the 2026 Improvements.

City Engineer Amborn reviewed and discussed the handout prepared for the hearing, which highlighted each segment of the proposed projects and addressed cost, assessments and the project schedule. Also provided were maps of the areas affected. Amborn informed the council that his office has not heard from any property owners about the proposed projects. The City received two emails, from 13<sup>th</sup> Street, questioning the project. No other contact had been received for or against the project, either verbally or in writing.

Acting President Sanborn called the public hearing to order at 7:15 P.M.

The following project is proposed:

- ◆ William Avenue, CR 15 to 17<sup>th</sup> Street;
- ◆ 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln Avenue to Black Oak Avenue;

William Avenue:

- Devon Larson, 4477 Highway 212 representing 2006 William Avenue (Cornerstone Baptist Church), asked if there will be access to the driveway during the project. Engineer Amborn stated that most of the time there will be access except for a short time when paving.

- Lynn Knoop, 723 South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, asked if the timing of the project was looked at with regards to the increase in heavy trucks utilizing the road when the Fine Arts Center is being built. Engineer Amborn stated that staff has reviewed the timeline for the project, noting that the mill and overlay will actually extend the life of the road and stop any further deterioration. He is also confident that the road will be able to carry the load of the additional heavy trucks. Jarrod Flinn, owner of 315 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street, asked what would happen if it doesn't, to which Engineer Amborn responded that there is a window of time that we can submit a claim with the contractor and they will need to come back and fix/replace the affected bituminus. Acting Council President Sanborn explained how this happened on a project completed in the recent past. The contractor came back and fixed it.

13<sup>th</sup> Street:

- Stacey Timm, 408 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if there has been sewer or water main issues in this area. Engineer Amborn explained that there has not been any pressing issues but it is old and dated. He also explained that if they are going to fix the street they do not want to have to comeback and tear into a recently replaced street to replace the sewer and water mains. It is most efficient to complete these updates at the time of replacing the street. Timm then asked about how much lawn they will be losing. Engineer Amborn stated that the street will be 24 feet curbface to curbface and it will straighten out the road to meet the required minimum. Not a lot of lawn will be lost. Timm stated that this street is busy with pedestrians and is concerned about safety. Engineer Amborn responded that with the street having a narrow width and the mature trees it feels narrow and that helps with the speed of traffic. Timm then expressed her concern to council that the timing is poor with the increases in property taxes, school referendum passing and inflation.
- Michael Verholst, 403 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street asked if council looked at changing North 13<sup>th</sup> street to a one-way. Engineer Amborn explained that it was not looked at but in the past the Council eliminated the one ways.
- Jarrod Flinn, 315 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if curb and gutter are needed. Engineer Amborn explained how having curb and gutter helps preserve the pavement and helps with the maintenance of the street. Flinn then asked how the estimated cost is figured to which Engineer Amborn stated that previous bid prices are used.

- Robert Berge, 1223 Lincoln Avenue, expressed the need for drainage issues to be addressed close to his property.
- Helene Kelley, 318 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street, asked about accessibility and mobility issues since there are no alley ways. Amborn stated that access will be a high priority, there will be a plan in place for minimal interruptions and that the matter will be coordinated with the contractor and homeowner. Kelley then asked about how the driveways will be completed and 2<sup>nd</sup> driveways/accesses that some properties have. Amborn explained that new road will be at approximately the same level as the current road and how the curb and gutter will transition to the driveways. All driveway aprons will be concrete and tie into what is currently there. For 2<sup>nd</sup> accesses there will be a curb cut to keep access for them.
- Kristine Klosterboer, 307 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if any trees will be removed to which Amborn stated none are planned.
- Kristofor Gieske, 302 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if driveways can be reconstructed at the same time. Engineer Amborn explained that the property owner can discuss this with the contractor but it can also be a challenge. A recommendation is to have the local contractor do the work before the project start.

Amborn explained yard restoration, water shutoff and sewer cleanout items, the timeline, placement of fire hydrants, storm sewer, mailboxes and that every property owner is assessed, including the VA Home and school.

There were no other interested persons present to speak to the project; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 7:57 P.M. The entire public hearing was recorded on a zip drive, which will be kept in accordance with the city's adopted records retention schedule, after which time the component will be destroyed.

STEVE SULFLOW OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4060, A RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4060 WAS SECONDED BY BEVERLY OLSON. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: STEVE SULFLOW, BEVERLY OLSON AND DAN SANBORN. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: DEAN MATTHYS. RESOLUTION FAILED 3-1.

7(A) COUNCIL MEMBER DEAN MATTHYS RESIGNATION

Council member Dean Matthys provided a notice of his resignation at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> council meeting. This needs to be formally accepted by the city. The council also needs to declare that a vacancy exists on the council.

BEVERLY OLSON OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4061, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION AND DECLARING A VACANCY, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4061 WAS SECONDED BY STEVE SULFLOW. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: BEVERLY OLSON, STEVE SULFLOW, DEAN MATTHYS AND DAN SANBORN. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

7(B) RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

STEVE SULFLOW OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 4062, A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR BRYCE CURTISS, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4062 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.

7(C) USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR PAVILION AREA SOUTH OF 107 NORTH 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET.

Chippewa County has begun work on the new Family Services building located at 107 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street (the former downtown location for MinnWest Bank). As part of the construction there is a need for a job site trailer to be parked near the job site. The General Manager, Zach Jeppesen of Vinco Electric, is requesting the use of the pavilion area south of the building to store the trailer. The request is from now to November.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to approve the use of City Property permit for the pavilion area south of 107 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street permit to place a job site trailer, as recommended.

7(D) APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR 3 WELCOME TO MONTEVIDEO SIGNS.

The current "Welcome to Montevideo" signs are showing the effects of the weather, from extreme winter conditions to the heat of summer, along with their age. Two designs have been created by DC Signs to show the possibility of what the signs would look like. A proposal was received from DC Signs to provide three (3) 6 foot by 12 foot billboards that are single sided and

adhered to a 0.125 inch polymetal rigid board for \$3,375.00. After discussion by council the design that included the statement about where two rivers meet was selected.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to accept the proposal from DC Signs for the where two rivers meet design for the three billboards costing a total of \$3,375.00 and authorize the mayor and city manager to approve the necessary documents.

7(E) ASPHALT RESURFACING PROJECT AT AIRPORT.

On Thursday, April 2, 2026, quotes were accepted for crack filling and sealcoating of the runway at the Montevideo-Chippewa County Airport. The surface is due for improvements and the Airport Engineer, Eric Hanson of HDR, believes that this will extend the life of the runway.

Five (5) bids were received, with the low bidder being Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, Eau Claire Wisconsin, with a bid of \$266,326.94. The cost of the improvement would be funded by a 70/30 state grant and the local share being split 50/50 with the City and County.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Matthys and unanimously passed to approve the bid of Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, and direct staff and the engineer to move forward with the FAA/MNDOT Aeronautics grant, as recommended by the airport commission.

7(F) SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT WITH ATTACHMENTS AT AIRPORT.

On Thursday, April 2, 2026, quotes were accepted for the purchase of new snow removal carrier equipment with attachments at the Montevideo-Chippewa County Airport. One bid was submitted that met the requirements of the FAA/MNDOT Aeronautics Grant.

The bid came from RDO Equipment which has a location in Marshall, Minnesota. The bid was for \$377,339.00. The cost of the equipment would be funded by a 70/30 state grant and the local share being split 50/50 with the City and County.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Matthys and unanimously passed to approve the bid from RDO Equipment, and direct staff and the engineer to move forward with the FAA/MNDOT Aeronautics grant, as recommended by the airport commission.

7(G) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS/GRANTS.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount/Value</u>
S & L General Contracting - Steve Sulflow	Donation to purchase Ice Skate Sharpener	\$ 125.00
KB Services - Kalen Bjerkeset	Donation to purchase Ice Skate Sharpener	250.00
Prairie Island Tribal Council	Donation to Police Department for Body Cams	2,500.00



Representative VanBinsbergen being elected and having any participation in voting or other decision making. The State requires that the potential conflict of interest is disclosed.

It was moved by Sulflow, seconded by Olson and unanimously passed to acknowledge a potential conflict of interest exists for the 2024 Small Cities Development Program Grant with Representative Scott VanBinsbergen.

8. Ordinances.

- None.

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

9(A) BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS UPDATES.

- Council member Sulflow stated the next EDA meeting is tomorrow morning.
- Council member Sanborn provided a Hospital Board and Park Board update. The year end audit report for the CCM Heath was favorable and Chris Reisdorfer attended the Park Board meeting. He is raising money for equipment at Central Park.

9(B) OTHER.

- Mayor Bulman provided the following updates:
  - A tour group from Montevideo, Uruguay gifted him a couple books and he is going to gift them to the City to add to the artifacts we have onsite.
  - Commended the Public Works department on the work completed to get the compost site open.
  - Blight letters have been mailed. Currently less than 1% of the properties in town have received them, The frustrations are understood but some self reflecting needs to be done. Reach out for possible resources to help with the blight issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Secretary

Approved by council May 4, 2026:

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President - City Council