

**COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2008**

The Monte Vista City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, Colorado.

Call to Order

Mayor Don Schall called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

William Spicer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present were Councilor Gabriel Duran, Councilor Art Medina, Councilor Rose Wilson, and Mayor Don Schall. Councilor Charles Spielman was absent. Record to indicate a quorum was present.

Others present City Attorney Eugene Farish, City Manager Don Van Wormer, Chief of Police Jim Gallegos, City Clerk Lucille Duran, a member of the press, and guests.

Swear in Art Medina and William Spicer

City Attorney Eugene Farish swore in Art Medina and William Spicer as Councilors.

Election of Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Spicer seconded to appoint Councilor Medina as Mayor Pro-tem. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Consent agenda consisted only of approval of December 20, 2007 Council Minutes, and Approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Communications, and Appointments

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to accept the letter of resignation from William Spicer from Planning and Zoning Commission, and Board of Adjustments. Motion carried unanimously.

Council appointments to boards tabled to next council meeting on January 17, 2008. Councilors will e-mail the Mayor on what boards they would like to be on.

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Diane Lockhart – I have a comment on when we have people ask if we have a hospital in town just don't tell them no we don't have a hospital. The answer should be we have two hospitals one in Alamosa, and one in Del Norte. We have a lot to offer here and we need to let them know that.

Ordinances

City Attorney Eugene Farish covered the highlights of Ordinance No. 801 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Offenses and General Penalty Provisions of the Monte Vista Municipal Code. Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Spicer seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 801 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Eugene Farish covered the highlights of Ordinance No. 802 - An Ordinance Amending 2-214 of the Monte Vista Municipal Code Addressing the Collection and Receipt of Moneys by the Municipal Court. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded to approve Ordinance No. 802 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

City Manager – The Calvary Baptist Church approached the City and they want to paint this building if we would buy the paint they would do the labor. We do not have the funds for that. It was decided instead of doing this one; they would go out and paint the administration building at the airport. Charlie Spielman came in, and he would like to continue to serve on the Rio Grande Water Basin Roundtable. He would come in and give periodic updates to the council. There were no objections from council for him to continue to serve on this board. In your packet you have the CML Legislative workshop on February 27, 2008 in Denver. Let Sandy know if you want to go. Handed out a Letter to the Editor that will be published in both the Valley Courier and Monte Vista Journal on the 1 million grant funding that we got thanking the Department of Local and Affairs, and Great Outdoors Colorado for their generous support, and thanking all local groups and individuals who have committed support, time, labor and money to make this project a reality. Don handed out a letter on the organization of a SLV Transient Development Project. They are meeting now exploring ideas to start transient services in the valley. Councilor Wilson – On the water freezing and leaving your water running, are we doing that again this year. Don Van Wormer – we only did it last year because we couldn't read the meters. It was very hard to determine real water usage, so we are not doing that this year.

Staff

Jim Gallegos – we are testing for a Police Officer now.

City Attorney

Eugene Farish - I will be setting up training for new councilors. It will take about 3 or 4 hours to do (Councilor Wilson, and Councilor Duran have not attended one.) I will be attending a Land Use Seminar on March 6th and 7th in Denver.

Council

Councilor Wilson – There will be an open house at the new South Fork Library on January 11, 2008 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Councilor Medina – I was approached by a citizen on snow removal. Flight for Life came in at the airport and the snow was not cleaned very good. Don Van Wormer

will check on it. Don't we have an ordinance on the sidewalks that they need to be cleaned from the snow? There are a lot of them that need to be cleaned off. Jim Gallegos - Sidewalks need to be cleaned within 24 hours. We will start working on that.

Recess/Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting recessed at 8:00 P.M.

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 1/17/08