

**COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2008**

The Monte Vista City Council met in recessed session of their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2008 in the Council Room, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, Colorado.

Call to Order

Mayor Don Schall called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Don Schall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present Councilor Gabe Duran, Councilor Art Medina, Councilor William Spicer, Councilor Rose Wilson and Mayor Don Schall. 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, Public Works Director Randy Martinez, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Bork, Community Development Director Alisha Reis, a member of the press, and guests.

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 January 3, 2008 Council Minutes, and approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Communications, and Appointments

Certificates of Recognition for 15 years of valuable service to the City of Monte Vista were presented to Public Works Director Randy Martinez, and Court Clerk Rhonda Valdez.

Council member appointments to boards are as follows:

- Board of Adjustments – Art Medina
- Planning and Zoning Commission – William Spicer
- 1% Watchdog Committee – Gabe Duran
- Urban Renewal Authority – Rose Wilson
- Monte Vista Airport Advisory Board – Rose Wilson
- Action 22- Art Medina
- Golf Course Board – William Spicer
- CML Policy Committee – Art Medina
- Main Street Board – Don Schall
- Carnegie Public Library Board – Rose Wilson

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Golf Course Board Lease Agreement of City Property - Jeff Keck – We are here to ask Council to lower our lease back down to \$1.00 per year. We did our budget a couple of weeks ago and we are tight. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spicer seconded, to renew the lease to the golf course for \$1.00 for the year 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Licenses/Liquor Renewals

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the renewal of Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Mountain View Restaurant. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Eugene Farish read Resolution No. 1-2008 – A Resolution Approving the Agreement between the City of Monte Vista and the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Trust Fund. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve Resolution No. 1-2008 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Eugene Farish read Ordinance No. 796 – An Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of the Monte Vista Zoning Ordinance and the Monte Vista Nuisance Code relating to Parking Vehicles, Recreational Equipment, and Machinery on Residential Property. Councilor Spicer – I think a diagram attached to this would be great like we have in the code. The Ordinance was discussed and changes were made. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 796 on first reading with changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Contracts/Agreements/Leases

Approval of Cleaning Contract for the Information Center. Councilor Spicer made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve the Cleaning Contract with White Glove Janitorial for the Information Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

City Manager – Just a reminder, there will be a meeting with the County Commissioners on January 28 at 7:00 a.m. at the Movie Manor.

I received an email from John Boyd with South Fork Vision Council asking the City for a letter of support. They want to lease some land from BLM where an old dump was to do a project on an amphitheater. No objection from Council. City Manager will draft a letter.

Update on the vodka plant. I have had recent email from Jim and Dana Hyde who want to open the vodka distillery at the old Staley's property. They had questions regarding water supply, etc. They anticipate beginning to renovate the facility this spring. I will keep Council informed of any further developments.

You have in your packet "If I Were Mayor" CML Campaign. The Mayor will be going to the schools to present this.

We will be closed on Monday for a holiday.

I will be gone on Wednesday for a CML Board meeting in Denver. On January 31, I will be in Denver for CCRA annual board meeting and then on February 1 for a seminar.

I have been meeting with the Stampede Committee for the last two weeks. Will have lease at the next meeting.

For your information, we have an opportunity to apply for a grant with the Orton Foundation for the Heart and Soul Community Planning Growth. It is due early March.

Received report from the University of Denver on the Constitution. They are working on the Constitutional Interpretation.

Staff

Randy Martinez – We are going to do some trial practice runs on different areas of residential. Our roads are getting pretty snow packed. We are not able to put the snow to the middle. I just don't have enough man power to haul the snow out. We want to push snow onto the area between the sidewalk and the curb. If we throw everything to the side, then we have a problem with that we have a lot of elderly in our community where they can't shovel their driveways out. Depending on how it works, we can get a new snow policy for next year. We are having a lot of meter pits freezing. A lot of households are freezing in town. We need to have people start letting their water run. I have some contractors helping us out.

Alisha Reis – Update on the wireless internet; It will be up and running next week.

Jim Gallegos – We are testing for a new officer now. He will start January 28, he replaces Ivan Garcia. I sent Duane Oaks to Denver for a meeting up there on Colorado Law Enforcement Officers.

Mike Bork – We had a water break at the Ski Hi Building in the men's restroom. The roof collapsed. It is going to cost \$30,000 to \$40,000. The water is running now and the heat is on. Alisha, Don and I met with Stampede and Colorado Construction Company out at Ski Hi Park to look it over.

City Attorney – Randy and I attended three (3) ditch meetings. We are still opposing the BLM land transfer. Mary Ann Stillings sent a letter in. I will compose a letter also.

Council

Councilor Duran – There are a lot of sidewalks that haven't been cleaned off from the snow. Jim will check on.

Councilor Wilson – We had a URA meeting, but didn't have a quorum.

Councilor Spicer – I received a complaint on copies from the Police Department and how much they are charging. Not allowed more than 25 cents per copy. Jim will have Irene check on it.

Councilor Medina – The guys did a good job with the runways at the airport.

Mayor Schall – Open house at Juniper Village. It would be nice if all of council could go.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to go into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (2) (f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 2/7/08