

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 1, 2007**

The Monte Vista City Council met for its regular meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, CO.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Pro-tem Medina called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Gabe Duran led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Members present were Councilor Gabe Duran, Councilor Charles Spielman and Mayor Pro-tem Art Medina. Mayor Don Schall and Councilor Rose Wilson were absent due to illness. Record to indicate a quorum was present.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Councilor Spielman made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Consent Agenda consisted of approval of February 1, 2007 Council Minutes and Approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen Comments/Special Presentations**

Ben Cannon – Here to address sewer bill. I received a bill dated 1/1/2007 and in that bill I used 17,900 gallons of water for that month. My sewer bill was \$67.82. I watered the heck out of my yard and trees for they wouldn't get winter kill. My winter usage is actually closer to about 7,200 gallons a month. I want to ask this council if there is any way possible I could get a variation on this one bill, this one bill only and charge my sewer rate for the summer rates. Councilor Spielman made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to ask the City Manager to make a reasonable adjustment to Cannon's sewer portion of the bill. Motion carried unanimously.

**Licenses/Liquor Renewals**

Councilor Spielman made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve the Application for a Special Events Permit for Valley Community Fund and San Luis Valley Housing Coalition, Inc. to be held on March 17, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to approve the renewal for Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Monte Villa Historical Inn. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

City Manager – Reminder, Casino Nite Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at Ski Hi Park. Also we cancelled the workshops scheduled for tonight, and we need to set those back up. We have GreenPlay scheduled on March 15. Don will let the council know the date for the Nolte workshop. We also had to cancel the golf course workshop. We

need to set a date for the golf course workshop, and I will call them. I met with Bob Honts the other day to specifically to talk about water. They are in the process of closing on those two rent properties in Del Norte both of which have significant water rights and Red McCombs and Mr. Honts are both interested in the possibility of selling, leasing or doing some other things with water to inform municipalities or other people of interest. I am going to write a letter saying we are interested. The staff is working on a USDA Grant application for Rural Economic Development. We are looking at the possibility of getting the grant for technical assistance for the businesses. The maximum grant is \$50,000. The review date would be in mid March. You have the information on the CML conference. Let Sandy know if you are going. I met with representatives from Colorado Rural Housing. They have an opportunity to apply for a federal program to basically manage disabled housing, housing for disabled persons as well as disabled veterans. They are looking at the possibility of doing something out at the Tierra Del Sol Subdivision. I provided you a summary of accounts payable that were approved at the last council meeting. I received an email from a young lady named Emma McCardle. She is a senior at the University of Oregon in the planning public policy and management program. She will be coming home for the summer, and she was hoping to find an internship. I have asked Alisha to email her back finding out a little bit more information on what she is looking at, what her expectations are and if we can work it out. I would be more than happy to provide her an opportunity to work in our land use department for the summer. I will be out of the office next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for minor eye surgery.

### **City Attorney**

Eugene Farish - We had a meeting on the SWAT Team. It looks like all the agencies are interested in doing it.

### **Staff**

Jim Gallegos – On the SWAT Team, we worked out most of the issues. We have nothing in our budget for this. The training will be on our own time. We are practicing for 6 hours per month; two to three hours every two weeks. I have four officers that are interested. We will pay comp time if our officers are called out.

We got two bids in for our new phone system at the police department. One bid from WSB in the amount of \$4,762.10, and the other bid from Valley Electric in the amount of \$6,930.71. This is in our budget for this year. Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to approve the bid from WSB Computer Services, Inc. in the amount of \$4,762.10 for a new phone system. Motion carried unanimously. Billy Garcia's, one of my officers, Mother passed away yesterday. Crane Festival is on March 9 through 11.

### **Council**

Councilor Spielman – I was very disappointed with the report on the golf course. I will write a memo to that fact. CDOT is not on the same page as us in regards to the Main Street Program. Don Van Wormer – Nolte has been in contact with CDOT out of Durango. There is a communication breakdown concerned with who knows what at CDOT.

**Recess/Adjournment of Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Donald Schall, Mayor  
Lucille Duran, City Clerk  
Approved 3/15/07