

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 20, 2008**

The Monte Vista City Council met in recessed session of their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, CO.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Don Schall called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Gabe Duran led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call**

Members present Councilor Gabe Duran, Councilor Art Medina, Councilor Rose Wilson, Councilor William Spicer 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, Finance Director Debbie Phillips, 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 Spicer seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Consent Agenda consisted only of Approval of March 6, 2008 Council Minutes, and Approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen Comments/Special Presentations**

Chris Salazar of the Chamber of Commerce - we had a water break in our old Chamber building. We got a bill of \$290.79 that we would like to ask if we could have that waived if possible for that period. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to waive all but \$35.00 of the bill. Motion carried unanimously.

**Licenses/Liquor Renewals**

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the renewal for Retail Liquor Store for Southwest Liquor. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve the renewal for 3.2 percent Beer Retail License for Pester Marketing Company – First Stop. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the renewal for 3.2 percent Beer Retail License and Corporate Report of Changes for Monte Vista Country Club Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Ordinances**

Eugene Farish went over Ordinance No. 803 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City's Sales Tax Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2008. Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 803. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Contracts/Agreements/Leases**

Approval of Contracts for Ski Hi Arena Project - Councilor Spicer made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Contracts with Colorado Construction and Zapf Architect. Motion carried unanimously.

CCRA/Monte Vista Main Street Agreement - Council would like a report on the program from Lynn FitzGerald. Agreement tabled to next council meeting.

Stampede Lease – Councilor Spicer made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Stampede Lease. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Reports**

City Manager – In your packet CIRSA's luncheon on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Nino's. Also in there I wrote a letter to the Colorado Historical Society on behalf of the United Methodist Church. They are going out for a grant for the restoration of the church. KENY made proposal to videotape our council meetings. We now have a CD for you to view. If you are still interested in this, we might want to schedule a workshop to watch the video. The city's ancient hot water boiler quit working two days ago, so we had Gregg Brumley working on this. He put in a new hot water heater. I received a voice message today from Nolte and Associates on the gazebo from the Cherry Creek Organization. They have basically donated it to the City of Monte Vista. Hot topic today is Alamosa's water. City Hall and Police Department have received over 200 phone calls asking if our water is okay. We have assured them that we are perfectly fine. I have called the Assistant City Manager in Alamosa offering our assistance. On the snow removal/water line final costs, the total costs for this is \$113,381.50. This cost does not include what it is going to take Public Works Department in the summer to go back and patch up any asphalt or any other holes that were left. After discussion with the Police Chief and Alisha, I made the decision that the Animal Control Officer will be under the Community Development Director. It is anticipated a New Code Enforcement Officer will begin work around the May 1. Public Works Department and representatives from Rio Grande County talked about a reasonable plan for flooding. The county will provide piles of sand around the county including Ski Hi Park. Residents will be allowed to access those piles to fill sandbags. The Coop and C & L Containers will have bags for sale.

## **Staff**

Mike Bork – Next week we will start earth moving at Chapman Park and marking off for the pavilion and the trail path. Public works will come in and dig the grass. We will start to herbicide the parks when it starts to warm up.

Jim Gallegos – We will be having a liquor class here at City Hall on April 4, 2008.

City Attorney

Eugene Farish –The bowtie house - We have received from them that opposing counsel has withdrawn. So there is additional status conferences to determine where the plaintiff wants to go. We received some correspondence from the Consolidated Gate and Head Gate Company indicating there should be sort of a master corporation that would utilize extensively for the purpose of getting more power to protect the rights of various ditches and so forth. We were concerned about this simply from the standpoint that from attending past meetings of the Anderson Ditch there is some indication that the owners are paying fees. The City of Monte Vista is utilizing the water for the purpose of augmentation to our city water supply. My initial reaction to this might not be in the city's best interest. I'm still working on the code book. I haven't had feed back from the various departments. I haven't had any feedback from the codification people at all.

**Recess/Adjournment of Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Donald Schall, Mayor  
Lucille Duran, City Clerk  
Approved 4/3/08