

COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 19, 2007

The Monte Vista City Council met in recessed session of their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2007 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 Art Medina led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Member's present and answering roll call were Councilor Gabe Duran, Councilor Art Medina, Councilor Charles Spielman, Councilor Rose Wilson and Mayor Don Schall. Record to indicate a quorum was present.

Others present were City Attorney Eugene Farish, Chief of Police Jim Gallegos, City Clerk Lucille Duran, Intern Alisha Jeter, Finance Director Debbie Phillips, a member of the press and guests.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Consent Agenda consisted only of April 5, 2007 Council Minutes and Approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Communications and Appointments

Appoint council member to Board of Directors for the Library Board. Councilor Rose Wilson appointed to be on the board.

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Ron Lorentzen – I want to request that the city vacate two pieces of city owned property including the roadway in the Blanca Vista Subdivision. I want the city to vacate the property to the northwest of my property at 1910 Newcomb Avenue and then also the 20-foot right-of-way next to that. There are four property owners and that would be divided between the four. We are getting letters out to the other neighbors to see what they want, and then I will get it surveyed. Need to have an ordinance and a public hearing on this. I also have a Paving Petition to hand in. Everyone signed it.

Art Hutchinson, the new Superintendent of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, introduced himself and talked about what is happening out at the Great Sand Dunes.

Licenses/Liquor Renewals

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Permit Application and Report of Changes for Alibi's Sports Bar & Grill for the Rally on June 16, 2007 and ending on June 17, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Gallegos – I have been approached to see if the bikers could use Fullenweider Park to camp out at night. Mike Bork didn't want them using Fullenweider Park, but they could use Montez Park if they wanted to. Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to open Montez Park Friday and Saturday night for the bikers. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Reports

Debbie Phillips presented the unaudited year end summary. Councilor Spielman – Could you prepare a summary just like you just did that shows all the funds on one page with a combined statement for all the funds. Debbie – The auditors are now in the process of doing the audit so in a month or so we should have an audit report.

Alisha Jeter – City staff is speaking to a couple of firms who are interested in selling wireless internet services. So you should be seeing something coming through on that.

Mayor Schall – You have a bunch of memos in your packet from Don Van Wormer. Does anybody have any questions? Councilor Medina – Is anybody going to the Liquor class. Rose Wilson, Don Schall and Art Medina are to go to the Liquor class.

Jim Gallegos – “Meet the Reaper” will be a mock accident at the High School tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.

Council

Councilor Wilson – What has been done with the parking that Dan Burns brought up at the last meeting? Jim Gallegos – I checked into it. Basically, the people that are working are parking next door to the other businesses. I thought it was probably best if we got Chamber of Commerce involved with it and maybe inform the business people that there are complaints about employees parking in front of the businesses. We could go back to 2-hour parking. We have an ordinance, but we are not enforcing it. Jim will talk to Kyli.

Councilor Spielman – Are we doing anything for Holly on their appeal for items needed? The city is working on that now. I was appointed the Energy Committee Chairman for Action 22. Also, on the letter we received from Chuck Bryant, I think we need to respond to him with a letter. Mayor Schall has already talked to him. Council still wants a letter to go out to him.

Mayor Schall – I would just like to say that we have some good people on the Planning and Zoning Commission. It's the best that we've had in a long time. Bob Bryning will be resigning from that board.

Recess/Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 5/3/07