

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 20, 2006

The Monte Vista City Council met in recessed session of their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, CO.

Call to Order

Mayor Don Schall called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present were Councilor Gabe Duran, Councilor Art Medina, Councilor Rose Wilson, and Mayor Don Schall. Record to indicate a quorum was present. Councilor Charles Spielman arrived at 7:03 P.M.

Others present were City Manager Don Van Wormer, City Attorney Eugene Farish, Chief of Police Jim Gallegos, City Clerk Lucille Duran, Intern Alisha Jeter, Public Works Supervisor Randy Martinez, Land Use Administrator Beritt Odom, 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 of April 6, 2006 Council Minutes, and Approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Communication, and Appointments

Mayor Don Schall read Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming May 15, 2006 as Arbor Day.

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to appoint Marilyn Davey and Paul Rausch to the Urban Renewal Authority. Motion carried unanimously. (Linda Hagedorn and Deb Palmgren resigned).

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Britt Jardon – I am here representing the Rio Grande Lodging Tax Board, a board established in our county to administer funds that are collected from all the lodges, motels, bed and breakfasts and so forth that are in the county. One of our representatives went to the Colorado Tourism office in February; they have a program that they are offering. The Office of Economic Development and International Trade has started a branding assessment program and basically they will come into our county and look at the unique things that we have in an effort to try to give us an image. This is also in conjunction with the opportunity to join with the Colorado Tourism Office and make the entire San Luis Valley a destination region on its own rather than being lumped the way it is now. We have applied for the branding assessment; but they said that as long as you're going to do that, we would really like to see the communities involved do their own individual assessments as well so we can use all that information. There is an image survey here that they want you to fill out. It should be filled out by community leaders, citizens, professionals within the community, and people outside of our community. Survey given to City Manager.

Licenses/Liquor Renewals

Councilor Wilson made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to approve the Special Events Permit applications for Knights of Columbus to be held on May 6, 2006, May 13, 2006, and June 10, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Eugene Farish read Ordinance No. 785 – An Ordinance Amending the Compulsory Insurance Section of the Model Traffic Code for the City of Monte Vista, Colorado. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 785 on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Contracts/Agreements/Leases

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the renewal for Lease Agreement for the Monte Vista Community Ambulance Service. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Contract for Third, Fourth, and Fifth Avenue Street Improvement Project. Randy Martinez – we went out for bids. We opened them up on April 14th. Total bid was \$805,792.25 from Cooley and Sons, Inc, SLV Earth Movers came in at \$840,830.77, and Asphalt Contractors came in at \$851,421.95. Cooley and Sons was the lowest bid. We also broke them down for Third, Fourth, and Fifth Avenue. We have worked with all of these contractors; no problems with any of them. My recommendation is to go with the lowest bid. We are quite short of our funding to complete the whole project. Don Van Wormer – I have provided council with a cover letter and with a spreadsheet detailing what we are looking at. We had, for construction purposes, \$543,173; we are approximately \$264,565 short of being able to complete the entire project. I had discussions with Deb Downs from the Department of Local Affairs. She thought we might be able to increase our Community Development Block Grant from half of the deficit for another hundred and thirty some thousand if the city can find a hundred thirty some thousand to match it. We have the money available in the 1% Capital Project Fund; that fund has a balance at this time of about \$367,000. The Department of Local Affairs has agreed to fund \$132,283 if we come up with the match. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the contract with Cooley & Sons Excavating for the amount of \$805,792.25, plus a \$45,000 contingency fund for a total of \$850,792.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the additional funds from the Department of Local Affairs in the amount of \$132,283, and to send both letters out to DOLA, and to the 1% Committee for their support in completing this project. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

City Manager – I will be on vacation next week; I will be available. Main Street update - they have met at least twice working on their bylaws, mission, and vision statement and a job description for the Main Street Manager. Ground breaking ceremony for our vodka distillery is Saturday at 2 P.M. at the

Staley plant on north Washington. On the Staley plant down by the Veterans, I have had numerous recent discussions with the gentleman from Wisconsin who is working with the corporation on trying to buy the property. They have run into a number of glitches so the finances have changed. CIRSA luncheon at Dos Rios, May 11th. I just finished the request for proposals for the Ski Hi feasibility study and a park trail and open space master plan. I sent it to the county for their review. There was only one change. I sent it out to numerous firms with a goal of having the consultant hired by mid-June. Councilor Wilson -You have a letter from Colorado Tennis Association giving us \$500 to buy tennis balls and rackets. Don Van Wormer - The school has signed their lease finally. The auditors are basically done; the goal is to present the audit to council May 18th.

Staff

Alisha Jeter – Update on the statewide smoking ban the laws provide for violations to be a Class 2 petty offense resulting in increasing fines with increasing violations but no jail time. City Council might need to consider adopting an ordinance to put these rules into place locally primarily for enforcement. If we do this, we will get 75% of the money for us and 25% to the state. If the county does it, they get it. Eugene Farish is to do ordinance for our next council meeting. I want to call your attention to some of the changes that we are making to the city web site. We have added a couple of features to it. Also a new page for press releases and the newsletter is in there. We are also doing a system where you can subscribe to e-mails.

Mayor Schall – You have a letter from Ken Salazar about our municipal building.

Jim Gallegos – We discussed back in February about the city donating a van for the Boys and Girls Club. I need a date and time from you so we can get together with the Boys and Girls Club and some of their representatives to take some pictures.

City Attorney

We are continuing to meet on the sign code. We have finally gotten to the point of doing a partial draft.

Council

Councilor Spielman – We need to put the golf course lease on the next agenda to get it signed.

Mayor Schall – The only thing I have again to clarify for the public is that the stories that come out in the paper sometimes indicate that the city is going to give water and sewer to the people that want to put in a factory and/or biodiesel, or a prison or what have you; and I must reiterate that the city will sell the water and provide the sewer, but whoever is building must put in the pipes themselves at their costs. The city will not incur any costs whatsoever for anybody to put in their water system.

Alan Davey went over the water report. The purpose of this study was to prepare a foundation so the city could see a Plan of Augmentation for their

wells. Alan read through the recommendations. Work session to go over water report set for May 4th at 5:00 P.M.

Recess/Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 5/4/06