

COUNCIL MINUTES
June 5, 2008

The Monte Vista City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 5, 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

Eugene Farish 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 Manager Don Van Wormer, City Attorney Eugene Farish, Chief of Police Jim Gallegos, City Clerk Lucille Duran, Public Works Director Randy Martinez, Community Development Director Alisha Reis, members of the press, and guests.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Consent Agenda consisted of Approval of May 15, 2008 Council Minutes, and Approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Communications, and Appointments

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to appoint Samuel Sainz to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Integra Presentation on the Master Infrastructure Plan. Mark Nance - We worked on the 2008 Master Infrastructure Plan. This report is an update to the 1997 Master Infrastructure Plan. This presentation is a brief summary about the plan and its findings. First of all from the regulatory perspectives, the city is doing very well. The city's existing water systems works well there are some fire flow concerns. These findings were very similar to the findings in the 1997 MIP. Obviously, you have done very well in the last 10 years. The city has two new well facilities and 10,000 feet of piping. These are still important issues to keep in mind as the City plans ahead in the next 10 or 20 years. In the wastewater treatment, you have over 24 miles of piping. You have two wastewater treatment plants, the Henderson Wastewater and Veterans Wastewater Treatment Plant. The city has about 30 miles of paved and unpaved streets. Street improvements should be done in conjunction with water, wastewater and storm water improvement projects. Projects recommended are classified as near-term two to five years and long-term

six to ten years improvement projects. Councilor Spicer made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to accept the 2008 Master Infrastructure Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Licenses/Liquor Renewals

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve the renewal for 3.2 Percent Beer Retail License for Love's Country Store. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Eugene Farish read Resolution No. 4-2008 – A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 10-2006 Setting Land Use Application Fees. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spicer seconded to approve Resolution No. 4-2008 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Eugene Farish read Resolution No. 5-2008 – A Resolution for Sergeant Glen Martinez Memorial Pavilion. Councilor Wilson made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded to approve Resolution No. 5-2008 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

City Manager – Staff and I met with MorStarch to further discuss their potential acquisition of the Veteran's Wastewater Plant. I will keep Council updated on that. I also met with the Veteran's Center administrator on the City's potential acquisition of the land. We both agreed it is in our best interest to do that. Enclosed is some information on meetings I attended the last two days. I attended the Governor's Job Cabinet meeting. The focus of that meeting is centered around the workforce development. It was well attended. Every sector in the valley was represented. The other meeting I attended was the DRG meeting for the targeted industry for future growth in the San Luis Valley. That study has been in the works for many months. There is a Governors Commission meeting on June 12 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Mental Health Center. I am unable to attend. I need a City representative to go. Councilor Wilson and Councilor Duran will attend. Action 22 is having a barbecue at the Royal Gorge Park on July 19. Let Sandy know if you want to go. The City has been approached by Colorado Rural Housing asking us to partner with them for a CDBG grant. They applied for a Federal Housing grant but were denied because they have depleted its available funds. Only municipalities or counties can apply for the funds. So, we would act as the pass through agency. The Finance Department provided an analysis of that. If we do this, the City will have to enter into a contract with them to cover any liabilities the City may incur because of non-compliance or other problems with the grant. Councilor Medina said "no" because it makes more work for the Finance Department. Remaining Councilors all said "yes."

Staff

Randy Martinez – We started spraying for mosquitoes tonight. We are using two trucks now. They should be done by midnight instead of 2 or 3 in the morning. We have started crack sealing.

Alisha Reis – We have been having some technical difficulties with the City email. We have switched over to DSL with Qwest. It should be fixed by Monday. We pulled out with service with Amigo Net. We had too many issues with them. The Code Enforcement Officer will be doing monthly reports. He issued 17 warnings, 11 of those were taken care of. Most of them were alley clearance, addressing weeds, and vehicles. We had some complaints on the two large metal containers at 105 Dennis St. The home there was involved in a fire in April. One of the containers was filled with household items while the demolition work took place, and the other dumpster was filled with debris. The trash unit has been removed and they will be relocating the storage within the next 2 weeks. Tomorrow we will be doing dangerous buildings site inspections. I will keep you updated on that.

Jim Gallegos – We did the torch run last week. Bicycle safety class next Saturday at the bowling alley. We will be giving out helmets donated by the Ambulance Department. We will be closing down the street next Friday for the rally. We will have a show cause hearing on July 17 for Southwest Liquor.

City Attorney – The recodification continues. I am still receiving information on that. Debbie is working on the bidding process and will integrate into that.

Council

Councilor Duran – The stop sign is down by the Fire Department. Public Works crew working on that.

Councilor Wilson – I would like for City Council to buy bricks for the parking lot. The bricks are \$100 each. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded to purchase bricks for the parking lot in the amount of \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Medina – There are semi's parking at the old Valley Performance. Are they okay to park there? They do spend their money here. It's CDOT and Railroad right-of-way.

Recess/Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 06/26/08