

Council Minutes June 7, 2007

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

Call to Order

Mayor Don Schall called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Bork led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Others present were City Attorney Eugene Farish, City Manager Don Van Wormer, Intern Alisha Jeter, Chief of Police Jim Gallegos, City Clerk Lucille Duran, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Bork, a member of the press, and guests.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilor Spielman made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda with the change of correction to the council minutes on roll call – Councilor Art Medina was absent. Consent Agenda consisted only of approval of the May 17, 2007 Council Minutes, and approval of expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Communications, and Appointments

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to accept the resignation from Julianna J. D'Ambrosia from the Main Street Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Mayor Don Schall presented Bob Bryning with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of 22 years of valuable volunteer service to the City of Monte Vista.

Yvonne Martinez from USDA Rural Development gave a brief presentation to Council. We provide loans and grant funding to build a community from the ground up. Ms. Martinez handed out pamphlets.

Kristen Abraham gave a presentation on the Voices of the Valley. We are a group of San Luis Valley residents committed to strengthening our community by improving the integration of immigrants to the Valley. Council invited to a Community Forum on Immigrant Integration on Saturday, June 9th, 2007 at the Sacred Heart Church. Information was handed out.

Robin Crites and Gary Atencio talked to Council about KENY TV Station on having council meetings on TV for the public. City council will take under advisement and let them know.

Public Hearing

7:00 p.m. Eugene Farish opened the public hearing on Ronald Lorentzen request to vacate property at 1910 Newcomb Avenue. Ronald Lorentzen – I am requesting the city to vacate and convey city land adjacent to my property. I would like this triangle of city land west of the alley, vacation of an alley right of way west of my property and the street right of way known as Mildred Street on the east side of my property which is 60 foot. I would just like 30 feet, and the other 30 feet the property owners should get. I have some letters from property owners. I maintain all of these properties now. The city received letters from Bernadine Lopez, Rebecca Quintana, Joseph and Amanda DiCamillo, and Bobby and Isabella Pino. The DiCamillo's concern is that they would loose access to their backyard along with all the other neighbors. In support of the application – Sworn in -Mary Gutierrez I live at 1929 Newcomb and we are in support of the vacating. Sworn in – Pete Valdez I live at 1909 Newcomb right across the street from Mr. Lorentzen. He keeps that property really nice. It used to be an eyesore and I support the vacation. No further testimony in favor. Testimony against the vacation. Sworn in - Joseph DiCamillo as far as the little triangle section on the other side, I'm all for that if he keeps it up and makes it look nice. My only concern is the access to my backyard there on lot 4 through Mildred Street. I like having that access there to park my trailer and my other vehicles in the backyard. There is no other access to my backyard. No further testimony. The hearing was closed and turned over to City Council for direction. Councilor Spielman made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to convey the triangle of city land west of the alleyway and vacate Mildred Street west ½ to Mr. Lorentzen, east ½ to property owners with private easement so they can all have access. The Ordinance will be at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

7:15 p.m. Eugene Farish opened the public hearing and read Ordinance No. 793 – An Ordinance Vacating a Ten Foot (10') strip of street Right-of-Way in the City of Monte Vista, Colorado for Tom Milne's request to vacate property at 5 Meadow Lane. No opposition from the neighborhood. Sworn in Tom Milne – I am requesting the city to vacate the city right-of-way north of Prospect Avenue. I currently maintain that property. I want to build a covered deck on the south side of my home. I currently have 5 feet, and the required set back is 15 feet. I need this property to meet the required setbacks. No further testimony in favor. No testimony in opposition. The hearing was closed and turned over to City Council for action. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 793 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Licenses/Liquor Renewals

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the renewal of 3.2% Beer Retail License for Pizza Hut. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to approve the renewal of 3.2% Beer Retail License for Love's Country Stores, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Mayor Schall read Resolution No. 7-2007 – A Resolution Adopting the Monte Vista Parks and Recreation Plan and the Monte Vista Feasibility Study. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Resolution No. 7-2007 as read. Councilor Spielman voted nay. Remaining Councilors voted in favor. (Councilor Spielman requested that a copy of his letter be incorporated into the minutes.)

Contracts/Agreements/Leases

Councilor Spielman made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to approve the contract with Ridgeview Tel for wireless internet. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Spielman made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Lease of City Water Rights for Sun Peaks Land Company, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Van Wormer – As outlined in my memo to City Council, we are looking at hiring a firm to undertake a compensation performance and management evaluation process. We went out for bids and we received two, one from Lee & Burgess (L & B) and one from Mountain States Employment Council. It is recommended the city accept the contract with L & B for the compensation study. Councilor Wilson made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to approve the Assignment Proposal Compensation and Classification Study with L & B. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Van Wormer – I had Sandy call every roofer. We received three bids. We just found also that in the generator room it is leaking a little bit of water. We are going to have them look at it. My guess is it's going to cost us a few more dollars than the \$5,600. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the City Hall roof repair contract with A & R Construction in the amount of \$5,600 plus the cost to fix the generator room. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

City Manager – We need to change the signature card for Community Banks of Colorado. We need to remove Clarence Gray and add Timothy J. Catron and Kevin J. Larson to the signature card. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to change the signature card. Motion carried unanimously.

I received an email yesterday from Karen Seger who is from SLV DRG Mike Wisdom's group. There will be a presentation Saturday, June 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Information Center. The purpose of that is a presentation by Sky Fuel. Trip reports for the upcoming CML — We need to get those filled out and back to Sandy. I will be out of the office next Thursday, and Friday.

Staff

Mike Bork – We have replaced about 200 feet of irrigation line as well as replacing sprinkler heads which took about three weeks of our time. All the flower beds are ready to be planted.

Alisha – The Boys and Girls Club is seeking some city assistance in connection with their renovation at their building at 99 Broadway. They will need to submit an application for a special review use for a playground there, and they would like to partner with us in a couple of ways. The city Public Works Department is already donating fill dirt to that project where they had some leftover railroad material. The club would also like us to waive the \$400 fee to do the special review use. Councilor Wilson made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to waive the \$400 fee for the special review use for the Boys and Girls Club. Motion carried unanimously.

On our dangerous building program, we are set to level the building at 605 Ray the last week of June.

Jim Gallegos – We had the bicycle safety program where we gave out helmets. It was very well attended. On the 16th at the Street Fair State Patrol will be handing out more helmets.

Council

Councilor Medina – I would like to see the Farmers Market moved from that tunnel at the Sunflower Bank. They can't see it from the highway and it is always cold.

Workshop set for June 21, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. for the presentation from the Police Department, and then KENY TV.

Recess/Adjournment of Meeting

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 6/21/07