

COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 19, 2007

The Monte Vista City Council met in recessed session of their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, CO.

Call to Order

Mayor Don Schall called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

Councilor Spielman arrived at 7:25 PM.

Others present City Attorney Eugene Farish, City Manager Don Van Wormer, Chief of Police Jim Gallegos, City Clerk Lucille Duran, Intern Alisha Jeter, Public Works Director Randy Martinez, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Bork, 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 only of approval of July 5, 2007 Council Minutes and Approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Communications, and Appointments

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to accept the letter of resignation from Robert Davie from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to appoint Neil Seneff from alternate to a regular member on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Comments/Special Presentations

Dale Becker representing the San Luis Valley Fair requested for discount at Ski Hi Park. Dale – I'm here to request a discount for Ski Hi Park for the fair on August 4 through the 10. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to discount the rental fee and accept the \$500.00 deposit already paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Helle Brimhall – I would like council to waive the \$50.00 fee for turning the water off and on for non payment. I never saw the hang tag. It was not on the door. I did find it later on the other side of the wood pile. It had blown off. I know when people don't pay, there is going to be a tag; but I didn't know when. I watched for the letter, but I didn't see a letter. So I wasn't really watching for a tag. The tag was not placed properly. I feel that I should not have to pay the \$50.00. The consensus of Council is we need to stand by our policy. There is nothing we really can do.

Licenses/Liquor Renewals

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the application for a special events permit for the Knights of Columbus to be held on August 11, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Eugene Farish read Resolution No. 9-2007 – A Resolution Approving the Agreement between the City of Monte Vista and the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Trust Fund. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Resolution No. 9-2007 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Amended Resolution No. 8-2007 – A Resolution for Coordinated Elections. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to approve the Amended Resolution which was numbered wrong from 7-2007 to 8-2007.

Ordinances

Eugene Farish read Ordinance No. 794 on second reading – An Ordinance Vacating a city street and alley in blocks 2, and 3, Blanca Vista Addition to the City of Monte Vista. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 794 on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

City Manager – I have sent a letter in to CML for nomination to the Colorado Municipal League's Executive Board to fill a vacancy. I would like for council to endorse my application. Consensus of the council is to go ahead and do. I will be on vacation starting on July 25 to August 13. An update on Sandy - She's going to be out a minimum of 30 days but I suspect to be more likely she's gone for about 60 days. Alisha, Nolte, and I met with CDOT Richard Reynolds on the First Avenue Revitalization Project. It was quite a lengthy discussion. The city has received their 2008 health care quote. The increase is \$110,000. We budgeted \$36,700. HR is undertaking an analysis; will go out for bids. In thinking about how the City of Monte Vista gets its message out and how we try to interact with the public, I think we are doing a fairly good job; but I feel there are certain gaps in our ability to connect with the citizens. I have this idea of possibly in essence taking City Council on a road show. Divide the city into neighborhoods and have City Council go out and invite citizens of a particular neighborhood to sit down and have a discussion with the City Council.

Staff

Randy Martinez – The City went out for bids on the East Drive project. We only received one bid from Asphalt Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$209,206.50, \$149,206.50 will come out of the water and sewer fund, and \$60,000 will come out of capital project fund. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the bid from Asphalt Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$209,206.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Gallegos – We spoke to planning and zoning on the zoning and nuisance codes. On Monday, we will start the 100 Anniversary for the Reservoir at Fullenwider Park. We will be closing the roads at 9:00 AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the parades. Councilor Wilson – I have noticed a lot more trucks going down Hwy. 285. Is that because of the work they are doing in Alamosa?

Alisha Jeter – Police discovered a potential meth lab in the 400 block of Madison. We had an environmental specialist come in to check whether there is contamination or not. The report will be ready in a couple of weeks. On 605 Ray, one of the homes we were going to demolish, a member of the family has stepped forward to take care of that. In the next month, we will be demolishing two other properties.

City Attorney

Eugene Farish - Planning and Zoning is working on the parking uses.

City Council

Rose Wilson – I asked Randy about the resurfacing that they were doing.

Art Medina – We had a meeting with the County Commissioners on Monday. I asked them about the mosquito control in the county. They do not have mosquito control. I asked them how come they were charging for Pest Control on the taxes and they said that was for noxious weeds. So if the people in the county want to have their mosquitoes sprayed they have to form a special district. Another thing, we are going to a meeting tomorrow in Alamosa.

Charles Spielman - I apologize for being late. It rained hard between La Veta and here and boy Alamosa really got it. I chaired an interesting meeting of the Energy Committee of Action 22 today in La Junta. We approved to recommend to the Board of Directors the new power line system that Tri State is planning to build and have in operation by 2012, or 2013.

Mayor Schall

Thanked Mike Bork for getting the elm tree out of the air conditioners.

Recess/Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 8/2/07