

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 7, 2008**

The Monte Vista City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 7, 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**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda with adding to the July 17, 2008 Council Minutes - getting a schedule of fees together for variances. Consent agenda consisted only of approval of July 17, 2008 council minutes, and approval of expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

**Proclamations, Communications, and Appointments**

Mayor Don Schall read Proclamation of National Health Center Week August 10-16, 2008.

**Citizen Comments/Special Presentations**

Marianna King not present for meeting. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to deny her request for adjustment on her water bill. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat Smedley from the Monte Vista Food Bank - Mrs. Smedley handed out a report to City Council. I would like to thank the Council for the ordinance you passed allowing the court to collect money either in \$10.00 in cash or \$10.00 in food. It has really helped. We have more than doubled in people this year.

Boys and Girls Club presented to Councilor Spicer a framed picture and tile designed by the kids at the club in appreciation for him donating the Harley Davidson back to the Boys and Girls Club.

Stan Harlan handed out to council suggestions for ATV winter compliance.

**Ordinances**

Eugene Farish read Ordinance No. 805 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 789 enacting a new Zoning Code for the City of Monte Vista, Colorado. Councilor Spicer made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 805 on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Eugene Farish read Ordinance No. 806 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 755 “Adopting the “Model Traffic Code for Colorado” and “Providing for the Regulation of “Off Highway Vehicles” within the City of Monte Vista, Colorado. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 806 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Reports**

City Manager – You have two memos one to staff and one to you for future directions. I think its time to take a hard look at the services we provide determine the value of each service. We recently completed our compensation study. About half of our employees are below market. We will bring all employees to market within three years. Future compensation will be more inclusively performance based. The memo is to set a stage for future operations in the city.

I received a letter from the school to see if I would be interested in helping them promote their bond for their mill levy. I want to ask Council for permission to do this, but also ICMA my professional code of ethics states that the city manager should have zero involvement when it comes to promoting or advertising for political campaigns. I am waiting for an answer from the ethics committee if I can do this or not.

The decorative light downtown in front of Sunflower Bank was destroyed several months ago. I would like to put a solar light there as part of a beta test program. The light would be one of the ones on the attached page. We have received the insurance settlement of \$3,000 and the cost of the solar light would be 6 to 7 thousand dollars. The light will not match what is there, so we may get some questions as to what we are doing. Okay with Council to go ahead with solar light.

You have a memo on the bowtie house. I will be on vacation starting on August 22 and back after Labor Day. We are working on the budget process. Will have the budget to you in October.

## **Staff**

Randy Martinez – On MorStarch, yesterday the main breaker went down, so we had to route the power. They will be down today and tomorrow.

Jim Gallegos – Stampede went well, nothing major. All in all, it went pretty good. I will be on vacation next week.

## **Council**

Councilor Medina – the street light is out on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Adams. Chief Gallegos will call Xcel.

## **Recess/Adjournment of Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Donald Schall, Mayor  
Lucille Duran, City Clerk  
Approved 08/21/08