

COUNCIL MINUTES
August 21, 2008

The Monte Vista City Council met in recessed session of their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 21, 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, Chief of Police Jim Gallegos, City Clerk Lucille Duran, Public Works Director Randy Martinez, Finance Director Debbie Phillips, Community Development Director Alisha Reis and guests.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spicer seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Consent Agenda consisted only of Approval of August 7, 2008 Council Minutes, and Approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Communications, and Appointments

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to accept Anthony Lucero's letter of resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Main Street Board Update – Melissa Rytting gave an update on the Main Street Program. Kyli Kehler invited everyone for Casino Night.

Commission Reports/Recommendations

Planning and Zoning Recommendation for Sonic Drive-in Minor Subdivision, 1820 Grand Avenue. Alisha Reis – Sonic Drive-in has submitted plans for a minor subdivision. The property consists of lots 1-14, block 5 in the Marsh Park Addition. There will be a drive thru restaurant on the site. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that City Council approve of the Minor Subdivision. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spicer seconded, to approve the Minor Subdivision for Sonic Drive-in. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval Sonic Drive-in Plat Map. Alisha Reis – Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with conditions. Council discussed the condition of the demolition of the existing Sonic Restaurant site at 2031 Grand Avenue. Councilor Spicer made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to approve the Sonic Drive-in Plat Map with the following conditions:

1. The issue with the existing Sonic Drive-in has to be demolished and the site cleaned up within three (3) years unless the property has been sold. A bond must be secured for the property. The property must not violate the city's nuisance code.
2. Sidewalks along the property on Grand Avenue and Alameda.
3. A screening fence be erected on the east and north sides of the property to block lights from cars and provide privacy for neighbors.
4. Shall have access permit for Highway 160 and Grand Avenue from the Colorado Department of Transportation.
5. Variable message boards shall comply with C.R.S. 43-1-104. Roller skates were allowed on servers in the parking areas. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Eugene Farish read Resolution No. 7-2008 – A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 7-2006 Authorizing Signatures on Checks and other related instruments for the City of Monte Vista, Colorado. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded to approve Resolution No. 7-2008 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Contracts/Agreements/Leases

Rate proposal for city utilities - Ricardo J. F. Goncalves, P.E. with RG Consulting Engineers, Inc. introduced himself to council. Randy Martinez – We received two proposals, one from RG Consulting Engineers, Inc. and Black and Veatch's. I am recommending we go with RG Consulting Engineers, Inc. Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to go with RG Consulting Engineers, Inc. for professional engineering services for the utility rate study. Motion carried unanimously.

Master Plan Update – Contract for Planning Services Winston Associates. Alisha Reis – This is for planning services to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. I am recommending that we contract with Winston Associates to assist us in land use planning. The contract is for \$79,934, \$40,000 will come from the Energy Impact Fund grant that was awarded to us from the Department of Local Affairs. I will be seeking a \$20,000 grant from El Pomar. Work will begin in September continuing through June. Councilor Spicer made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Contract with Winston Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

Amended Lease of City Property for Boys and Girls Club. Alisha Reis – The Boys and Girls Club is needing additional space for their Teen Center. The added space for the Teen Center has been unused for many years. There will be doors that will separate the Teen Center from the rest of City Hall. The Teen Center will be open on Wednesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. and expanding in January from Monday through Friday. This is an amended lease with the additional space on it. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Amended Lease with the Boys and Girls Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive and Approve Accounts Payable and Financial Reports

Debbie Phillips gave an update to Council on the quarterly financial report.

Reports

City Manager - You have a memo in your packet from Sandy on the city's website. It lists the visitors to the city's website there is 6 months of data shown. For your information from CML at our board meeting, we have taken the position to support, oppose or remain neutral on the ballot issues. Donna Wehe was scheduled to be here tonight, but had

another meeting with DRG on the SLV Targeted Industry Study. Mike Wisdom will be here in two weeks to present to council. CML District 8 annual meeting is October 6, 2008 in Creede. We are still in the budget process. I met with Debbie Downs and Valley Wide. Valley Wide is back on track. We are working with them on financing and looking for sites.

Staff

Randy Martinez – I want to talk to you about our snowplow policy. I want to start plowing all the snow to the sides in the residential area instead of the middle. Council wants Randy to write up a policy and go from there.

Jim Gallegos – We had the Neighborhood Watch picnic on Sunday. There were about 50 people that attended.

City Attorney

Eugene Farish – Still working on the codification. Hoping to get it to the codifier within the next two to three weeks, then I will need from them a preliminary final draft.

Council

Councilor Duran – I want to check on solar lights for the walking trail over here at Chapman Park. I talked to Debbie Downs about it. City Manager will look into it further.

Recess/Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 09/04/08