

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2007**

The Monte Vista City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Don Schall called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Alisha Reis led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Members present Councilor Gabe Duran, Councilor Art Medina, Councilor Charles Spielman, 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, Intern Alisha Reis, Finance Director Debbie Phillips, City Clerk Lucille Duran, a member of the press and guests.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Councilor Spielman made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Consent Agenda consisted only of approval of September 20, 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 resignation of Robert Bryning from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to appoint Jodi Miller from alternate to regular member on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinances**

Eugene Farish read Ordinance No. 797 on first reading – An Ordinance Amending Section 15-35 of the Monte Vista Municipal Code concerning the review process for Subdivision Applications. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 797 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

**Contracts/Agreements/Leases**

Vicki Bates with Bresnan Communications was present. Vicki answered questions from Council. Eugene Farish read Ordinance No. 798 on first reading – An Ordinance Granting a Cable Television Franchise Renewal by the City of Monte

Vista, Colorado to Bresnan Communications. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 798 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports**

City Manager – We got notification from DOLA that the Energy Impact Assistance Program will be holding their meeting in Westcliffe on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; we will be making our presentation for our Ski Hi Grant on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 in the morning. We are almost completed with the remodel of the Information Center. We will have a new office for the Chamber. As a result, we will be going back to the Chamber of Commerce to finalize the contract. It will be another month or two before they move in. The East Drive paving project is complete. I encourage everybody to go out there and take a look at it. We have our new playground equipment at Chapman Park. The chips are down for a softer landing. The Airport fencing project is completed. The paving should have been done today. We now have security out there. The City/County meeting will be on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. The place is to be announced. I just want to make Council aware that I have a surplus of dirt at my house; and the Public Works Department has asked if they could, on an as needed basis, or maybe take it all to use for things like spreading in alleys. I don't have a problem with that, but I want to make Council aware just in case you get a phone call. Based on the discussion with Vicki Maddox, if Council does not have any issues, I am going to direct the Finance Department to work with them on exploring the options of refinancing our existing bond. BLM is looking at trying to acquire some water rights out of the Anderson Ditch in Monte Vista. In talking to the owner of the Sun Peaks Property, there was some question as to whether or not the BLM would acquire land as well as the water rights. If they did, this would jeopardize the City's ability to grow on the west side of our community. There is a meeting on October 16 out at the Forest Service.

### **Staff**

Finance Director Debbie Phillips presented the 2008 Budget Books to Council. Work session set up for October 25, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Recess/Adjournment of Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Donald Schall, Mayor  
Lucille Duran, City Clerk  
Approved 10/18/07