

**Council Minutes
October 19, 2006**

The Monte Vista City Council met in recessed session of their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2006 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.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Spielman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Consent Agenda consisted only of approval of October 5, 2006 council minutes and approval of accounts payable. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations, Communications and Appointments

Mayor Schall read Proclamation proclaiming October 2006 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to appoint Julianna D'Ambrosia to the Main Street Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Mike Wisdom, Executive Director of the San Luis Valley Information Center - We wanted to come by and say thanks to the transition on the Information Center and add to it the services of the Main Street Program and the Chamber of Commerce. We would like to draw the balance of the funds approved for the Information Center which would be \$3,500. The money would go to cover existing debts and operation of the Center. Mayor Schall - The only question I have is for Don. Where are we going to get the money? Don Van Wormer - I was looking at the Main Street budget for 2006 and under the budget we had budgeted for a main street director for basically $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year and the person didn't come on until well after half of the year so

in essence we have some salary savings available in the line item of the main street budget that we can contribute \$3,500 to DRG. Councilor Spielman made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to approve the funds of \$3,500 to DRG. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

7:15 P.M. public hearing on second reading Ordinance No. 789 – An Ordinance Repealing the Existing Zoning Ordinance of the City of Monte Vista and Enacting a New Zoning Code for the City. Eugene Farish opened the public hearing and read Ordinance No. 789 on second reading. Testimony from proponents. Bob Bryning sworn in. I Bob is a member of planning and zoning went through how the new zoning ordinance came about. No further proponents. Testimony from opponents. Don Shank sworn in. I am the founder, president and executive director for the Denver and Rio Grande railway historical foundation and museum. There's a provision in there on railroad cars being on the property on North Broadway. My question to you would be would this be grandfathered or is it something that I am going to be forced to relocate. Gene Farish – It would be subject to a special review use, develop your plan, it would not be necessarily grandfathered in. Brian Cutter sworn in. I own some property too that would be affected by the new regulations. I am strongly opposed to it. Public hearing closed and turned over to City Council for action. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 789 on second reading. Councilor Duran – I think Monte Vista wants to keep businesses here and I think they will do whatever they need to do to keep you here. I don't think they would run anybody out of town. I wouldn't like to see that either because I have a business here. I don't think you guys have a whole lot to worry about. Councilor Spielman – The concern that you've expressed is one that I expressed on first reading with regard to businesses in the Central Business district. I also stated my objection under residential use, and I felt very strongly that manufacture homes should be a permitted use which is currently a special review use. Councilor Spielman voted nay. Remaining Councilors voted in favor. Motion carried.

Licenses/Liquor Renewals

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the Special Events Permit application for the Knights of Columbus to be held on October 28, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the renewal for 3.2% beer retail license for Safeway Store. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Wilson made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to approve the renewal of tavern liquor license for Alibis Sports Bar and Grill, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Eugene Farish read Resolution No. 15-2006 – A Resolution Concerning Accessibility to the Services, Programs, and Activities of the City of Monte Vista. Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Medina seconded, to approve Resolution No. 15-2006 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

City Manager – Update that I met with representatives of the Forest Service and our congressional delegate Senator Salazar in which we discussed the federal center it is now on the senator’s radar screen. We will be working with several of his staff members on moving this project forward. We have signature cards that need to be done it was an oversight still has Valdez on it. There’s a firm called CGI who has entered into a one year contestment with CML what they are doing is providing free of charge to municipalities sort of a video stream attached to any city’s web page. We have signed up to have them come down to Monte Vista and explore the opportunities involved in that with a one year commitment. I will be on vacation next week.

Staff

Alisha Jeter – Reminder of October 28th food drive for the landfill. Public meetings will begin on the First Avenue project.

Council

Councilor Wilson – I went to a water meeting in Alamosa.

Councilor Spielman – I attended the Action 22 meeting last weekend and it continues to be an organization that continues to grow.

Mayor Schall – Alisha and I attended the pandemic flu meeting today. It was very interesting.

Recess/Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 11/2/06