

Council Minutes November 1, 2007

The Monte Vista City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Room, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, Colorado.

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.

Others present City Attorney Eugene Farish, City Manager Don Van Wormer, Chief of Police Jim Gallegos, City Clerk Lucille Duran, Finance Director Debbie Phillips, 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 October 18, 2007 Council Minutes, and approval of Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Marsh Elementary School Presentation – Jenny and Pam parents of students at Marsh and part of the Parent Leadership team at the school were present. Jenny – we need a new playground at Marsh School. We would call the new park the Natural Wonders of the San Luis Valley Play Park. The park is in very bad shape now and severely outdated. This park would be a school play park but a city park also. We want to put up a covered pavilion. The price tag for this is \$200,000 to \$300,000. How to pay for this? Use the lottery fund from Great Outdoor Colorado. They require 10% cash and 20% in-kind. We are having fundraisers and visiting all the organizations. We are here tonight so you are aware of this project, and we hope that you will support it with a letter of support. With the GOCO grant, the school district can't apply; but the city is the one that is actually putting in the application with the school district as a partner. The city will be contributing to the in-kind. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to go ahead and support to be a partner with the school and do the GOCO grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Eugene Farish opened and read the Notice of Public Hearing for the 2008 Budget and Ordinance No. 800 on first reading – An Ordinance Adopting a Budget and Appropriating Sums of Money for the City of Monte Vista, Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning January 1, 2008, and Ending December 31, 2008. No comments or opposition to the budget. Hearing closed and turned over to city council for action.

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 800 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Licenses/Liquor Renewals

Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve the Special Events Permit Application for the Monte Vista Elks Lodge #2456 to be held on November 22, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

City Attorney Farish read Resolution No. 10-2007 – A Resolution Supporting a Use Tax Ballot Issue to be Referred to the Monte Vista City Electorate for the November 2008 Election. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Duran seconded, to approve Resolution No. 10-2007 as read. Motion carried unanimously. Don Van Wormer – We are working on and looking at completing our Master Infrastructure Plan. We should be done by the end of the year or early 2008. Mayor Schall – Do we need to hire the investment company to work on the bonds? Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to hire Stifel Nicolaus & Co., Inc. to work with the Finance Department for the refinancing of the bond. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Schall – For the record, Councilor Spielman expressed his thoughts that George K. Baum was his choice for this project instead of Stifel Nicolaus & Co., Inc.

Ordinances

City Attorney Farish read Ordinance No. 797 on second 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 Wilson seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 797 on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Farish read Ordinance No. 798 on second reading – An Ordinance Granting a Cable Television Franchised Renewal by the city of Monte Vista, Colorado to Bresnan Communications. Councilor Duran made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded to approve Ordinance No. 798 on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

City Manager – The Chamber of Commerce has moved into the Information Center. On the building that is by the park, the Chamber wants to rent or lease that building. Want to know if City Council is willing to enter into an agreement with them to do that. They own the building; we own the land. Councilor Medina made a motion, and Councilor Wilson seconded, to have the Chamber of Commerce remove the building off this property. Motion carried unanimously. Rose Wilson, Mike and I met with the Golf Course Board a couple of weeks ago. I anticipate they will be at the next City Council meeting. Councilor Medina – Is it possible to have a work session with them before the meeting? Don to check with the Golf Board work session tentatively set for November 14, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. Information will be sent to council before the meeting. I do want to make a comment on Tuesday

for Moonlight Madness. It was a great success; there was a lot of kids and people downtown.

Staff

Mike Bork – Amber Garcia and I met with the SLV Traveling Boys Basketball League. We are going to join that league in lieu of our basketball program. It is an All-Valley Basketball League that will play 2 or 3 times a week.

Jim Gallegos – Halloween was good, moonlight madness went great. Tonight they are having a bonfire at the High School in appreciation for the band.

Council

Rose Wilson – Handed out a news article to council on Microjets.

Art Medina – The lights on Adams Street, are they on a timer or when they are off they need to be turned on? Don Van Wormer will follow through on this. I went to a meeting on the Alamosa Transportation. The road between Monte and Alamosa is going to be done between 2008 and 2030. There just isn't any money.

Donald Schall, Mayor
Lucille Duran, City Clerk
Approved 11/15/07