

CITY OF MONTE VISTA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 17, 2021- 6:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers – 95 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue

Monte Vista City Council met in regular session on the above date and time in Council Chambers located at 95 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Monte Vista, Colorado.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ken Hamko led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Victor Sigala led the prayer

C. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Dale Becker, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Sigala, Councilor Larry Foster and Councilor Martha Lock. A quorum was declared.

Staff present: City Manager Forrest Neuerburg, City Attorney Michael Trujillo, City Clerk Unita Vance, Chief George Dingfelder, Finance Director Jennifer Signs and IT Christian Batzer

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA - None

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 3, 3021
2. Review and Approval of Accounts Payable

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to approve the consent agenda and the review and approval of accounts payable, Councilor Lock seconded, motion carried unanimously.

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Welcome Jessica Pino to the Finance Department – Mrs. Signs introduced Mrs. Pino
2. Welcome Lorena Sanchez-Duran to the City Clerk's Office – Mrs. Vance introduced Mrs. Sanchez-Duran
3. George Dingfelder 1 year Award – Presented by Mr. Neuerburg

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Scheduled Appearances
  - a. 2020 Audit – Presented by Kyle Logan from Logan & Associates. Mr. Logan went over Responsibility letter and Independent Auditor's Report.

Councilor Foster moved to approve the 2020 Audit as presented by Logan & Associates, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- b. Monte Vista Farmers Market – Chelsea McNerney-Martinez presented the 2021 Farmers Market dates of July 9 to September 17 and requested the use of the Fassett Parking lot. Mrs. Martinez also went over the numbers from 2020.

Councilor Lock moved to approve to allow the Farmers Market to be held in the Fassett parking lot July 9<sup>th</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- c. Monte Vista Co-Op new construction project. Mike Hample presented that the Co-Op would like to put in a dry fertilizer plant, chemical warehouse and a shop and connect to the City sewer system. Councilor Lock asked if they would consider annexing into the city. Mr. Hample stated that is a discussion that will need to be with the board. Mayor Becker stated that is a conversation that they would all like to have. Mr. Hample stated that the current building is already on the city sewer system.

Councilor Lock moved to approve the Monte Vista Co-Op construction plan and for them to tap into the City sewer system, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## 2. Citizen Comments

- a. Cynthia Baird was present to hear the new fence ordinance and stated that she would like to see a larger setback and would like to see if something could be done about existing fences under the nuisance code.
- b. Rebecca Copley stated that she will be leaving the paper and stated that she has had a good time here and has learned a lot and will miss everyone.
- c. Margo Alexander thanked Mrs. Copley for all she has done and stated that the City is looking good.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

## I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

## J. RESOLUTIONS - None

## K. ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance 909 Amending Section 12-17-80 adding Fence Regulations, first reading. Mrs. Vance presented the ordinance and discussed the setbacks from sidewalks and setbacks from right-of-ways. Council discussed the distance of setbacks and the height of the fence.

Councilor Lock moved to approve Ordinance 909 on first reading with the corrected setbacks, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES

- 1. MVI Bid Award for Airport Runway – Mr. Neuerburg presented the bid packet, went over both schedule 1 and schedule 2, and asked Council to approve schedule 2 for the MVI Bid.

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to approve Schedule 1 of the MVI bid award, Councilor Foster seconded, motion carried unanimously.

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS – Mrs. Signs went over the first quarter of 2021 financial report. Mrs. Signs also announced her resignation and that this meeting would be her last day with the City of Monte Vista.

## N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

- 1. City Manager Mr. Neuerburg went over his written report. Mr. Neuerburg stated that the trail project starts next week and that the Ski Hi project is going very well and hope to have a TCO by Stampede. Mr. Neuerburg also thanked Lowell Bolt and Dave Sisneros with Public Works

for stepping up and taking care of things while Public Works Director is out. Mr. Bolt stepped up and helped solve an issue with the Ski Hi construction and getting water to the corrals.

2. City Attorney Mr. Trujillo went over a letter that he presented to Council in regards to the vote they took for recreation flooring for Ski Hi. Mr. Trujillo wished Mrs. Signs good luck wherever she is going.
3. City Clerk Mrs. Vance went over her written report and explained that the US District Courts and the US Marshalls will be donating a security metal detector for the Monte Vista Municipal Courts. Mrs. Vance also stated that she will be working with Mr. Trujillo on an easement for the "Welcome to City of Monte Vista" sign at the east side of town. Mrs. Vance thanked Mrs. Signs for what she has done and wished her the best on new adventure.
4. Chief Dingfelder went over statistics and stated that they are preparing for security for Stampede. Chief also stated that there have been many burglaries in the area and reminded people to not leave valuables in their cars and to lock their garage doors. Chief also wished Mrs. Signs well, thanked her for all the help with budget, and wished her good luck.
5. Christen Batzar went over the IT report.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

1. Councilor Foster gave a speech apologizing to the citizens of Monte Vista and the One Cent Committee members about making a decision without the One Cent Committee knowing what was going on and promised to do a better job for the citizens and to keep the One Cent Committee apprised of what is going on with the one-cent fund.
2. Councilor Lock stated that she also agreed with Councilor Foster and whether it was legal or not it was not right and she too will do a better job. She also stated that the downtown is looking good but wished more business would stay open and that we need to look at the sign code.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala also apologized to the One Cent Committee. He also asked everyone to be vigilant and watch out for each other.
4. Mayor Becker asked everyone to be aware of their surroundings, watch out for each other and as always "Monte Strong".

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Adjourned at 8:18pm

Attest:

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Dale Becker, Mayor

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Unita Vance, City Clerk