

CITY OF MONTE VISTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers – 95 W. 1st Avenue

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Lorenz led the prayer

C. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Dale Becker, Councilor Jason Lorenz, Councilor Loren Howard and Councilor Brad Watson. Mayor Pro Tem Victor Sigala was excused. A quorum was declared.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

1. Remove N.3 Staff report for PD

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve the modification, Councilor Howard seconded, motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting February 15, 2024
2. Review and Approval of Accounts Payable

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve the consent agenda and the review and approval of accounts payable, Councilor Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Citizen Comments
 - a. Kathy Lorenz request for stop sign on North Henderson to slow down traffic. There was an accident last night where the car was in the ditch and there was a baby that if it was spring then they would have all been under water. People speed down Henderson all the time and she would like to see something done about it more than just a traffic study done.
 - b. Margo Alexander thanked everyone for the birthday card. Mrs. Alexander also thanked Public Works and all of city staff for keeping our city beautiful and stated keep up the good work.
2. Scheduled Appearances
 - a. Mikala Tarlow - REDI Grant request for the City to be the Fiscal Agent. Ms. Tarlow explained her request stating that she will use this grant for internship programs. Ms. Tarlow also gave Council handouts showing a brief summary and goals.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approved the request for the City to be the fiscal agent for LOR and the REDI Grand, Councilor Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- b. Special Review for 527 Franklin – To place a Manufactured Home Class A on the property located in RM Zone District. Planner DJ Enderle presented the findings and recommendations from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Enderle stated that the applicant has completed the application process and has been to the public hearing with the Planning & Zoning. Mr. Enderle is requesting for Council to approve the Special Review Use.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve the Special Review for 527 Franklin, Councilor Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS - None

K. ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance 925 amending Chapter 12-3-260 of the Monte Vista Municipal Code. Planner DJ Enderle explained what a nonconforming structure is and what the process of replacing is currently and what the proposed amendment would be. Councilor Howard stated that he has been in the meetings with Planning & Zoning and agrees that this is an issue and needed to be addressed.

Councilor Howard moved to approve Ordinance 925 Amending Chapter 12-3-260 of the Monte Vista Municipal Code, Councilor Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES

- 1. Contract Approval for Colorado Standby to design the backup generator for Ski Hi. Public Works Director Rob Vance presented the Contract and stated that this is part of the design that they had put out for the generators for Ski Hi. Mr. Vance asked for approval to award the design contract to Colorado Standby and allow for Rob Vance to sign the contract.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve to award the design contract to Colorado Standby and allow for Rob Vance to sign the contract, Councilor Howard seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Approval for SGM Engineering to provide Construction Design Services for the Alley Project. Public Works Director Rob Vance stated that they received three bids and they were all over budget and SGM was able to reduce their bid to meet project needs. Mr. Vance request that Council approve for Rob Vance it issue notice of award to SGM and to allow for City Manager Gigi Dennis to sign.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve Rob Vance it issue notice of award to SGM for Alley Project and to allow for City Manager Gigi Dennis to sign, Councilor Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS - None

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. City Clerk – Unita Vance reminded Council that the CML Annual Conference is June 18-21 and if any of them are interested in attending to please let her know so she can get them registered. Mrs. Vance stated that Conour Animal Shelter has completed the kennel project and is having an open house on Saturday March 9th from 2-4 and everyone is invited to attend. Mrs. Vance also let Council know that the Head Start has invited them to the 2nd Annual Art Show on April 4th from 5-7pm. Mrs. Vance also thanked Mayor Becker for attending going to the Food Bank with the Kindness Club as they presented food that they collected through-out the month of February. Mrs. Vance also reminded everyone that the Crane Festival was this weekend.
2. Public Works – Director Rob Vance addressed Kathy Lorenz's concerns about the traffic on Henderson and stated that he will get with the Police Chief and look into the issue and see what solutions they can come up with. Mr. Vance let Council know that he promoted Andrew Valenzuela to the Street Supervisor and is working on filling the other positions.
3. IT - IT Tech Brandon Doss stated that he has been working on Wi-Fi access at Ski Hi for the Ag Conference for the live stream and making sure all of Ski Hi is updated. City Hall public Wi-Fi is all updated and he helped replace the new mail machine.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

1. Councilor Lorenz stated that he enjoys being part of the Planning & Zoning and is thankful for being asked to be the liaison.
2. Mayor Becker encouraged citizens to attend the Crane Festival, "the cranes are in town and there are a lot of vendors and activities out at Ski Hi". Mayor Becker stated that the kids from the Kindness Club were amazing and that each item of food had a message of kindness attached to it. Mayor Becker stated that these kids can truly make a difference, and with that "Monte Strong".

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Recessed

Attest:

Dale Becker, Mayor

Unita Vance, City Clerk