

CITY OF MONTE VISTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2022 - 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

Chief Dingfelder led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Lorenz led the prayer

C. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: City Manager Gigi Dennis, City Attorney Michael Trujillo, City Clerk Unita Vance, Finance Director Anita Kinsey, IT Christian Batzer

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

1. Remove N. 1. Staff Report form Kids Connection
2. Remove N. 2. Staff Report from Ski Hi

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

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting January 20, 2022
2. Review and Approval of Accounts Payable

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

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Unita Vance – 5yrs – City Manager Gigi Dennis presented Mrs. Vance with her certificate.

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Scheduled Appearances
 - a. Yearly report for Carnegie Public Library – Kathy Lorenz reported on the annual activities and statistics at Carnegie Library and then gave some history of the library. Mrs. Lorenz reported that though the pandemic they were closed but they continued taking phone calls, making copies, and printing documents for citizens. Mrs. Lorenz also explained all the work that had been completed and explained that the roof will need to be repaired, so they will be doing some fundraisers to help with cost. Mrs. Lorenz informed Council that in March the Creed Repertory Theatre will be doing a pre k event at the library.

- b. Economic Development – Tom Monaco introduced himself and explained what his job consists of. Mr. Monaco stated that the Office of Economic Development & International Trade wants to help jump-start new business and engage in tax incentives.

2. Citizen Comments

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala read a thank you card from the Proud Military Parents.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2022-3 Approving and Amended Budget for Calendar Year 2021 – Anita Kinsey read the resolution into record and asked Council for approval.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve Resolution 2022-03, Councilor Lock seconded, motion carried unanimously.

K. ORDINANCES

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES

1. Amendment of MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) that was signed 10/21/21 between Friends of Ski Hi and The City of Monte Vista. – Mrs. Dennis explained that Friends of Ski Hi would like Council to amend the MOU to include a donor wall in the amount that was allocated for furniture, recreation equipment, and kitchen equipment. Councilor Foster asked if it would still be within the original amount. Mrs. Dennis stated that yes it would be.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve Resolution 2022-03, Councilor Foster seconded, motion carried unanimously.

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS – Anita Kinsey presented the unaudited financial for 2021. Councilor Lorenz asked about the rate study and Mr. Vance stated that they need to have a work session to discuss. Mrs. Dennis also added that a work session later would need to take place to discuss where to invest some of the city's money.

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. IT Christian Batzer updated Council that they have been busy at Ski Hi getting things ready for the Ag Conference.
2. City Manager Report – Mrs. Dennis stated that the unofficial count was approximately 350 to 400 people who attended the Ag. Conference. Mrs. Dennis announced that Rio Grande County has designated Ski Hi as Rio Grande County Emergency Center. Mrs. Dennis then reported that she has attended meetings with REC, and they would like to continue to collaborate with the City on projects. Water Attorney meeting, both Mrs. Dennis and City Attorney Mike Trujillo stated that things are going in the right direction and a meeting with the Matheis's in regards to 117 Adams. Mrs. Dennis stated that Tierra Del Sol would be adding 57 new lots with the completion of Filing 2.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

1. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala thanked Public Works for the great job with the snow.
2. Councilor Lock stated that she is grateful that things are moving forward on 117 Adams.

3. Councilor Foster thanked Rob for being out plowing snow on a Saturday and thanks to all of Public Works. He also reminded everyone of the community super at Grace and Mercy Bible Church on Tuesday.
4. Councilor Lorenz thanked Stephanie Ruybal, Event Coordinator for a great job with the Ag. Conference.
5. Mayor Becker said he agreed with Councilor Lorenz and wanted to add that Vic with Public Works is topnotch and stayed on top of things during the conference. Mayor Becker asked all citizens to keep an eye on each other and as always "Monte Strong".

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Recessed

Attest:

Dale Becker, Mayor

Unita Vance, City Clerk