

CITY OF MONTE VISTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2023 - 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 6:02 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rob Vance led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala led the prayer

C. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: City Manager Gigi Dennis, City Attorney Gene Farish, City Clerk Unita Vance, Public Works Director Rob Vance, Finance Director Anita Kinsey, Planner DJ Enderle, Ski Hi Director Stephanie Ruybal, HR Director Judy Phillips, and Recreation Director Dervin Taylor

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA - None

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting May 18, 2023
2. Review and Approval of Accounts Payable

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

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS - None

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Citizen Comments - None
2. Scheduled Appearances –
 - a. Downtown Colorado Inc. –Kat Correll with Downtown Colorado Inc, Andrew Arnold with Pioneer Development Company and Troy Bernberg with Northland Securities presented a power point presentation which included the SWOT Analysis, public feedback, Ski Hi Complex pro forma and the hotel feasibility study. Some of the suggestions were expanding facility programming with varied events to include more recreation, new business startup ideas and possible site locations and feasibility for a hotel. In conclusion Ms. Correll stated that they will send the final report to Mrs. Dennis and will be available to assist with continuing projects and grant implementation.
 - b. Rio Grande County Weed & Pest District – Armando Ross handed out weed information and went over the weed program that Rio Grande County currently has in place. Mr. Ross stated that he wants to work as a team and help keep the weeds down throughout Rio Grande County. Mr. Ross also pointed out that the County has a program for

citizens to apply for grant money through the Weed District to help eliminate the weeds within their private property. Jim Clair spoke on behalf of the Weed District and stated that he is part of the board and the district has been in place since the 60's and have been trying to eliminate the noxious weed for a long time. Public Works Director Rob Vance stated that his crew have been working with Mr. Ross and hopes that they can get a good handle on the weeds with the program.

- c. Public Works Streets Projects – Public Works Director Rob Vance explained to Council that he had concerns over the Batterson/Dennis Street Project for and the bid overruns. Mr. Vance explained that he has been working with Finance Director Anita Kinsey and City Manager Gigi Dennis on possible funding avenues to make the project happen. Mr. Vance explained that there was a \$160,000 short fall and thanks to Ms. Kinsey and all the time she invested in helping find funding he is asking that Council approve a budget amendment that would take place in July. Mr. Vance stated that his recommendation would be adding \$160,000 to the 2023 budget for the Street Improvement bid overruns. And to be broke down as follow;
Capital Improvement Fund \$130,000
Water Fund \$10,000
Sewer Fund \$20,000

Councilor Howard moved to approve to allow for the budget amendment in July, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS - None

K. ORDINANCES - None

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES - None

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. April Financials – Finance Director Anita Kinsey presented the April financials

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve April financials, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Closure of Ski Hi Project Accounts with RG Bank and Colo Trust – Finance Director Anita Kinsey presented to Council that the Ski Hi project has been completed and we are ready to disburse the balance of funds and close the accounts. Ms. Kinsey stated that in collaboration with Karla Shriver, representing Friends of Ski Hi and the Outcalt Foundation some of the funds were able to be used to cover some of the signage for the complex and Christmas lights will be able to be purchased for the complex as well. The remaining funds from RG Bank and Colo Trust will be applied to the Lease Purchase with SLV Fed.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve to close the RG Bank and the Colo Trust Account for the Ski Hi Project and allow for Finance Director Anita Kinsey to sign all necessary documents, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kinsey then ask for Councils permission to send notification to retailers on the

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. PD Report – City Manager Gigi Dennis went over the written report that was provided by Chief George Dingfelder. The PD is fully staffed and the new hires will be in training for the next few weeks. Chief Dingfelder would like everyone to know that the officers work very hard and when they do investigations it takes time and the information will be only given when it is fully ready and completed. The gym equipment that was purchased with grant money is completed and ready for use.
2. Public Works – Director Robert Vance updated Council on the current projects. American Rescue Funds projects: Ski Hi generator/RV hook up/showers, Skidsteer, tennis courts & playground equipment have all been priced and waiting for finalization. The EV Charging stations ground work will start next week. The airport fuel farm is in the infrastructure stage, the taxiway improvement just started with the design stage and will begin construction in 2024 and the building is getting new bathroom sinks and a drinking fountain and Mr. Vance stated that they are finishing up some of the plumbing on that. Mr. Vance also stated that the Multi-modal (MMOF) grant project for the sidewalks is in the design stage and will start within the next two months. Mr. Vance reminded Council that he will be having another meeting on the mosquito spraying operation on June 7, 2023 and stated that the first meeting there were about 20 people and felt that it was a good informational meeting after the meeting on June 7, 2023 will then give him some more information on how to make the program more efficient for the city and its citizens.
3. Information Technology – IT Tech Brandon Doss reported that IT has up graded the zoom system in the executive conference room to a full computer to allow for full zoom capabilities, they have installed new computers at Public Works and updated the storage for the network.
4. City Manager – Gigi Dennis reported to Council that the city has received a \$200,000 DOLA grant for the generator project at Ski Hi. Mrs. Dennis stated that the City will host a free movie night on June 16th and it will be a matinee in conjunction with Kids Connection. Mrs. Dennis stating the Public Works is fully staffed for the summer and that the PD is also fully staffed but that we are still looking for help for Ski Hi. Mrs. Dennis reminded everyone that Draggn' Main Block Party was happing this weekend and also thanked Mr. Farish for the great Memorial Day Celebration that was done at Home Lake Veterans Center.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS – Mayor Becker reminded everyone to stay “Monte Strong”.

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Recessed till June 15, 2023

Attest:

Dale Becker, Mayor

Unita Vance, City Clerk