

CITY OF MONTE VISTA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 4, 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 6:10 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rebecca with the Monte Vista Journal led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala led the prayer

C. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: City Manager Forrest Neueburg, City Attorney Michael Trujillo, City Clerk Unita Vance, Chief Dingfelder, Public Works Director Rob Vance and Finance Director Jenny Signs

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

1. City Clerk Unita Vance stated that there would be a modification to the agenda adding 1. b. to scheduled appearances to allow for presentation from Richard Nigley with the Veterans Collation of the San Luis Valley.

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to approve the modification to the agenda, Councilor Foster second, motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting January 21, 2021
2. Review and Approval of Accounts Payable

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

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Ken Hamko to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment. City Clerk Unita Vance read Mr. Hamko's letter of interest into record.

Councilor Johnson moved to approve the appointment of Ken Hamko to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala second, motion carried unanimously.

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Scheduled Appearances
  - a. Project update for Ski Hi – Karla Schriver shared a power point presentation and went over the Ski Hi Complex project.

- b. Richard Nigley gave a presentation on what the Veterans Collation of the San Luis Valley do for the veterans. Mr. Nigley then asked for \$3000 to be able to keep moving forward with the program.

Councilor Johnson moved to approve to give the Veterans Collation of the San Luis Valley \$3000, Councilor Lock asked if Brothers Keepers were also going to present, Jim Clare a member of Brothers Keepers stated that they would present at the next meeting. Councilor Johnson then withdrew the motion until they hear from Brother's Keeper's as well.

2. Citizen Comments – Margo Alexander asked what happened to the Ordinance about the churches and wanted to know why City Hall has been closed. Mayor Becker stated that the Ordinance has gone away and things with churches are as they read in the Monte Vista Municipal Code. He also stated that City Hall has been official reopened to the public as of February 1, 2021.

#### H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Special Review Use – Accessory Dwelling Unit – 235 Stallo – Bolsenga – City Attorney Mike Trujillo opened the public hearing and then asked for City Clerk Unita Vance for staff presentation. Mrs. Vance went over the request with a power point presentation and recommended approval. Applicant Gina Bolsenga was then asked to go over her request. Mr. Trujillo then asked if there were anyone wishing to speak against or in favor of this request, none heard in opposition, Scott Decon spoke in favor stating that since Mrs. Bolsenga purchased the property there has been great improvements. Ron Vigil, the contractor stated that he has looked at the project and the structure and foundation are in very good shape. Mr. Trujillo then closed the public hearing and turned it over to Council for questions and decision.

Councilor Johnson moved to approve the Special Review Use for Accessory Dwelling Unit located at 235 Stallo, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala second, motion carried unanimously.

2. Special Review Use – Repair Shop- 1636 Grande Ave – Gatrell - City Attorney Mike Trujillo opened the public hearing and then asked for City Clerk Unita Vance for staff presentation. Mrs. Vance went over the request with a power point presentation and recommended approval with the conditions that the transfer of property is completed prior to opening, If storing vehicles outside applicant must comply with 12-17-80(b) and no junkyard will be allowed. Applicant Neil Gatrell was then asked to go over his request. Mr. Gatrell went over the plans for the repair shop and how they are hoping to bring in business not just for them but also for the community. They are hoping to bring people to Monte Vista to do jeep trails that are located within the Valley. Mr. Trujillo then asked if there were anyone wishing to speak against or in favor of this request, none heard in opposition, Scott Decon spoke in favor. Jim Clare also spoke in favor, stated that they had come to a chamber meeting, and presented their ideas and the chamber believes that they will be an asset to the community and bring a different view of the Valley. Margo Alexander also spoke in favor stating that it is nice to see something finely going in to the building. Mr. Trujillo then closed the public hearing and turned it over to Council for questions and decision.

Councilor Lock moved to approve the Special Review Use of Repair Shop located at 1636 Grande Ave, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala second, motion carried unanimously.

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS - None

K. ORDINANCES - None

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES

1. Contract with Alcon for Ski Hi – City Manager Forrest Neuerburg went over the contract for the amount of \$4,446,820.00 for the second half of Ski Hi project. This contract also allows for the matching grant from DOLA. Councilor Johnson asked if this the amount to cover the second half, Mr. Neuerburg stated yes but donations would continue. Karla Schriver went over the donation amounts and stated that donations continue to come in. Mrs. Schriver ask on behalf of the Friends that Council approve this contract. Councilor Lock thanked everyone for the jobs that they are doing to bring this project to life and shining a light on the community. Jim Clare stated that this is not just community of Monte Vista it is truly Valley wide project, it will benefit all of the San Luis Valley.

Councilor Johnson moved to approve the contract with Alcon for the Ski Hi project and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, Councilor Foster second, motion carried unanimously.

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS - None

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS - None

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

1. Councilor Foster – Grace and Mercy Church will be holding a free soup night next Tuesday from 5-7pm.
2. Councilor Lock – Addressed the letters to the editor written by Councilor Johnson. Councilor Lock stated that Councilor Johnson was not asked by this Council to speak for the Council has a whole. These actions have caused division between Council, have caused the Community to be lied to, and has caused distrust. Councilor Johnson called point of order stating that this is announcements not a time to attack other Council members. Mayor Becker stated that Councilor Lock has the floor and she will be allowed to continue.

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. For a conference with the City/Town attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Recessed meeting and went into executive session at 7:45pm – Returned from executive session at 8:18pm returning into regular session.

Councilor Foster moved to recess the meeting until February 18, 2021, Councilor Lock second, motion carried unanimously.

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Recessed

Attest:

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Dale Becker, Mayor

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Unita Vance, City Clerk