

CITY OF MONTE VISTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2025 - 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

Councilor Howard 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 Brad Watson. A quorum was declared.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA - None

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting March 6, 2025
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 Howard seconded, motion carried unanimously.

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness for the Month of April – Continued till April 3, 2025
2. Re-appoint to the One Cent Committee – Presented by City Manager Gigi Dennis, Mrs. Dennis explained that by re-appointing these five members it will leave one open spot on the committee.
 - a. Kathy Lorenz
 - b. Karla Shriver
 - c. Ivette Atencio
 - d. Amber Pacheco
 - e. Jose Samora

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve Re-appoint to the One Cent Committee, Councilor Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Citizen Comments
 - a. Raina Bowsher presented information on the proposed Mill Levey taxes for the pool.
2. Scheduled Appearances
 - a. Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board awarded- The City of Monte Vista in partnership with San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLVGO!) – Mick Daniel spoke about the trails and the Greater Outdoors Closed Basin. Mr. Daniel spoke about the Railroad

Corridor and the possibility of areas being for sale and that SLVGO! Is interested in trails and building a gateway to a better outdoor recreational area within the Valley.

- b. Discussion on Mosquito Spaying – Publics Work Director Rob Vance presented Council with a memo with the following plan for the 2025 Mosquito Spray season.
 1. Revert back to Malathion as our chemical of choice. We will switch up every two years.
 2. The City will spray all roads but no Alleys—this protects my operators from residents being able to stop and threaten them, as what has happened in years past. The alleys are narrow and darker; whereas the streets are wide and allow passage even if a citizen is trying to block their path. By doing both the East/West and North/South roads we should maintain good pest coverage.
 3. We will not offer the no spray list. I realize this will not set well with a minority of our population but we now have people who want a service that neighbors who have a courtesy agreement prevent them from receiving the benefit they are paying for. Those that are opposed to the spray operations know when we spray and the time frames in which we spray. They can take precautions to protect themselves during those times. I believe it is important for the City to deliver the services that our residents pay for.
 4. Our operations will begin the Thursday before Memorial Day (this year May 22, 2025) or when mosquitos start hatching at the Henderson Lagoons annually. This is the largest body of standing water within the municipal boundary and is a good indicator of what is happening elsewhere in the City and also provides those opposed to our spray operations another tool for their welfare.
 5. Operations will continue on Thursday evenings and begin at 8:00 p.m.

Council expressed the concerns on not spraying the alleys as that is where most of the vegetation but understand the call for not spaying. Mayor Becker stated that he has some new chemical that he will give the information on to Mr. Vance for his review.

Councilor Howard moved to approve the 2025 Mosquito Spraying Plan, Councilor Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS - None

K. ORDINANCES - None

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES

1. Award the Upgrade of Rodeo Arena & Security Lighting of LED at Ski Hi – Planner DJ Enderle presented the numbers and asked for Council to award to Slatercom Lighting Solutions for \$94,925 and have City Manager Gigi Dennis sign.

Councilor Lorenz moved to Award the Upgrade of Rodeo Arena & Security Lighting of LED at Ski Hi to Slatercom Lighting Solutions for \$94,925 and have City Manager Gigi Dennis sign, Councilor Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2. Award of the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Camera & Cleaning Project – Public Works Director Rob Vance presented all the bid numbers and recommended to award to project to DRC not to exceed \$80,000 and to have City Manager Gigi Dennis sign.

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to Award the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Camera & Cleaning Project to DRC not to exceed \$80,000 and to have City Manager Gigi Dennis sign, Councilor Howard seconded, motion carried unanimously.

3. Award the 2025 Downtown Alley Reconstruction Project – Public Works Director Rob Vance presented the numbers and explained that the engineers stated the if asphalt is used there is a chance that the impact vibration could damage the buildings and the suggested use would be concrete. Mr. Vance explained that there is still a short fall in funds and that funds could be used from ARPA Funds. The discussion was had about the thickness of the concrete and Council would like to see the numbers for what it would be for 6”.

Councilor Lorenz moved to Award the 2025 Downtown Alley Reconstruction Project to RMS Construction, using ARPA funds for the short fall and would prefer the 6” concrete, Councilor Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS - None

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. Recreation – Director Dervin Taylor updated Council on
2. Planning – Planner DJ Enderle reported to Council that he has been working on the code rewrite and grants. Mr. Enderle is also keeping up with the current grants.
3. City Manager Gigi Dennis reported to Council that URGED is working on a possible lodging tax proposal to put on the ballot. Mrs. Dennis has been attending the Neighborhood Watch meetings and they are working on solar street lights. Mrs. Dennis talked about the new business and construction that is happening within town. Mrs. Dennis then stated that City Attorney had to leave and will not be reporting tonight and also with him being gone she would like to postpone the executive session.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

1. Mayor Becker said if you see something say something, “Monte Strong”.

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. For a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); Pending Litigation

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to postpone the executive session to the April 3, 2025 Council meeting, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Recessed

Attest:

Dale Becker, Mayor

Unita Vance, City Clerk