

CITY OF MONTE VISTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 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 6:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Lorenz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Becker 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 and a quorum was declared.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA - None

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting April 17, 2025
2. Review and Approval of Accounts Payable

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

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Swearing in of Sergeant Robert Pino and Anthony Chacon – Interim Police Chief Harford
2. Appointment of new Code Enforcement Officer Kody Smith - Interim Police Chief Harford
3. Police Week May 11th-17th - Interim Police Chief Harford read proclamation into record, Mayor Becker declared Police Week
4. Mental Health Awareness Week May 12th – May 18th Kylie Swards with SLV Behavioral Health read proclamation into record, Mayor Becker declared Mental Health Awareness Week.
5. Clerk's Week May 4th-10th- City Clerk Unita Vance read proclamation into record, Mayor Becker declared Clerk's Week
6. Teacher Appreciation Week May 5th-9th - Kids Connection Director Anika Velasquez read proclamation into record, Mayor Becker declared Teacher's Week
7. Public Works Week 18th-24th –Public Works Director Robert Vance read proclamation into record, Mayor Becker declared Public Work's Week

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Citizen Comments
 - a. Cheryl Smith presented that they will be hosting a Home Owners Appreciation Day on June 7, 2025 at Tiera Del Sol from 10am to 2pm and invited everyone to come and enjoy.
2. Scheduled Appearances

Certificate of Honor – Mackenzie Wolf-Montgomery – Sergeant Robert Pino presented citizen with this award for helping protect a child who had wandered from his home. He presented her with a certificate, a PD patch and movie tickets. Sergeant Pino stated “I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Mackenzie for her exceptional concern and support in this situation. Her care and compassion played a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of the child, and without her intervention, the outcome could have been considerably different.”

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Sale of City Property located at 2335 Sherman Ave. Monte Vista, CO. 81144 for the purpose of a hotel. – City Manager Gigi Dennis started out by giving a brief back ground of how they got to this point and how this property was picked and information about Tim Shefchik is a developer for Brimark and his role in putting together a group of investors for Cobblestone Hotel's. City Planner DJ Enderle then presented that the property has been posted, letters to property owners were sent, and Public Notice was put in the paper, front door, and website. Mr. Enderle explained that there has been title search done on this property and an appraisal was completed in 2023. Everything has been completed and ready for the public hearing. City Attorney Gene Fairish opened up the hearing and went over the information with the Monte Vista public hearing guidelines. Mr. Farish asked for anyone wanting to speak in favor of the sale, hearing none, Mr. Farish asked for anyone wanting to speak against the sale, Mr. Vanlwarden spoke stating that he felt the location is not the best. There were no other comments against. Closing comments were made by Tim Shefchik and he explained the location and how he works to get investors not the hotel. Mr. Enderle then gave closing comments and asked Council to approve to have staff prepare a Resolution for the sale of the property to present at the next Council meeting. Mr. Enderle stated that once the Resolution is signed then he and Gigi will move forward with the contract and finalizing the sale. All of Council agreed for staff to move forward.

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2025-09 Resolution updating the Monte Vista Fee Schedule – City Clerk Unita Vance presented to Council the changes and requested that they approve the fee schedule for 2025.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve Resolution 2025-09 Resolution updating the Monte Vista Fee Schedule for 2025 he consent agenda and the review and approval of accounts payable, Councilor Howard seconded, motion carried unanimously.

K. ORDINANCES - None

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES - None

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. City Clerk – Clerk Unita Vance updated Council on the two business that had tobacco violations and the new Text mygov program that we will be putting into place. Mrs. Vance then reminded Council about the CML District 8 meeting and asked if any of them want to attend.

2. Public Works – Director Robert Vance stated that Public Works is gearing up for summer, working on the Alley Project, MMOF, and the still working on the Waste Water Treatment Facility.
3. PD – Interim Chief Tyler Harford went over the numbers for monthly activity report. Chief also updated Council on the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked the Monte Vista High School for opening up to host us because of the inclement weather.
4. IT – IT Technician Brandon Doss updated Council about a spam that has been going around and then let Council know that IT will be updating all of Public Works phones.
5. City Manager – Manager Gigi Dennis explained that the AmeriCorps Program is coming to an end and if the City can't cover their cost then we will lose Miles and the employees from Kids Connection. Mrs. Dennis thanked everyone for helping out on Earth Day with the employee cleanup day.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

1. Mayor Becker stated "Monte Strong"

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Recessed

Attest:

Dale Becker, Mayor

Unita Vance, City Clerk