

CITY OF MONTE VISTA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 21, 2024 - 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 6:01 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

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting November 7, 2024
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 Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Monte Shoaf to the Board of Adjustment – Planner DJ Enderle presented the need to have Mr. Shoaf appointed and explained that his letter of interest has met the criteria that is needed.

Councilor Howard moved to approve the appointment of Monte Shoaf to the Board of Adjustment, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously.

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Citizen Comments
  - a. Margo Alexander thanked the Public Works crews for a great job with the snow removal and thanked city staff overall for a great job with keeping our city amazing. Ms. Alexander asked where she could get more information about the swimming pool at. City Manager Gigi Dennis gave her the website [slvaquatics.org](http://slvaquatics.org) for more information.
2. Scheduled Appearances (The order was changed during the meeting because Judge Zollars was unable to appear first as stated on the agenda)
  - a. Conveying of a parcel of land located at Lot 1 Block 2 of the Blanca Vista Addition (1910 Newcomb)
    - i. Ordinance #931 An Ordinance Conveying a Portion of City Property Located in Lot One and Adjacent to Lot Two of Block Two of the Blanca Vista Addition to the City of Monte Vista, To a Neighboring Property Owner. – Planner DJ Enderle

presented that this small triangle property was never properly conveyed to the property owner and this will clean up the area that is not usable property by the City.

Councilor Howard moved to approve Ordinance #931 An Ordinance Conveying a Portion of City Property Located in Lot One and Adjacent to Lot Two of Block Two of the Blanca Vista Addition to the City of Monte Vista, to a Neighboring Property Owner, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- b. SGM Alley Project – Public Works Director Rob Vance went over the outcome of the open house meeting. Both Mayor Becker and Councilor Howard attended the open house and stated that it was a nice presentation with very helpful and useful information. Mr. Vance explained that this project is an estimated 1.4 Million Dollar project and the City has received a DOLA grant for 1 Million and the rest will come from the one cent tax money allocated for roads.
- c. Court Report – Judge Zollars gave Council an overview of the court procedures with the way it handles juvenile cases and how we work with the Restorative Justice Program. Judge Zollars also stated that she felt the number of court cases are down because the PD are not writing more tickets. Judge Zollars feels that the courts could take on some of the bigger cases of a municipal court but law enforcement needs to be ready to handle it. Judge Zollars stated that she is a big believer in traffic cases and feels that if the offices write the ticket for what is the actual violation then the courts have more room to work with the defendants with giving them reductions or deferred. Judge Zollars also stated that she will give people who are homeless or do not have means to pay useful public service in place of fines, because it is hard for them to pay. Councilor Howard stated that he likes the Juvenile Program and would like to see it continued and would like to learn more about it. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala asked what could be done to help keep the drug dealers from getting away with things and off the streets. Judge Zollars stated that the more serious cases need to be sent to Rio Grande County where there is more leverage to deal with them. Council would like to have a work session to learn more about the different programs and the workings of the courts, it was agreed that this would take place after the first of the year.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS - None

K. ORDINANCES

- 1. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 930 An Ordinance of the Monte Vista City Council Adopting the 2025 Budget for the City of Monte Vista. – Finance Director Judy Phillips stated that she has had no inquires or request for changes and asks that Council approve the 2025 Budget on second and final reading.

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to approve Ordinance 930 An Ordinance of the Monte Vista City Council Adopting the 2025 Budget for the City of Monte Vista on second and final reading, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES

1. IGA Agreement for IT Contract with the City of Alamosa – Director Brandon Gallegos presented the IGA and explained how the work time is split between the two entities. Councilor Lorenz asked City Manager if all was going well on our side, Mrs. Dennis stated yes the only thing in the contract she was concerned with was the 5% wage increase. Mr. Gallegos explained the increase and how it was built into the contract.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve the IGA Agreement for IT Contract with the City of Alamosa, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2. Final payment and close out for the Monte Vista Airport Taxi lane and Taxi way project. – Public Works Director Robert Vance presented and stated that payment is requested for ACI. The project is complete and is on time.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve the Final payment and close out for the Monte Vista Airport Taxi lane and Taxi way project to ACI, Councilor Howard seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. October Financials – Finance Director Judy Phillips presented the October financials.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve the October financials as presented, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. Recreation – Director Dervin Taylor stated that he feels the more you get kids involved in activities the better they do in within the community and at school. Mr. Taylor stated that the recreation program encourages kids to get involved. They currently just finished girls' basketball and just opened boys' basketball registration. Mr. Taylor also stated that they have had cancelled carry classes and pickle ball tournaments.
2. Kids Connection – Director Anika Velasquez stated that she has been working on grants for next year's budget and getting ready for Thanksgiving break and a reminder that Kid Connection will be closed the week of Thanksgiving. Mrs. Velasquez stated that the procure program is up and running and they have excepted the first payment through it and there were no issues. Mrs. Velasquez they stated that she had some numbers from her summer program and that Kids Connection served 737 breakfasts, 1,271 lunches and over 16,064 glasses of milk. Mrs. Velasquez asked if you are a member of SLV Bank that during the Spirit of Giving that you vote for Kids Connection.
3. Planning – Planner DJ Enderle let Council know that the City did not receive the EPA Grant for the ditch project but he will redo some of it and resubmit it. Mr. Enderle stated that he was working with Rob Vance on a Safe Streets Grant for \$118,000 and that the matching is all in-kind service. Mr. Enderle stated he is also still working on the Land Use Regulations and with Planning & Zoning. Mr. Enderle let Council know that Kent Brimhalls property has sold and that a manufacturing company will be moving in and building there and creating about fifty new jobs.
4. City Attorney – Attorney Gene Farish stated that he has been working with City Manager and HR Director on personal matters, working with Planner on Land Use Regulations and City property matters and attending court and working with the youth program.
5. City Manager – Manager Gigi Dennis thanked Judy Phillips on a great job with the budget. Mrs. Dennis reminded Council and the public that on Saturday December 7, 2024 the re-dedication of the Faith Hinkley Veterans Memorial Park at 11am, lighting of the tree at 5:15 pm at

Fullenwider Park and the parade of lights to follow and that the Holiday Bazaar will take place that weekend as well.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

1. Councilor Lorenz stated vote for Kids Connection for the Spirit of Giving.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala also stated vote for Kids Connection for the Spirit of Giving.
3. Mayor Becker stated that Chelsea Martinez is starting up Neighborhood Watch again at the library December 17,2024 at 6pm. Mayor Becker stated that he attended a program at the Mormon Church and spoke with the youth and he said he it was nice to see how interested the youth were in what was going on within our government. Mayor Becker reminded everyone if you see something say something, and as always "Monte Strong".

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Adjourned

Attest:

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Dale Becker, Mayor

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Unita Vance, City Clerk