

CITY OF MONTE VISTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 2022 - 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

Citizen Bob Richards 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 Larry Foster and Councilor Martha Lock. A quorum was declared.

Staff present: City Manager Gigi Dennis, City Attorney Gene Farish, City Clerk Unita Vance, Finance Director Anita Kinsey, IT Director James Belknap, Public Works Director Rob Vance, HR Director Judy Phillips and Sergeant Eugene Ortega.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA - None

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting from October 20, 2022
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 Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously.

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Citizen Comments
 - a. Bob Richards let Council know that he now owns the radio stations here in Monte Vista and will be looking for a new home. All of Council congratulated him on his success.
 - b. Margo Alexander stated that she was excited about the radio station. Mrs. Alexander also thanked Rob and Public Works for keeping the City clean. She also wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all.
2. Scheduled Appearances
 - a. Golf Board – Austin Heersink gave an update on the golf course and stated that there were six thousand rounds of golf played in 2022 twenty-eight hundred were out of the Valley. Mr. Heersink stated that they did not spend the \$40,000 that the City budgeted for the Golf Course last year and asked if Council will keep it on the books for 2023 because they are now ready to start the build. Councilor Lock stated that she was proud of how far they have come.

- b. Vali 3Theater Presentation – Kayla Smith gave a power point presentation for Ms. Kais Academy of Performing Arts at the Vali Theater. Mrs. Smith stated her mission is to bring the community together through performing arts. Council thanked her for her presentation and stated that they will review and let her know the next steps.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Model Traffic Code – City Attorney Gene Farish opened the public hearing and explained that this is the code that was created by the Colorado Department of Transportation and the process of completing and adopting the MTC. Mr. Farish asked for any comments in favor of and any comments against, hearing none Mr. Farish closed the public hearing and asked Council to review the second reading of the Ordinance.
2. First reading of the 2023 Budget – City Attorney Gene Farish opened the public hearing and turned the presentation over to Finance Director Anita Kinsey. Ms. Kinsey explained that Council had a works session and they went over the proposed budget and then gave a power point presentation and asked Council to approve the 2023 Budget on first reading.

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS - None

K. ORDINANCES

1. Second reading of Ordinance 2022-10 an Ordinance for the regulation of traffic by the City of Monte Vista, Colorado; adopting by reference the Monte Vista “Model Traffic Code”, repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; and providing penalties for violation thereof

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2022-10, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2. First reading of Ordinance 914 adopting a budget and appropriation sums of money for the City of Monte Vista, Colorado, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. Councilor Foster stated that he speaks in favor of it but has some concerns of the recreations budget increasing and the IT budget increasing, but that we have to trust the system and that he feels we have an overall good budget. Councilor Lorenz also has some concerns about that Water Enterprise Fund running in a deficit for the second year in a row and feels that we have an aging infrastructure and if we don’t make improvements to and keep up with that it will have increasing costs, what that all leads to is that Council is going to have to raise water rates at well.

Councilor Lock moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 914 the 2023 Budget, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

3. First reading of Ordinance 916 an Ordinance of the City of Monte Vista, Colorado, repealing and reenacting Chapter 7 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Monte Vista Municipal Code. – City Attorney Gene Farish explained that this is the second step to completing the adoption of the Model Traffic Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 916 for the Model Traffic Code, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously.

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES - None

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. September Financials – Finance Director Anita Kinsey went over the September financials and asked for Council approval.

Councilor Foster moved to approve the September financials, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion on Coronavirus State & Local Recover Funds (ARP) – Ms. Kinsey explained stated that the document in Council packet is a working document but staff cannot move forward without a conceptual approval of the funds. City Manager Gigi Dennis explained that staff is looking for direction to either get bids or if Council doesn't want to move any further with any of the items.

Councilor Lorenz moved to give a conceptual approval Coronavirus State & Local Recover Funds, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. City Clerk Unita Vance explained that there are two new business that will be opening soon and that business license renewal letters will be sent out within the month of November.
2. IT Director James Belknap stated that they have two zoom rooms set up one in the executive conference room and one on the PD side. Mr. Belknap stated that they are working on training for phishing emails and taking classes to keep up with the ADA requirements.
3. City Manager Gig Dennis let Council know that the finalization of the Ski Hi build is nearing the end. Mrs. Dennis also let Council know that the wrong RFP was given to Mrs. Smith and stated that Mrs. Smith should be able to answer the other questions from the right RFP. Mrs. Dennis stated that City Hall will be closed November 10, 2022 in observance of Veterans Day. Mrs. Dennis told Council that with matching funds the city now has \$18,000 for Christmas lights. Mrs. Dennis then reminded Council of the Council retreat on November 4, 2022 from 5pm to 8pm and on November 5, 2022 from 7am to noon.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

1. Councilor Lock thanked Public Works for the great job of cleaning up the town and for all the help that was given for the Trunk or Treat. The Mystic San Luis Valley Arts Council, the Optimystics and the Chamber put on a great Trunk or Treat and there was a great turn out.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala reminded everyone that it is getting cold outside so please take care of your animals. He also reminded everyone that the Nazarene gym is open on Thursday's for open gym.
3. Councilor Foster let everyone know that he will be out for the next meeting.
4. Mayor Becker congratulated the Monte Vista High School Band too 1st Place in the State band competition. "We are very proud of you". Mayor Becker thanked staff for all they do and thanked City Manager Gigi Dennis for being a good leader. Mayor Becker reminded citizens if you see something say something.

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); CGIA Notice of Claim from April 20, 2022 fire victim from Larson Law Firm
2. For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or

of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; Six-month review for City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to approve going into executive session at 7:50pm, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously. Council returned from executive session at 9:06pm and recessed till November 17, 2022 for the next Council meeting.

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Recessed

Attest:

Dale Becker, Mayor

Unita Vance, City Clerk