

**CITY OF MONTE VISTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 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 5:59 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Dingfelder 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 Larry Foster, Councilor Martha Lock and Councilor Jason Lorenz were present by zoom. A quorum was declared.

Staff present: City Manager Gigi Dennis, City Attorney Michael Trujillo, Event Center Manager Stephanie Ruybal, Chief George Dingfelder, Kids Connection Director Anika Velasquez and Clerk's Office Administrator Lorena Sanchez-Duran

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA - None

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting December 16, 2021
2. Review and Approval of Accounts Payable

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

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Swearing in of Council Member Jason Lorenz, Victor Sigala and Mayor Dale Becker – City Manager Gigi Dennis swore each member into office.

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Scheduled Appearances
 - a. Ginger bread house contest – Kids Connection Director Anika Velasquez and Jessie Varner presented the kids certificates for the winners of the contest.
 - b. Special thank you – Mrs. Velasquez presented a card and gift to Jim Poston for volunteering with Kids Connection for 10 year.

2. Citizen Comments - None

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2022-1 Establishing fees for the Ski Hi Complex – Event Center Manager Stephanie Ruybal read the resolution into record and requested approval from Council. Councilor Foster asked questions about how the fees were compiled. Ms. Ruybal stated that it was research with several other event centers. Councilor Foster understands the fees but is concerned about the facility rental for non-profit users. Mrs. Dennis also stated that the fees take into account the set-up, take down and clean-up of the facility. Councilor Lock asked about the discount for 501c3 and Mrs. Dennis stated that staff would deal with individuals and groups on a case by case that request discounts this will take the burden off Council.

Councilor Foster moved to approve Resolution 2022-1, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried with a four Aye votes and Councilor Foster recuse himself.

K. ORDINANCES

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES - None

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS - None

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. City Manager, Mrs. Dennis went over the CDPHE fine and Public Works Director Rob Vance and Engineer Nick Marcotte were present by zoom. The fine is for \$80,000 and had Mr. Marcotte and Mr. Vance explain how this came about. A Council work session will be held on January 19, 2022 at 5:30 to discuss the fine and possible ways to invest this fine back into the City with CDPHE approval. Mrs. Dennis announced that there would also be a Council work session to discuss the policies and procedures for Ski Hi on January 10, 2022 at 5:30 and then a Special Meeting will take place on January 13, 2022 at 5:30. The certificate of occupancy for Ski Hi should be granted on the 27th and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 25, 2022 and save the dates will be sent out. Mrs. Dennis gave an update on staffing and vacant positions within the city. Mrs. Dennis has also been meeting with the URA, toured the airport and is working with Mr. Vance on grants for the airport.
2. Kids Connection, Anika Velasquez gave an update for the end of 2021. For the holidays they did gifts for parents, the Police Department had donated several stuffed animals, so staff wrapped them, and each kid received one. The funds from the Bob Bryning memorial will focus on positivity for the kids. Mrs. Valasquez will be starting the presidential volunteer service program, "anything we can teach the kids and give them a reason to do something good for someone else is a benefit." Mayor Becker applauded Mrs. Valasquez for all she does and she stated that she could not do it without her staff.
3. Recreation Director Jaime Hurtado went over the youth sports programs for 2021 and what is coming up for 2022. Mayor Becker also applauded Mr. Hurtado in his work with the youth.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS


1. Councilor Lock in impressed with everyone and how things were handled when the lights went out and Ski Hi became a warming station.
2. Councilor Foster stated that from 5-7 Tuesday, Grace and Mercy Bible has their weekly supper. He also asked each of the other Council members if they had a chance to come up with an idea and a goal for 2022. Councilor Lorenz stated that he did not think it was a good idea for Council to pick individual projects, we should do the job for the City and do it well and focus on that. All other Council members had no comments. Councilor Foster stated that he would like to see the depot tore down and cleaned up and the street extended.

3. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala wished everyone a Happy New Year and would like to see more picnic tables or benches in the parks.
4. Mayor Becker thanked Mrs. Dennis and Chief Dingfelder for putting together the warming shelter and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Recessed till January 20, 2022

Attest:



Unita Vance, City Clerk



Dale Becker, Mayor

