

CITY OF MONTE VISTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 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 Pro Tem Sigala led the prayer

C. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Dale Becker, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Sigala, Councilor Jason Lorenz, and Councilor Brad Watson. Councilor Loren Howard was excused and a quorum was declared.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA - None

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting April 3, 2025
2. Review and Approval of Accounts Payable

Councilor Lorenz 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. Appoint Monte Shoaf to the One Cent Committee – Finance Director Judy Phillips requested that Council appoint Mr. Shoaf to the One Cent Committee stating he was the only one who submitted a letter of interest.

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to appoint Monte Shoaf to the One Cent Committee, Councilor Watson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2. Arbor Day Proclamation – Public Works Director Rob Vance read the proclamation into record and also reported that the City has received a letter of congratulations of being Tree City USA for 30 Years. Mr. Vance reported that Public Works along with the Future Farmers of America will be planting two trees at Marsh Park on May 2, 2025 at 2 PM.

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Citizen Comments
 - a. Raina Bowsher presented Council with information on the Aquatic Center and spoke to Council against having Council supporting it and against it going to the voters.
 - b. Mayor Becker read a letter from citizen Margo Alexander who could not be present. The letter was a letter stating that Ms. Alexander is in opposition of the Aquatic Center.
2. Scheduled Appearances

- a. President Tandberg and Vice President Rissler – Adams State University President Tandberg spoke to Council about the enrollment being up by 73% and that he wants people know that the University is to benefit all of the Valley. Mr. Tandberg also spoke about the Salazar Center being more active. Mr. Tandberg stated that he would be more than happy to come and answer any question at any time.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS

1. 2025-08 A Resolution to Establish an Expedited Development Review Process for Affordable Housing – Planner DJ Enderle presented and read resolution into record. Mr. Enderle asked for Councils approval.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve Resolution 2025-08 A Resolution to Establish an Expedited Development Review Process for Affordable Housing and amending it from 21 days to 30 days, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously.

K. ORDINANCES - None

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES - None

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. First Quarter Tax Revenue – Finance Director Judy Phillips presented a power point presentation showing the numbers of property tax revenue, RGCO sales tax revenue, City sales tax revenue and going over total tax revenue. Mrs. Phillips stated that as of right now the revenues are down and that if we continue with this trend we will not reach our 2 ½ % budgeted increase for sales tax.

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. Recreation – Director Dervin Taylor reported that basketball and soccer is going great and soccer on the weekends at Chapman Park are bring in the food trucks and we are very busy on the weekends. Mr. Taylor stated that the Rotary donated \$1000 for scholarships and uniforms. Mayor Becker stated that there are citizens that have approached him and have stated to him that Mr. Taylor is doing a great job with the Recreation department.
2. Kids Connection – Director Anika Velasquez presented to Council that her and staff is currently preparing for summer, summer is only three months away. Mrs. Velasquez stated that they are looking for a full time staff member and for summer help. Mrs. Velasquez also stated that her and Gigi are looking at ways to modify the kitchen area to make it more user friendly.
3. Ski Hi – Event Coordinator Stephanie Ruybal gave Council current numbers of events at Ski Hi reporting that March had 48, April 65 (currently) and May projected to have 28 so far. Ms. Ruybal stated that so far for 2025 there have been 340 events at Ski Hi. Ms. Ruybal stated that the lighting in the arena area will be completed by June 9th and she just got back from the security training and has passed and graduated. Ms. Ruybal will be updating her security plan and using what she has learned from her training. Ms. Ruybal also stated that she is working on a future Master Plan for Ski Hi.
4. Planning – Planner DJ Enderle reports to Council that he continues to work on the current grants that have been awarded to the City and continues to work on the Land Use Regulations. Mr. Enderle stated that he attended the National APA Conference in Denver and took some important information from it. Mr. Enderle also stated that with Destination Blue Print meetings

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coming to an end the consultant will take the information and put it all together and also create a brochure for Monte Vista tourism. Mr. Enderle said that we will continue to work with the Monte Vista Chamber on the marketing and tourism guidelines that are presented by the consultant from the meetings.

5. City Attorney – Gene Farish reported to Council that he has been working on the Model Traffic Code with Tyler and CDOT and is close to finishing it to present to Council for adoption. Mr. Farish also stated that he met with new Code Enforcement Officer Kody Smith and will be working to get some court issues cleared up. Mr. Farish also stated that the sale of City property is on for Public Hearing on May 1, 2025 and has been properly noticed and is ready to go.
6. City Manager – Gigi Dennis reported to Council that the Water Rights Decree is completed and will be presented to Council on May 15, 2025. Mrs. Dennis stated that Council will be having breakfast at Ski Hi on May 1, 2025 at 7:15 am to meet with the Consultants from KRW for the hiring of the new Police Chief. Mrs. Dennis stated that they will meet with PD on the 30th of April and the Department Heads on May 1st at 10 am. Mrs. Dennis also spoke about the lodging tax and HB1272 and how it might affect URGED. Mrs. Dennis reported that the Golf Course is ready to order the new building and things are moving fast. Mrs. Dennis invited Council to join staff for Earth Day employee clean up, she stated that staff will start at 7:30 am and will be picking up trash around the parks and ditches for around an hour and half. Mrs. Dennis then reminded the Council and the community that Sunday was not only Easter but also the 3rd Anniversary of the fire here in Monte Vista and she just wanted to make sure to thank all of the Emergency Services, Business and Citizens that helped out that day and wish the best for all those who lost their homes.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

Councilor Watson, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala and Mayor Becker encouraged citizens to attend the Public Meeting for the Aquatic Center on April 21, 2025 at Ski Hi starting at 6pm. Mayor Becker also reminded the citizens to always stay “Monte Strong”.

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Adjourned

Attest:

Dale Becker, Mayor

Unita Vance, City Clerk