

## **City Council Meeting February 18, 2010**

The Monte Vista City Council met in recessed session of their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, Co.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Medina called the meeting to order.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Garcia led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Members present were Mayor Jose "Art" Medina, Councilor Debbie Garcia, Councilor Lynn Sandusky, and Councilor Jay Almquist. Record to indicate a quorum was present.

Others present were City Manager Don Van Wormer, City Attorney Eugene Farish, Acting Chief of Police Rick Needham, City Clerk Rhonda Valdez, member of the press and guests.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Councilor Garcia made a motion and Councilor Almquist seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The Consent Agenda consisted of the February 4, 2010 Council Minutes and Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Citizen Comments/Special Presentations**

Mayor Medina thanked Ignacia White for 25 years of service to the City of Monte Vista and she was awarded with a certificate of appreciation. Mayor Medina also thanked Samuel Maestas for his 5 years of service to the City of Monte Vista and he was awarded with a certificate of appreciation.

### **Licenses/Liquor Renewal**

Councilor Garcia made a motion and Councilor Sandusky seconded, to approve the renewal of Nino's Inc. Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolutions**

Councilor Sandusky made a motion and Councilor Almquist seconded, to approve Resolution 5-2010 A Resolution supporting the grant application for a Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado for the Ski Hi Grandstands Project (Phase II). Motion carried unanimously.

### **Contracts/Agreements/Leases**

Councilor Garcia made a motion and Councilor Sandusky seconded, to approve the lease renewal for the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Garcia made a motion and Councilor Almquist seconded, to approve the Financial Checkup Agreement between the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Clifton Gunderson LLP and the City of

Monte Vista. Motion carried unanimously. City Manager Van Wormer – DOLA will be paying for the full cost and we are the first community in the state to go through this process.

Councilor Almquist made a motion and Councilor Garcia seconded, to approve the Sun Peaks Land Co., water rights acquisition contract, on the condition that Sun Peaks Land Co., does not have any substantial changes. If substantial changes are made, this contract will come before Council for further consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Reports**

City Manager Van Wormer – We received a letter from the Monte Vista Food Bank, thanking us for our support. I met with Duane Newman the Superintendent, of the schools, as you know we have been talking about a land exchange; we would exchange the ball field that the school leases from us for the property that runs lengthwise by Bill Metz Elementary 70' long by 250' wide approximately. This property does fit into our master plan. Attorney Eugene Farish is looking into the contract side of this. City Manager Van Wormer – At minimum, we will have to have a public hearing potentially by March. Railroad Leases the railroad has reconsidered their position regarding the sale of the three properties, the city leases - Montez Park, the street behind Fullenwider Park adjacent to the tracks and the parking lot at the VFW. They are also interested in relocating the depot that is currently in Alamosa to Monte Vista along with appropriate retail space I can't get into specifics due to negotiations. Chlorination meeting was held a while back, we have the results of the survey in front of you; 72% are strongly opposed to chlorination, 16% opposed to chlorination, we had a total of 34 surveys submitted, which is less than 1% of our population. Our engineers are looking in to alternatives to the states mandates, are there alternatives, and when we will come to into compliance or if we are going to appeal. Mayor Medina – We are going to have to talk to Randy and our engineers. City Manager Van Wormer – I want to thank Council for attending the meet the candidates for the Police Chief position. Mayor Medina – They are all good candidates I was impressed with them. City Manager Van Wormer – There is a meeting in Alamosa in reference to geothermal use on Saturday, February 27, at Adams State College. Saturday morning, we have a Council Retreat 8:15 to whenever at the Information Center.

City Attorney Eugene Farish – We had a webinar yesterday in reference to medical marijuana. I think we are going to have to extend our moratorium. The state is having a hard time defining the guidelines and it changes every day. Acting Chief of Police Rick Needham – The attorneys that were there are thinking this may take several years to work out.

Councilor Garcia – I would like to remind everyone Planning and Zoning will hold a public meeting in reference to chickens on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

City Manager Van Wormer – We no longer need to have the executive session.

## **Recessed/Adjournment of Meeting**

Meeting was adjourned.

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Jose "Art" Medina, Mayor

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Rhonda Valdez, City Clerk