

**City Council
Minutes
November 3, 2011**

The Monte Vista City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday November 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm, in the Council Room, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, Colorado.

Call to Order

Mayor Medina called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Medina led in Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present were Mayor Jose "Art" Medina, Councilor Rose Wilson, Councilor Debbie Garcia and Councilor Jason Lorenz. Record to indicate a quorum was present.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilor Wilson made a motion and Councilor Garcia seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The Consent Agenda consisted of the October 22, 2011 Council Minutes and Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments/Special Presentations

Mayor Medina – I would like to congratulate Carol Schroeder as the newly elected Councilor. Carol – Officially not until January. Mayor Medina – Congratulations.

Public Hearing

Attorney Farish opened the public hearing for the Monte Vista Historic Preservation Commission local historic designation application for 720 First Avenue and 229 Adams Street. The public notice reads "A public hearing will be held before the Monte Vista City Council at 7:00 pm, November 3, 2011, at City Hall, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, Colorado. To consider the Monte Vista Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to designate 720 First Avenue, and 229 Adams as local historic landmarks". It was published in the Monte Vista Journal November 3, 2011. City Manager Van Wormer and City Clerk Valdez have not received comments verbal or written. Hearing no comments from those in attendance, it was turned over to City Council for action. Councilor Garcia – What happens if it's (229 Adams) sold? I don't think it's an attractive building; the Police Department when remodeled will be attractive. I think that placing it on the local historic registry would prevent any future buyer from improving it. Councilor Wilson – Good point. City Manager – Renovating the interior will not affect the exterior of this building; the interior has been renovated numerous times. Mayor Medina – Can we accept one and table the other? Attorney Farish – If we accept historical or state funding then we are tied into that designation. City Manager Van Wormer – If we put it on the register it would assist in obtaining funds, the local designation doesn't take in

alterations it only takes in age. Councilor Garcia – I understand the city’s point if we were going after grant money, but if we intend on selling it would it be easier to get money for green windows and if you have this historic mark you will not be able to. City Manager Van Wormer – In other words listing it on a historic registry could impair its value with private investors with the restrictions that would be place on it. I know City Council had directed me to keep all my options open public or private space.

Councilor Garcia made a motion Councilor Lorenz seconded, to place the 720 First Avenue on the Monte Vista Historic Registry as a local historic landmark and table the placement of 229 Adams on the Monte Vista Historic Registry. Motion carried unanimously.

Licenses/Liquor Renewal

Councilor Wilson made a motion and Councilor Lorenz seconded, to approve Alibis Sports Bar and Grill Inc., Tavern Liquor License renewal exercised at 859 Acequia. Councilor Garcia abstained. Motion carried.

Councilor Lorenz made a motion and Councilor Garcia seconded, to approve the Monte Vista Elks Lodge No 2456 Inc., Club Liquor License renewal exercised at 121 Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Councilor Garcia made a motion and Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve of Ordinance 833 Amending Section 2-5-50 (Collection and Receipt of Moneys) of the Monte Vista Municipal Code on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

City Manager Van Wormer – We have executed the 25 year lease agreement with the railroad. I want to commend Todd Cecil with the railroad for expediting this lease, I want to thank Eugene for taking the time and expediting the drafting the lease and especially I want to go on the record in thanking Jackie Miller at GOCO who is the director or program manager for the local government grant program who was very helpful in assisting me in trying to figure out what direction we needed to go in with the skateboard park grant.

Adjournment

No further business meeting adjourned.

Jose “Art” Medina, Mayor

Rhonda Valdez, CMC, City Clerk