MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

January 7, 2025

A regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Elks Civic Building at 107 S. Cascade Avenue. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

PRESENT

J. David Reed, Dave Frank, Judy Ann Files, Ed Ulibarri, Graysen Vidmar, Peter Phillips, Ann Morgenthaler, Chris Dowsey, Greg Story, David Bries, Lisa DelPiccolo, Gunnison Clamp, Jim Scheid, Shane Brandt, Tim Cox, Scott Murphy, Hyrum Webb

ABSENT

Doug Glaspell

GUESTS

John Brown, Lance Michaels, Jana Powell, Leah Vandersluis, Michael Badagliacco

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor J. David Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jana Powell spoke in opposition to Ordinance 2670 adopted by City Council on November 5, 2024, and raised concerns about the impact on the unhoused population. Ms. Powell spoke in favor of establishing a permanent encampment with a rehabilitation program.

John Brown, Cindi Olinghouse, and Michael Badagliacco spoke in favor of a non-sanctuary city declaration by City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council considered the minutes of the December 16, 2024, special City Council meeting and the December 17, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Dave Frank, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024, special City Council meeting and the December 17, 2024, regular City Council meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL POSTING LOCATION

City Council considered the designation of the City of Montrose website as the official posting location for meeting notices with the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall as a secondary location for use in exigent or emergency circumstances.

A motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Dave Frank, to designate the City of Montrose website as the official posting location for meeting notices with the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall as a secondary location for use in exigent or emergency circumstances. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2025-01

City Council considered Resolution 2025-01, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose, Colorado, authorizing the filing of a Co-Responder Program grant through the Colorado Department of Health Services to secure funding to sustain the Behavioral Health Co-Responder program with Axis Health.

Deputy Police Chief Tim Cox reported that the Montrose Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for grant funding up to $301,000.00 to sustain the current co-responder program. Deputy Chief Cox said the Police Department partners with Axis Health, formerly the

Center for Mental Health, which applied for the grant funding in the past. Changes in the grant program now require an application from a governmental agency.

Deputy Chief Cox gave an overview of the program that provides a master's level mental health clinician to respond to calls for service, either individually or with officer assistance. Deputy Chief Cox stated that the City partners with Montrose County Sherriff's Office, Delta Police Department, Delta County Sherriff's Office and other regional law enforcement agencies on this program. Deputy Chief Cox said that this is a pass-through grant which Axis Health will administer. If approved, the funding will cover July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Public comment was accepted.

John Brown spoke in support of using the co-responder program to assist the homeless in need of these services.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to adopt Resolution 2025-01 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY IRRIGATION RELOCATION AND PRELIMINARY SITE FILL CONTRACT

City Council considered $4,558,427.31 in expenditures for construction of the Public Works Facility Irrigation Relocation and Preliminary Site Fill Project. This includes the award of a construction contract to Williams Construction in the amount of $4,376,927.31, a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of $116,500.00, and up to $65,000.00 in direct expenditures for a job trailer and survey equipment to support the project.

City Engineer Scott Murphy reported that this contract is the first step for site development for the new Public Works facility and Rio Grande Extension projects. Mr. Murphy stated that the City has envisioned the extension of Rio Grande for many years and recently secured the final property acquisition. This contract will fill the Public Works facility site and the first phase of the Rio Grande corridor from E. Oak Grove to Anderson Road. Mr. Murphy said the City will pursue federal funding for the remainder of the Rio Grande Extension.

Mr. Murphy reviewed the bid process and recommended awarding a contract to Williams Construction and a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants, which designed the Public Works facility site fill plan. Mr. Murphy said a job trailer will be rented and left on site for the duration of the projects, and the City will purchase survey equipment which is more cost effective than renting.

Mr. Murphy said the project is scheduled to start next week. No traffic impacts are anticipated, but portions of nearby recreation trails will be rebuilt to meet current standards. This project also includes irrigation relocation which will be completed before irrigation season begins.

Mr. Murphy stated that the project will be managed by the Engineering Department and funded through certificates of participation with the site and building as collateral. The project will begin with funding from reserves that will be reimbursed when the lending is secured.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Judy Ann Files, to approve $4,558,427.31 in expenditures for construction of the Public Works Facility Irrigation Relocation and Preliminary Site Fill Project as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY DESIGN CONTRACT EXTENSION

City Council considered the authorization of $2,313,878.00 for the extension of the existing design contract with Blythe Group for the Public Works Facility and Rio Grande Extension.

Public Works Director Jim Scheid reported that this request is associated with the previous agenda item. Mr. Scheid stated that Blyth Group is the architect of record for the project and compiled a team of consultants and other architects to create a design team. The team completed the schematic design in 2024 and will continue with design until the construction phase begins.

Mr. Scheid said the next steps in the project are selection of a construction manager/general contractor (CMGC) followed by approval of the certificates of participation (COP) funding. Mr. Scheid said the Montrose Recreation District will pay for the design and construction of a maintenance building associated with the projects.

Public Comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Dave Frank, to authorize $2,313,878.00 for the extension of the existing design contract with Blythe Group for the Public Works Facility and Rio Grande Extension as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

2025 VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

City Council considered the authorization of vehicle and equipment purchases for the total amount of $2,173,795.72.

Fleet Superintendent Shane Brandt reviewed the list of vehicles and equipment proposed for purchase in 2025. Mr. Brandt stated that all vehicles and equipment are included in the 2025 budget, and the total purchase price is under the amount budgeted.

Mr. Brandt addressed the delays experienced in the delivery of police vehicles and refuse trucks and stated that lead times are expected to shorten.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to authorize vehicle and equipment purchases totaling $2,173,795.72 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MOTOR CONTROL CENTER CHANGE ORDER

City Council considered a change order for the purchase of one main breaker and ground fault testing from Browns Hill Engineering and Controls for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Motor Control Center Project for the total cost of $44,525.00.

Utilities Director David Bries provided an overview of the project which began in 2022 and stated that lead times of 15-18 months were experienced on the electrical equipment. Mr. Bries said that after the components were received, the state electrical inspector determined that the plant required the installation of a main shut-off switch.

Browns Hill, the design contractor on the project, expedited the purchase of the equipment and arranged for the installation. Mr. Bries said that Browns Hill is requesting reimbursement for the cost of the equipment and will invoice the design costs later. Mr. Bries stated that the cost would be higher if the City proceeded independently.

Lead Operator Hyrum Webb was introduced and reported that the project has been ongoing for about three years and will wrap up in the next few months.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to approve the change order for the purchase of one main breaker and ground fault testing from Browns Hill Engineering and Controls for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Motor Control Center Project for the total cost of $44,525.00 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Deputy Police Chief Tim Cox reported that Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is January 9, and the Montrose Police Department appreciates the support of the community and the City Council.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth City Councilor Graysen Vidmar reported that the Youth City Council is planning spring projects and details will be announced soon. Youth City Councilor Peter Phillips said that a proclamation is planned related to teen driving safety. Mr. Vidmar recapped the Youth Council's participation in the National League of Cities Youth Summit in Tampa, Florida, in November and said Youth Councilors will participate in a legislative trip to Denver in April.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

No City Council comments were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:53 p.m., the meeting adjourned with no further action taken.

ATTEST:

J. David Reed

J. David Reed, Mayor

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Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk