



MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

February 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 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, Doug Glaspell, Ed Ulibarri, Ann Morgenthaller, Chris Dowsey, Greg Story, David Bries, Lisa DelPiccolo, Nik Pridy, Gunnison Clamp, Kathryn Jakino, Robin Kittell, Shani Wittenberg, Leeanne Whittaker, William Reis, Blaine Hall, Tim Cox, Scott Murphy, Greg Stunder, Ben Willey

GUESTS

Carlos Hamm, Debbie Labertew, Horatio Morales, Jim Haugsness, Tom Mathis, John Brown, Debbie Reed, Leah Vandersluis, Clara Carrasco, Linda Zeman

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.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Mayor J. David Reed presented You Make a Difference Awards to Carlos Hamm, Debbie Labertew, and Horacio Morales, crossing guards for Montrose County School District.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

John Brown spoke in favor of local compliance with the laws of the federal government and improved communication from City staff members. Mr. Brown also spoke in favor of a non-sanctuary city declaration by City Council.

Leah Vandersluis spoke in favor of improved communication between City Councilors and constituents and in favor of a venue for communication other than public comment. Ms. Vandersluis also spoke in opposition to the City incurring any further debt.

Clara Carrasco presented information on a proposed arts festival and indicated that she intends to request support from the City.

Linda Zeman spoke in favor of a non-sanctuary city declaration by City Council.

Jim Haugsness spoke on behalf of CASA of the 7th Judicial District and expressed gratitude to City Council, staff, and City Manager Bill Bell for supporting CASA housing projects.

Tom Mathis spoke regarding concerns with enforcement of local building codes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council considered the minutes of the February 3, 2025, special City Council Meeting and the February 4, 2025, regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025, special City Council meeting and the February 4, 2025, regular City Council meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE

City Council considered rescheduling the April 1, 2025, regular City Council meeting to Monday, March 31, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to reschedule the April 1, 2025, regular City Council meeting to Monday, March 31, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. All voted yes. Motion passed.

EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE DISPOSAL

City Council considered a list of City-owned equipment and vehicles for disposal at auction.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve a list of City-owned equipment and vehicles for disposal at auction. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2025-02

City Council considered Resolution 2025-02, authorizing the Montrose Police Department to file a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant through the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for the total of \$56,003.00, to cover a portion of both the current victim advocate's salary and a new victim advocate's salary, authorizing the Chief of Police to act in connection with the application, and authorizing the City Manager, Chief of Police and Finance Director to sign the grant application and reporting documents.

Police Chief Blaine Hall reported that the Police Department applies for the federal VOCA grant on a regular basis. Chief Hall stated that the grant funds a portion of the salaries for the victim services coordinator and victim advocate and a separate state grant covers the remainder.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to adopt Resolution 2025-02 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2680 – FIRST READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2680 on first reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, amending the zoning district designation of Spruce Point Subdivision from "R-3A," Medium High Density District with conditions to "R-3A," Medium High Density District without conditions. A hearing was held.

Senior Planner William Reis reviewed the location of the 48-acre site east of 6400 Road and said the rezone is for the undeveloped portion of the Spruce Point Subdivision. Mr. Reis stated that when the subdivision was annexed and zoned in 2004 a condition was imposed on the 79 acre annexation setting a limit of 269 units. All subsequent annexations did not include a cap on the number of units. Mr. Reis said that under the current zoning ordinance, the remaining property would have a cap of 209 units.

Mr. Reis said Ordinance 2680 removes this condition, but the zoning designation would remain R-3A and allowable uses would not change.

Mr. Reis recommended approval of the rezone request stating that the proposal meets rezone criteria, is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, and is compatible with existing uses in the surrounding area.

Mayor J. David Reed opened the hearing.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

Mayor Reed closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Dave Frank, to pass Ordinance 2680 on first reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2681 – FIRST READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2681 on first reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, amending Title 3 Chapter 5 Section(s) 12, 13, and 19 regarding the City water and sewer systems. A hearing was held.

Utilities Director David Bries reported that Ordinance 2681 is intended to clean up sections of the Municipal Code that are not being used or are no longer applicable. Mr. Bries reviewed proposed changes related to surcharges for sewer extensions, charges for construction water, and the reimbursement program for sewer backup claims. Mr. Bries stated that the City's insurance provider now covers reimbursement to property owners for damage caused by sewer backups, and the reimbursement program is no longer needed.

Mayor J. David Reed opened the hearing.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

Mayor Reed closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to pass Ordinance 2681 on first reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

CRACK SEAL MATERIAL PURCHASE AND SOLE SOURCE WAIVER

City Council considered the purchase of crack seal material from DISSCO (Denver Industrial Sales) for use by the City's streets crew for the total purchase amount of \$105,000.00.

Streets Superintendent Nik Pridy reported that 40 lane miles in the northeast quadrant of the City will be crack sealed in 2025. Mr. Pridy recommended approval of the sole source waiver and purchase of the crack seal due to specific performance requirements and warranty capabilities with existing equipment. Mr. Pridy said staff ensures that pricing remains consistent from year to year and is comparable to other materials on the market. The 2025 budget includes \$105,000.00 for this purchase.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve the purchase of crack seal material from DISSCO (Denver Industrial Sales) for the total purchase amount of \$105,000.00 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Sales, Use, and Excise Tax Report

Sales Tax Manager Leeanne Whittaker provided a sales, use, and excise tax report for the month of December 2024. Ms. Whittaker reported that total sales and use tax collections were down 2.1 percent as compared to December 2023 with a neutral budget variance. Year-to-date collections were up 3.2 percent with a positive budget variance of 5.6 percent.

Fourth Quarter Budget Review

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg reported that a complete report is included in the meeting packet, and the numbers are generally positive. Ms. Wittenberg stated that the numbers are unaudited, some invoices are still being paid for 2024, and some accruals need to be made for revenue.

State of the City Event

Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler invited the community to the annual State of the City event on Monday, February 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kathryn Jakino reported that the Youth City Council is organizing a nonprofit expo at the Montrose Pavilion in March. Ms. Jakino said many nonprofits have committed to being present. Robin Kittell reported on promotional efforts to encourage the community to attend the expo.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Doug Glaspell acknowledged Montrose police officers for a recent focus on traffic enforcement.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank commended the Youth City Council for organizing and hosting the upcoming nonprofit expo.

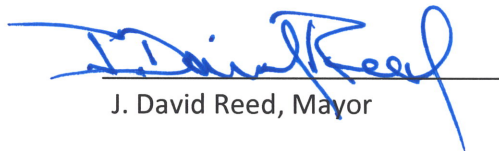
ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned with no further action taken.

ATTEST:



Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk


J. David Reed, Mayor