



MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

March 31, 2025

A regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Monday, March 31, 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, Darinka Skybova, Bill Bell, Ann Morgenthaler, Chris Dowsey, Greg Story, Lisa DelPiccolo, James Legler, Gunnison Clamp, Nik Pridy, Christopher Ottinger, Dan Payne, Scott Murphy, Thomas Cenicerros, David Bries, Jim Scheid, Kathryn Schroer, Matt Magliaro, Blaine Hall, Greg Stunder

GUESTS

Jacqui Quint, Tina M. Gray, Ingrid Conkell, Linda Britt, Michael Badagliacco, Homer Heming, Tania Wallace, Billie Jo Bartling, Bea Norren, Russel Nocero, Vernon Bartz, Nancy Bartz, Brent Wallace, William Simonsen, John Brown, Linda Zeman, Ron Henderson, Diane Henderson

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 bus drivers for the Montrose County School District.

EARTH WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mayor J. David Reed and the Montrose City Council proclaimed the week of April 18 through April 25, 2025, as Earth Week in the City of Montrose. Mayor Reed presented the proclamation to Community Events Coordinator Thomas Cenicerros.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor J. David Reed and the Montrose City Council proclaimed Friday, April 25, 2025, as Arbor Day in the City of Montrose. Mayor Reed presented the proclamation to Parks Superintendent Dan Payne.

WATER CONSERVATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank and the Montrose City Council proclaimed the month of April 2025 as Water Conservation Month in the City of Montrose. Mayor Pro Tem Frank presented the proclamation to Utilities Director David Bries.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

John Brown spoke in support of open dialogue between elected officials and constituents. Mr. Brown suggested a community calendar for all public meetings within the community.

Michael Badagliacco requested a response to allegations made in an online publication.

Linda Zeman requested a non-sanctuary city declaration by City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council considered the minutes of the March 10, 2025, special City Council Meeting and the March 18, 2025, regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Ed Ulibarri, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, special City Council meeting and the March 18, 2025, regular City Council meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

MAIN STREET CLOSURE APPROVAL

City Council considered the closure of the 400 and 500 blocks of E. Main Street and Uncompahgre Avenue from Centennial Plaza to N. First Street from 6:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block event on Saturday, June 21, 2025.

A motion was made by Ed Ulibarri, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve the closure of the 400 and 500 blocks of Main Street and Uncompahgre Avenue from Centennial Plaza to N. First Street from 6:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block event on Saturday, June 21, 2025. All voted yes. Motion passed.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

City Council considered the appointment of Bethany Maher to the City of Montrose Historic Preservation Commission for a term that expires on October 16, 2027.

A motion was made by Ed Ulibarri, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve the appointment of Bethany Maher to the City of Montrose Historic Preservation Commission for a term that expires on October 16, 2027. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2025-03

City Council considered Resolution 2025-03, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose, Colorado, authorizing the Community Development Department to pursue a Housing Planning Grant from the Department of Local Affairs pursuant to Senate Bill 24-174 (§§ 24-32-3701 — 24-32-3711, C.R.S.) to fund the development of a housing action plan and Comprehensive Plan update specific to water supply and strategic growth.

Community Development Specialist Christopher Ottinger provided an overview of statutory requirements for municipalities with populations over 5,000. These requirements include a housing needs assessment by December 31, 2026, Comprehensive Plan updates by December 31, 2026, and a housing action plan by January 1, 2028.

Mr. Ottinger said the housing needs assessment completed in 2023 by Points Consulting will be updated within the next several weeks, Comprehensive Plan updates will be completed this year, and the Housing Action Plan will outline the City's commitment to addressing housing needs.

Mr. Ottinger stated that the estimated total cost for the project is \$75,000. The grant application would request \$56,250.00 with a 25 percent match by the City.

Mr. Ottinger recommended adoption of Resolution 2025-03 to facilitate compliance with the state requirements and associated deadlines. The application deadline is April 11.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to adopt Resolution 2025-03 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PARKS FERTILIZER AND VACANT LOT HERBICIDE CONTRACT AWARD

City Council considered the award of the Parks and Vacant Lot Fertilizer and Herbicide Application Contract to Aspen SavATree, of Ridgway, Colorado, for the total contract amount of \$140,000.00.

Parks Superintendent Dan Payne requested the extension of a contract with Aspen SaveATree for the application of fertilizer and herbicide on 149 acres of turf and 18 city-owned vacant lots. Mr. Payne said fertilizer will be applied twice per year and the herbicide will be applied three times. Mr. Payne reported that a total of \$160,000.00 was spent last year for spraying and the cost of the fertilizer and herbicide. A cost savings of \$30,000.00 will be realized this year by having the contractor purchase the products.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to award the Parks and Vacant Lot Fertilizer and Herbicide Application contract to Aspen SavATree, of Ridgway, Colorado, for the total contract amount of \$140,000.00 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PARKS TURF MAINTENANCE CONTRACT EXTENSION

City Council considered the extension of a parks turf maintenance contract with Green and Bearit, of Montrose, Colorado, for the total contract amount of \$132,412.00.

Parks Superintendent Dan Payne reported that this contract covers 75 percent of the turf care for City parks and does not include Sunset Mesa and Cedar Creek Cemetery. Mr. Payne reported a good working relationship with Green and Bearit since 2017.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Judy Ann Files, to approve the extension of a parks turf maintenance contract with Green and Bearit, of Montrose, Colorado, for the total contract amount of \$132,412.00 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

2025 STREETLIGHT UPGRADE PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

City Council considered the authorization of \$120,000.00 for direct LED replacements and pole replacements as part of Year 3 of the Street Light Upgrade Project conducted in partnership with DMEA.

Streets Superintendent Nik Pridy reported a change to the request since the March 17 work session discussion. Mr. Pridy stated that the amount of the authorization was reduced from \$180,000.00 to \$120,000.00 because pole replacement was incorporated in the 2025 MoveMo project authorization. Mr. Pridy said the requested \$120,000.00 is for the proactive replacement of LED fixtures in partnership with DMEA. Mr. Pridy said this is the third year of the multiyear project, that has experienced a very good return on investment. In 2025, smaller, decorative style lighting will be upgraded in The Bridges and Cobble Creek areas.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to authorize \$120,000.00 for direct LED replacements and pole replacements as part of Year 3 of the Street Light Upgrade Project conducted in partnership with DMEA as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

FIRE FLOW SUBDIVISION II RELEASE OF EASEMENT

City Council considered the release of utility easements as shown in the Fire Flow Subdivision II.

City Engineer Scott Murphy reported that this item is a cleanup of a plat. Mr. Murphy said a distribution center is planning to develop two lots at the corner of County Road and Creative Place, immediately north of the airport. Mr. Murphy said a consolidation of the lots is in

progress, and a boundary line adjustment will be approved at the staff level. Mr. Murphy stated that an associated easement line does not hold city utilities, would be obsolete, and would prevent building over the easement. Mr. Murphy said the plat will be approved administratively and will include a signature line for the mayor to formally vacate the easement.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to approve the release of utility easements as shown in the Fire Flow Subdivision II as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Blaine Hall reported that the annual Citizens Police Academy is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, at the Public Safety Complex. Chief Hall said 32 people are registered to attend.

City Engineer Scott Murphy provided a project update. Mr. Murphy reported that Ogden Road has reopened and will be paved in May. Mr. Murphy said that utility work is underway at the Woodgate/East Oak Grove roundabout site, and the West Main Street Revitalization Project will begin mid-April.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth City Council Representative Darinka Skybova reported that the Nonprofit Showcase held on March 24 at the Montrose Pavilion was successful with more than 50 nonprofits on display. Upcoming Youth City Council projects include participation in the Montrose U legislative field trip, issuance of a proclamation, and a street clean-up.

City Councilors commended the Youth City Council for the success of the Nonprofit Showcase.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank reported that he and City Councilor Judy Ann Files attended a welcome home event for the local National Guard unit.

Mayor J. David Reed announced that the April 15 City Council meeting has been canceled, and the next regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6.

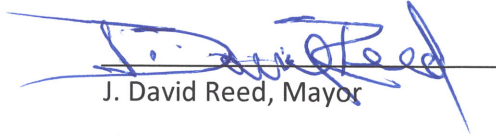
ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 p.m., the meeting adjourned with no further action taken.

ATTEST:



Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk



J. David Reed, Mayor

