



MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

June 16, 2026

A regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 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

Michael Badagliacco, Ed Ulibarri, J. David Reed, Adam Woodden, Bill Bell, Ann Morgenthaler, Chris Dowsey, Greg Story, Lisa DelPiccolo, David Bries, Greg Stunder, Leeanne Whittaker, Chris Velasquez, Larry Witte, Jim Scheid, Gunnison Clamp

ABSENT

Dave Frank

GUESTS

Dave Stockton, Beth McCorkle, Alice Murphy, Janet Eckerdt, Tony Hoag, Jim Haugsness, Esly Cano, Famai Boonim, John Brown, Bob Nicholson, Jodi Woodden, Ryan Sedgeley, Charles Vanderwist, Cliff Faurer, Jennifer Jones, Dennis Vanderwist

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Badagliacco 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

Mayor Michael Badagliacco made a statement about restoring and maintaining decorum and respect during public comment at work sessions and City Council meetings.

Charles Vanderwist and Dennis Vanderwist spoke in support of the DART program and in favor of reinstating DART funding by correcting a typographical error in the 2026 budget.

Cliff Faurer spoke regarding the differences between a constitutional republic and a representative democracy. Mr. Faurer stated that as a nonpartisan, home rule municipality with a Council-Manager form of government, the City is a representative democracy.

Dave Stockton apologized to the Montrose LGBTQ+ community for the lack of a Pride Month proclamation by the City Council.

John Brown spoke in favor of recent changes regarding public comment at work sessions and City Council meetings.

Jennifer Jones spoke in support of the Shepherd's Hand organization and in favor of the City offering support to Shepherd's Hand and to the unhoused population. Ms. Jones invited City Council to a fundraising work session on July 1.

Tony Hoag spoke in support of proceeding with charter amendments in the same manner as the City of Delta did in 2024.

Ryan Sedgeley spoke in opposition to specific changes to the City Charter being brought forward by a minority group of citizens.

Jim Haugsness spoke in support of the DART program. Mr. Haugsness thanked City Manager Bill Bell for creating an effective organizational culture.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council considered the minutes of the June 1, 2026, special City Council meeting and the June 2, 2026, regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by J. David Reed, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026, special City Council meeting and the June 2, 2026, regular City Council meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT APPLICATION

City Council considered an application for a Fireworks Display Permit for the annual Fourth of July fireworks.

A motion was made by J. David Reed, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to approve a Fireworks Display Permit for the annual Fourth of July fireworks as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

NEW HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

City Council considered an application for a new Hotel & Restaurant liquor license at 44 S. Grand Avenue/116 W. Main Street, for Star Cajun Seafood Boil Inc., doing business as Star Cajun Seafood Boil Inc., for consumption on the licensed premises. A hearing was held.

City Attorney Chris Dowsey reported that the application is in order, the fees have been paid, and a staff review of the application found no issues that would prevent the license from being issued.

Applicants Esly Cano and Famai Boonim introduced themselves and said they also operate Chang Thai Cuisine in Montrose. Mr. Cano reviewed their plan for a seafood restaurant that offers a unique dining experience. Mr. Cano agreed to the City of Montrose as the designated neighborhood and stated that the issuance of the license would help meet the needs and desires of the neighborhood.

Mr. Dowsey reviewed a summary of petitions received. A total of 100 signatures were submitted with 36 insufficient and 64 determined to be valid and in support of the license being issued.

Mr. Cano stated that the owners and staff at Chang Thai Cuisine completed alcohol server training, and employees at Star Cajun Seafood Boil will receive training to prevent overservice and service to minors. Mr. Cano stated that all licensees, managers, and servers who are not already certified would attend the next city-sponsored class.

Mayor Michael Badagliacco opened the hearing.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

Mayor Badagliacco closed the hearing.

A motion was made by J. David Reed, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to approve an application for a new Hotel & Restaurant liquor license at 44 S. Grand Avenue/116 W. Main Street, for Star Cajun Seafood Boil Inc., doing business as Star Cajun Seafood Boil Inc., for consumption on the licensed premises. All voted yes. Motion passed.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 3 (CIP3) SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

City Council considered \$4,321,422.25 in expenditures for construction of the Capital Improvement Project 3 (CIP3) Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. This includes the award of a construction contract to Mountain Valley Contracting in the amount of \$4,164,322.25 and a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$157,100.00.

Public Works Director Jim Scheid reported no changes since the work session discussion on June 2. Mr. Scheid said the project upsizes a sewer main across E. Main Street and San Juan Avenue. Mr. Scheid stated that the project is identified in the Capital Improvement Plan. This portion of the system is currently at capacity and an upgrade is needed. Mr. Scheid said the project was designed and bid in April of 2026. Construction will begin this year and conclude in 2027.

Mr. Scheid stated that funding for this project is included in the revenue bonds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. A total of \$6.5 million was allocated, and the actual costs are significantly under budget. Mr. Scheid reviewed the path of the project which starts on north San Juan Avenue next to the Montrose County Event Center, proceeds south behind the Shell station, then moves east on Main Street to Hillcrest Drive. Some street closures are needed but will be planned for minimal impact to the public.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by J. David Reed, seconded by Adam Woodden, to approve \$4,321,422.25 in expenditures for construction of the Capital Improvement Project 3 (CIP3) Sanitary Sewer Extension Project as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2716 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2716 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, amending Title 5 Chapter 15 Sections 7 and 22, to reflect recodification of certain sections of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

City Attorney Chris Dowsey reported that Ordinance 2716 implements a sales and use tax exemption on the sale of coins and precious metal bullion within the City of Montrose. Mr. Dowsey stated that 40 of 45 states that implement a sales tax have a similar exemption in place. Mr. Dowsey said this Ordinance mirrors a Colorado state sales tax exemption, and if passed, the city will forgo \$10,000.00-\$20,000.00 in revenue annually. No changes were made to the Ordinance since it was passed on first reading on June 2.

Mr. Dowsey confirmed that Sales Tax Manager LeeAnne Whittaker will notify the applicable vendors following adoption of Ordinance 2716.

Public comment was accepted.

John Brown questioned what percentage of the City's annual revenues will no longer be collected. Ms. Whittaker stated that the projected revenue reduction is less than one percent of total revenues collected.

Ryan Sedgeley spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

A motion was made by Adam Woodden, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to adopt Ordinance 2716 on second reading 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 April 2026. Ms. Whittaker reported that total General Fund collections were down 2.4 percent as compared to April of 2025 with a negative budget variance of 0.5 percent. Year-to-date collections for the General Fund were down 1.0 percent with a negative budget variance of 1.0 percent.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

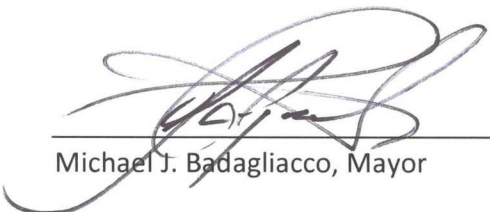
City Councilor Adam Woodden announced that beginning Monday, June 22, the City will reinstate comments on social media pages, with the exception of the Montrose Police Department pages. City staff will not automatically respond to posted comments.

City Councilor J. David Reed read humorous comments related to government.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. with no further action taken.

ATTEST:


Michael J. Badagliacco, Mayor



Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk

