

CITY OF MONTAGUE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers, 230 S. 13th Street, Montague, CA 96064

PARTICIPATION: Participants can attend in person, online, and/or by telephone, as follows:

- In-person at: **Montague City Council Chambers, 230 S. 13th St.**
- Online via WebEx at: <https://cityofmontague-454.my.webex.com/meet/clerk>
- Meeting number (access code): 2630 874 0065
- Telephone at: 1-650-479-3208 When prompted, enter **Meeting ID:** 26308740065 **Passcode:** *89335983

AGENDA PACKET: Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available for public inspection 72 hours before each regularly scheduled meeting at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, located at 230 S. 13th Street, Montague, California, during normal business hours. Any writing that is subject to disclosure that relates to an agenda item for open session distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours. Materials distributed to a majority of councilmembers less than 72 hours before a meeting will be available for public inspection on the City's website at www.cityofmontagueca.com.

SPEAKERS: Speakers, please stand at the podium and speak loudly so the entire room can hear you. The chairman will recognize you and ask that you state your name and mailing address so that the City Staff can follow up on any issues requiring City action, or provide you with information, if appropriate.

Please silence your cell phones. Thank you!

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

- I. CALL TO ORDER: @ 6:30 PM**
- II. ROLL CALL: Vela, Murakami, Dooley, and Jackson present.**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE:**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** "This time is set aside for the public to address the City Council on matters listed on the Consent Agenda as well as other items not included on the Regular Agenda within the authority of the City Council. If your comments concern an item noted on the Regular Agenda, please address the City Council when that item is open for public comment." (The Brown Act requires the public be given the opportunity to address the City Council before action is taken. If there is a Consent Agenda, there is no other opportunity for public comment on items on the Consent Agenda.) The City Council has the right to reasonably limit the duration of each speaker to three minutes. Speakers may not cede their time. The City Council may ask questions but may take no action during the Public Comments portion of the meeting, except to direct staff to prepare a report, or to place an item on a future agenda. Gary Watson presenting. 40-year resident of Montague has never seen such a mess in the City of Montague. He asks why the streets are being blocked off and why do we have telephone poles across them. He states the tumble weeds are bad at the maintenance yard. There is no efficiency with Dave Dunn. Mr. Watson says we need to get a new person in charge. He also thinks the city needs to re-sheet the outbuildings by the sewer ponds because they are going to collapse.
- V. AGENDA APPROVAL:** Approved. Motion made by Dooley, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.
- VI. CONSENT CALENDAR:** Discussion/possible action - All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by **one motion** unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion, or a member of the audience wishes to comment on an item. The City Clerk recommends approval of the following consent calendar items:
 1. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes for 3/1, and 3/7: Approved. No corrections. Motion made by Vela, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Sheriff's update for March 2024: Sargent Nowdeshea presenting. Report included.
2. City Engineer's update for March 2024: Still working on Diggle Field project. No report.
3. Planning Commission's update for March 2024: Michelle Nielson from Planwest presented on the Housing Element and Administrator Dunn was asked to make nuisance letters to 5 different properties.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of adoption of Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation for Month of April: Approved. Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.
2. Presentation of Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission projects including regional active transportation plan: Melissa Cummins presenting. Report included.
3. Consideration of approval of the Yreka Little League Contract for 2024: Jess Bray, coach coordinator, presenting. Approved. Motion made by Dooley, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.
4. Consideration of the approval of the 2024 Balloon Fair MOU between the City of Montague and Rotary Club of Montague: Joan Smith-Freeman and Diane Torpin, members of the Rotary Club of Montague, presenting. They had met with Administrator Dunn and took some parcels and verbiage out of last years contract. Mayor Murakami makes an adhoc to go over the logistics over this years Balloon Fair. Adhoc is Council member Vela and Mayor Murakami. Approved. Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.
5. Consideration of approval for the agreement between the City of Montague and the Rotary Club of Montague: Approved. Motion made by Vela, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.
6. Consideration of approval to support the 2025 Community Project Funding Grant for the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office: Mayor Murakami asks Clerk Monday to make letter if approved. Mayor Murakami reads the letter provided by the Sheriff's Office to the council asking for support in getting state funding to get new equipment for the department. Approved. Motion made by Vela, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS for February 2024

1. Fire Department: Mayor Murakami reports for Chief Vela. Report included. Went to check on the new Type 6 engine and we will hopefully have the truck by July.
2. Public Works: Council member Vela asks if Administrator Dave if he has looked into getting cold patch for the roads. He says he has not looked into it quite yet. The plants don't start until later in the year. He will probably have an answer in May.
3. City Administrator: Administrator Dunn presenting. Report included.
4. Animal Control/ Code Enforcement: The city has received 12 resumes Mayor Murakami asks Clerk Monday to email all of the resumes to the council. Council schedules a meeting for April 15th at 6:00 PM to choose the applicants and schedule an interview date.
5. City Clerk: Clerk Monday presenting. Report included.
6. Treasurer: Treasurer Davies presenting. Report included.
7. Library: York absent. Report included.
8. Commissioner/ Council Statements and Requests: Members of the council may now make brief announcements, reports, or request staff to report to the council on any matter at a subsequent meeting. Mayor Murakami and Administrator Dunn went to a meeting with Rain Rock Casino to get a donation. They agreed to give \$1000. Mayor Murakami asks if he could have permission from the council to sign the contract for the fireworks display. Approved. Motion made by Dooley, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes. Mayor Murakami also asks for permission to create a letter to bring to local businesses to hang a banner at Diggle Field, the pool, and the rodeo grounds. Approved. Motion made by Dooley, seconded by Vela. All Ayes. Mayor Murakami would also like to use the \$16,000 that was earned for parks and rec for paying for

the fireworks and putting in a gate at the airport. Approved. Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Vela. All Ayes.

IX. ADJOURN: @ 8:13 PM

Motion to adjourn made by Vela, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.