

CITY OF MONTAGUE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2025

6:30 P.M.

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: @6:30 PM**
- II. **ROLL CALL: Vela, Dooley, Jackson, and Murakami 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 under New Business or Old Business 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. **No public comment.**
- V. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion made by Vela. Seconded by Dooley. 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. The City Clerk recommends approval of the following consent calendar items:
 1. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes for **9/4/2025. Approved.** Motion made by Vela. Seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.
- VII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
 1. Sheriff’s update for August & September 2025-**CORRECTION-UPDATE IS FOR September and October 2025.** Presented by St. Yates-in packet
 2. City Engineer’s update for August & September 2025. Presented by Dunn- working on PS&E for Prather and 9th Street and the water sewer rate study.
 3. Planning Commission’s update for August 2025 (no meeting in September)-**CORRECTION-NO MEETING IN OCTOBER**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. Consideration of approval for the amended budget for FY25/26. **Approved.** Motion made by Dooley. Seconded by Vela. All Ayes.
 2. Discussion of City Hosting for Fund Raiser for Spay and Neuter Services and the February Essex Clinic Event. **Approved. Wanting a dollar amount for cost before event.** Motion made by Dooley. Seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of approval of the Safety Element update.
 - a. Staff Report-Presented by Rico
 - b. Public Hearing
 - c. Decision. SEQUA Exemption. **Approved.** Motion made by Vela. Seconded by Dooley. All Ayes. Resolution 25-07 General Plan Update **Adopted.** Motion made by Dooley. Seconded by Vela. All Ayes.
2. Discussion regarding Fire Strike Team status. Presented by Bernie Paul
3. Consideration to adopt proclamation by First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families in honor of the 18th Annual Read Across Siskiyou. Presented by Michelle Harris. **Adopted.** Motion made by Jackson. Seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.
4. Discussion of modifications to tennis, basketball, and pickleball facilities. Presented by Jerry
5. Consideration of approval of appointment of Chase Callison to the Montague Volunteer Fire Department. **Approved.** Motion made by Dooley. Seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.

X. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025:

1. Fire Department: Presented by Murakami
2. Public Works/City Administrator: Presented by Dunn
3. Animal Control/ Code Enforcement: Presented by Hopkins
4. City Clerk: Presented by Smith.
5. Treasurer: Not present. No report
6. Library: Presented by Clark
7. 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. There was a brief discussion on the Christmas Bazaar being held on November 29, 2025.

XI. CLOSED SESSION: @7:54 PM

1. Public Employment-- Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation: Gov. Code 54957(b)(1)Title: Library Manager-**Affirmed.** Motion made by Dooley. Seconded by Vela. All Ayes.
2. Public Employment -- Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation: Gov. Code 54957(b)(1)Title: Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer-**Affirmed.**
3. Conference with legal counsel – Potential Litigation City Initiating (Govt C §54956.9(d)(4)-**Discussion**
4. Public employee discipline/dismissal/release (Gov. Code 54957): **All in favor of dismissal.**

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: 9:07 PM

1. **ADJOURN: @9:08 PM.** Motion made by Jackson. Seconded by Vela. All Ayes.