

CITY OF MONTAGUE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2026

6:30 P.M.

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

- 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 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. **Micah Nichols voiced concerns over a dog bite that involved his son and a dog that lives within city limits. He feels that he has been lied to. He is also upset that the information he requested from the city was not provided and that the correspondence from the clerk was not done in a timely manner. He is asking to speak with someone on council regarding this matter. Janae Scruggs is asking for an investigation into the fire that happened on April 30, 2026. She is concerned as to how it was handled.**
- V. **AGENDA APPROVAL: Approved as presented. Motion made by Vela. 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. The City Clerk recommends approval of the following consent calendar items:
 1. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes for April 2, 2026, and the Special Meeting minutes for April 22, 2026. **Approved as is. Motion made by Vela. Seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.**
- VII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
 1. Sheriff’s update for April 2026. **Presented by Sgt. Amezuca. Report in packet.**
 2. City Engineer’s update for April 2026. **Nothing to report.**
 3. Planning Commission’s update for April 2026. **No meeting in April.**
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 1. Consideration of approval of donating or reducing the rental rate for the use of the Community Hall for a fundraiser being held by Rescue Ranch on July 11, 2026. **Suzie Clark presenting. Donating the Community Hall for the fundraiser was approved. Motion made by Vela. Seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.**

2. Consideration of approval of Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission Local Transportation Fund Transportation Claim. **Presented by Dunn. Approved. Motion made by Dooley. Seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.**
3. Consideration of approval for the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Montague (“City”) and the Montague Employees’ Association (“Association”). **Approved with amends. Motion made by Vela. Seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.**

IX. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS FOR MARCH 2026:

1. Fire Department: **Murakami presenting.**
2. Public Works/City Administrator: **In packet.**
3. Animal Control/ Code Enforcement: **In packet.**
4. City Clerk: **In packet.**
5. Treasurer: **No report.**
6. Library: **Presented by Clark. In packet.**
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. **Jackson voiced concerns about the Collier welcome center. Dooley asked about the possibility of setting up a time once a month that a council member meets with the public to hear what ever concerns they may have in an environment where they can talk back and fourth about any topic. The meetings for June and July have been moved to the week following their currently scheduled meetings due to conflicting scheduling conflicts. The meeting in June will be held Thursday, June 11, 2026 and the meeting in July will be held Thursday, July 9, 2026.**

X. ADJOURN: @ 7:19 PM Motion made by Jackson. Seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.