

CITY OF MONTAGUE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
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 Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6722621496?pwd=STQxMG94em1CejZwbCthNmNnem1Tdz09>
- Telephone at: 1(669)444-9171, When prompted, enter **Meeting ID:** 672 262 1496 **Passcode:** *89335983 *9 to **Raise Hand *6** to **unmute**

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:**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Vela, Murakami, Jackson, and Dooley are 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.
Marcus Robinson wrote a letter to complain about Sharon Trentino. The complaint was for Suzzie Clark. Just wanted to claim his mistake and clear the air.
Joan Smith-Freeman., Heidi, and Sharon Trentino from Rotary of Montague wanted to report on the Balloon Fair. 13 balloons will be coming. The rotary has gathered enough sponsors to make a little money this year.
- V. AGENDA APPROVAL:** Adding to new business accepting the fire tax assessment as item #5. Motion to approve 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, 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 8/3: Approved

2. Approval of Special Meeting minutes for 8/28: Approved Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Sheriff's update for August 2023: Sargent Nowdeshea presenting.
2. City Engineer's update for August 2023: No Report
3. Planning Commission's update for August 2023: Robinson presenting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update from Siskiyou Economic Development; Tanya Dowce, Heather Dodds, and AJ from SECD presenting. \$9,000 went to Montague Events. Filing to make Siskiyou County a filming/ marketing hub for the country. Have helped 10 different events within the City of Montague.
2. Consideration of Approval for volunteer firefighter Kenneth Legan: worked with a hand crew. Approved. Motion made by Vela, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.
3. Consideration of Approval of Engagement Letter with Charles W. Pillion, C.P.A., in the amount not to exceed \$30,500 per year for Audit Services for Fiscal Years 2023-2027; Approved. Motion made by Dooley, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.
4. Consideration of Approval of Resolution 23-04, Confirming Cost of Abatement (120 E. Buell Street): Approved. Motion made by Vela, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.
5. Consideration of Accepting the Fire Tax Assessment for FY 23/24: Approved. Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.

6. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS for August 2023

1. Fire Department: Murakami presenting.
2. Public Works: No report.
3. City Administrator: No report.
4. Animal Control/ Code Enforcement: No report.
5. City Clerk: Monday presenting.
6. Treasurer: Sick. Will be at next council meeting.
7. Library: No report.
8. Commissioner/ Council Statements and Requests: Members of the council may now make brief announcements, reports, or request staff to report to council on any matter at a subsequent meeting. Public consensus on posting a Public Notice about the Pool Coordinator. Approved.

7. ADJOURN: @ 8:08 PM

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes

In compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act, notice of this meeting has been posted in a publicly accessible place, 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Public Hearings: If you wish to challenge in court any of the matters on an agenda for which a public hearing is to be conducted, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you (or someone else) raised orally at the public hearing or in written correspondence received by the City at or before the hearing. Any person seeking to challenge a Planning Commission decision made as a result of a proceeding in which by law a hearing is required to be given, evidence is required to be taken, and the discretion in the determination of facts is vested in the Planning Commission, shall be required to commence that action 90 days following the date on which the decision becomes final as provided in Code of

Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. Please refer to Code of Civil Procedure 1094.6 to determine how to calculate when a decision becomes “final.”

CHALLENGING DECISIONS OF CITY ENTITIES The time limit within which to commence any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City of Montague is governed by Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, unless a shorter limitation period is specified by any other provision, including without limitation Government Code section 65009 applicable to many land use and zoning decisions, Government Code section 66499.37 applicable to the Subdivision Map Act, and Public Resources Code section 21167 applicable to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under Section 1094.6, any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which such decision becomes final. Any lawsuit or legal challenge, which is not filed within that 90-day period, will be barred. Government Code section 65009 and 66499.37, and Public Resources Code section 21167, impose shorter limitations periods and requirements, including timely service in addition to filing. If a person wishes to challenge the above actions in court, they may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Montague, at or prior to the meeting. In addition, judicial challenge may be limited or barred where the interested party has not sought and exhausted all available administrative remedies.

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