



# City Council Meeting/Work Session

## Minutes

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

Attendees: Mayor Kevin Dunn, Councilmember Kirk Crowley, Councilmember Ron Skinner (Excused), Councilmember Nathan Chamberlain (7:41 pm), Councilmember Shane Brewer, Councilmember Todd Westcott, City Manager Kaeden Kulow, Assistant City Manager Megan Gallegos, City Recorder Melissa Gill

## Monticello City Council Meeting

**Meeting Location: Hideout Community Center 648 S Hideout Way**

### 1. Call to Order

#### **Minutes:**

Mayor Dunn called the Monticello City Council meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The following visitors were present: Von Black, Kedric Curtis, Garret Spence, Scott Christensen, Eric Mantz, Public Works Director Chris Baird

### 2. Invocation/Opening Remarks/Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Minutes:**

Mayor Dunn welcomed all visitors present and invited any members of the audience or Council to offer an invocation. An invocation was given by Councilmember Brewer. Mayor Dunn led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Public Comment

#### **Minutes:**

Von Black and Scott Christensen presented to the Council raising concerns regarding a water leak at an earthen dam, alleging that millions of gallons of water were lost were lost each year with the issue being ignored by the City for years. They further questioned why the City did not secure grants for water infrastructure as other Municipalities have and what efforts they were making to contain the leakage. There was a great deal of discussion between Black, Christensen, Council and Administration. Mayor Dunn explained that all earthen dams experience natural seepage and that the state had been contacted to conduct a formal inspection in the coming weeks. He further emphasized that the City had applied for millions in grants and invited the public to review those applications during his office hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### 4. Consider for Approval: Resolution 2026-08 A Resolution Adopting Restrictions on the Use of Fireworks Within Certain Areas of the City (discussion/action)

**Minutes:**

City Manager Kulow explained that the only changes made to the resolution from the previous meeting was that he added the words “personal fireworks”.

MOTION to approve Resolution 2026-08 A Resolution Adopting Restrictions on the Use of Fireworks Within Certain Areas of the City was made by Councilmember Crowley and seconded by Councilmember Brewer. Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Brewer, Aye Councilmember Westcott, Aye Councilmember Crowley, Aye Councilmember Chamberlain, Absent Councilmember Skinner, Absent The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**5. Parent Empowerment Presentation (discussion)**

**Minutes:**

Renee McDonald of the San Juan County Prevention Action Coalition presented grant-funded community artwork designed to beautify the city while promoting family conversations about substance abuse and suicide prevention. The artwork, featuring local youth and themes, will be installed at the ballpark, Veterans Park, and local schools.

**6. Lloyds Lake Update (discussion)**

**Minutes:**

Assistant City Manager Gallegos provided an update on the Lloyds Lake Project expected to begin construction in early June. She stated that contracts for weathered steel bridges had been awarded and would take approximately 8-12 weeks to be manufactured. She provided the specs of the bridges stating they will be wide enough to allow maintenance equipment to pass through but would feature bollards to prevent ATV/UTV access. Gallegos stated an RFP for trail work would be published the following Friday.

**7. Veterans Park Update (discussion)**

**Minutes:**

Gallegos informed the Council that curbing and sidewalks for the new playground were nearly finished and the installation of the new equipment was scheduled for the week of May 5th with full completion expected by May 20th.

**8. General Plan Discussion**

**Minutes:**

The Council reviewed worksheets regarding city goals for the next 5–10 years and were encouraged to provide input on infrastructure and community priorities.

**9. Budget Review (discussion)**

**Minutes:**

Kulow presented the approved budget for FY 26, a tentative Revised Budget FY 26, and Budget FY 27 with simplified individual worksheets per fund. The Council asked clarifying questions regarding expenses acquired. Kulow explained which funds were unavailable at the current time due to CIB regulations. He explained how fund balance

works. The sheets included Budget Narratives, Highlight of Expenses, and the Spring Creek Pipeline Project on the Fund 51 worksheet. Order of discussion Fund 51 (Water) Fund 52 (Sewer) Fund 53 (Sanitation) Fund 54 (Municipal Building Authority MBA) He explained that the Municipal Building Authority (MBA) owns the Hideout, Pool, and Public Works Shop.

Discussion regarding purchases listed was very detailed with questions and comments from all present. Before ending the discussion with the Council, Kulow provided each member with a worksheet listing all revenue sources from Fund 10 (General Operation) as a guided discussion. He explained what was included in each department: Property Tax, Sales Tax, Permits, Grants, Services He listed all estimated expenses: Justice Court, Administrative, Non-Departmental, Visitor Center, Police, Fire, Airport, Parks, Recreation, Pool, Golf Grounds, Pro Shop, Transfers (TRT Money Special Revenue) and explained what was included in each.

Kulow's questions to the Council – "What is the narrative and policy the Council wants with the tax money the City receives. Is there a fund they would like to put additional money into? Where would they like to prioritize?"

Recommendations from the Council included employee raises, incentives for volunteer firefighters, irrigation improvements in the parks, and new Christmas lights on Main Street.

#### **10. Follow Up Items (discussion)**

##### **Minutes:**

Councilmember Westcott asked Kedric Curtis (Jones & DeMille Engineer) for his opinion of water loss from earthen dams and the options to prevent water loss. Curtis prefaced the discussion with the clarification that he was not a Geotechnical Engineer so while familiar with some of the issues with dams he was not the expert. He suggested that the City begin measuring flow rate before they begin discussing repair of the issue. He did acknowledge that all earthen dams leak. There was discussion among all present regarding what actions "might" fix the issue of water loss but it was agreed upon that the City should begin to quantify the loss and contact the State for guidance.

An update of Lloyds Lake levels was provided by Baird.

#### **11. Administrative Communications**

##### **Minutes:**

Gallegos informed the Council that the Parent Empowerment Event would take place on May 22nd. She asked the council for volunteers with the Pinewood Derby race that would take place that night reporting that over 100 derby cars had been given away. She further stated that Blue Mountain Meats donated hot dogs for the event and the Lions Club had volunteered to grill and serve the food to the public.

#### **12. Consider Upcoming Agenda Items (action)**

##### **Minutes:**

Public Hearing Granary Speakeasy Class C Alcohol License – Budget Review - Public Hearings Budget End of May– Adopt Tax Rate FY 2027 – Water Storage Pond Update – Water Rate Tier Review (discussion/action)

#### **13. Adjournment (action)**

**Minutes:**

MOTION to adjourn was made by Councilmember Crowley and seconded by Councilmember Chamberlian. The motion passed unanimously and Mayor Dunn adjourned the Monticello City Council meeting at 9:12 pm.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**AUDIO FILE**

<https://soundcloud.com/user-250815044/2026-04-28-city-council>

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