

MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
UN-APPROVED MINUTES – March 10th, 2026

On **March 10th, 2026**, the Montrose City Council Meeting took place at the Community Center. *The Pledge of Allegiance* was recited. Mayor Susan Painter called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. **Roll Call:** Council members: Hanisch, Vogel and Scheff were present. Finance Officer Siemonsma present. Maintenance Hanisch present. City residents not present. Quorum present. Rules of Decorum stated by Painter.

Action 26-026

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch for approval of Agenda. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-027

Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Vogel for approval of the February 10th meeting minutes. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

Steve Zimmer was not present; however, council Vogel spoke on his behalf. Zimmer is interested in renting the city's pasture land near the river, south of the softball field for alfalfa planting.

Action 26-028

Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Scheff, for approval of Steve Zimmer to plant alfalfa on city land east of the softball field for 2026 for a donation to the city for personal use. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Matt Fockler was not present to discuss the Music Festival for 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Punch list was reviewed by council members.

Baseball building renovation plans discussed and community communication discussed regarding the project.

FO stated that the city attorney was contacted and the SDPAA was contacted due to liability/safety concerns with the public using the building. City attorney pointed the city in the direction of insurance liability evaluation. The SDPAA stated "If there have been "no electrical upgrades in the past 30 years or so", then one can safely assume the system is at high risk for fires, failures, and electrical shocks. Outdated electrical systems have difficulty handling modern power demands. Signs that electrical upgrades are needed include things like frequent breaker trips, flickering lights, and loose outlets (or outlets that feel hot to the touch).

SBI recommendation: Have the electrical system inspected **before allowing further use of the facility**. We encourage you to reach out to State Electrical Inspector." Restroom repairs would include "one use at a time" and the additions of door locks to remedy this problem.

Council Hanisch and Maintenance Hanisch will take on this project and plan on raising the roof, repairing/adding concrete to the existing floors, adjusting the plumbing as needed, relocating the doors, ADA compliant access to restrooms, and hiring Eie Electric to update the electrical work. Community volunteers are encouraged and welcome to help hang the doors with this project and possibly paint the interior.

FO will communicate with the public regarding the building closure for 2026. Porta Potty rentals will be available all summer long during the project to serve the community during ball practices and games.

Action 26-029

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff, for approval of the 2nd Reading of Budget Supplement No. 2026-002. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

No housing grants updates for this month.

SF Slurry Seal Bid was awarded February 12th to Astech Co. for the surrounding cities to participate. Montrose slurry bid for the north half of town, all streets except the county roads came to \$80,729.20. Council discussed fog sealing vs. slurry sealing the north half of Montrose. It is understood that slurry seal offers better long term protection, and keeping water off the finished roads are going to preserve longevity.

Action 26-030

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval enter into contract with Astech Co. for Slurry Sealing on the North half of Montrose, minus Church Avenue due to being too new of a road for treatment. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Reports reviewed.

Code Enforcement Opportunity: Code Enforcement Specialists is a company designed to restore/revitalize your community through code enforcement efforts. It is our belief that public officials in any community already have enough day-to-day things to do that code enforcement should not need to be a primary focus for them. It is also our belief that while doing that day-to-day business, the same officials needn't burn public goodwill by enforcing codes.

They do their best to enforce codes with as little city involvement as possible. Contact with city employees is needed to be sure, but we try to field all calls from upset/concerned citizens.

Due to the cost commitment, the council would like to evaluate past ordinance enforcement documentation to see if the cost would benefit the community. This will be re-visited during budget season.

Local Board of Equalization meeting is scheduled for March 19th, 2026. Objection to real estate assessments may be filed in office until March 12th, 2026.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Maintenance Hanisch discussed team-labs sewer pond treatment process and annual chemical need to keep the ponds sludge free using the right combination of chemicals and the windmill active in pond 1. The sludge in pond 1 has been reduced drastically due to this process. Josh will continue to measure the sludge and monitor chemical effectiveness.

Action 26-031

Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval to continue purchasing team labs pond chemicals for pond treatment as needed and for the FO to add this expense into the annual budget moving forward. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

There is a possible water leak in the campground near the campground host driveway. Josh took the cap off the pipe and spotted ice buildup from water. Josh will investigate this problem further as soon as it thaws this spring. This could be the source of the high water loss trend that the FO has been seeing since august of 2025.

Josh spread more aggregate in the BB and SB fields in preparation for summer youth sports.

Josh has assembled and placed all the new picnic tables in the campground. These tables were all marked as city property.

Hydro tech service was called for a failed flow meter at the lift station. A new meter will be installed by Josh in the coming weeks.

Action 26-032

Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval to purchase a new flow meter in the amount of \$2500 for the lift station. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

There is excess pink rock in the softball field parking lot. This rock is available to the public to take if needed.

SDPAA Insurance Rating Supplement was reviewed by council members. FO highlighted the areas of increase for evaluation in the new proposed policy. Council members discussed the areas of increase of stated value vs. recommended coverage and the likelihood of insurance reimbursement during the insurance claim process. From past experiences with the city, insurance payouts are never as high as the stated value within the policy.

Action 26-033

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval of the SDPAA insurance policy for 2026/2027 coverage and approval of the stated values only and denial of the RC values of the policy. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Pool employees for the season include 3 managers, 2 swim instructors and 5 lifeguards. FO would like to see another lifeguard hired due to vacations and summer sports programs.

We have 2 summer mowers and are in need of a backup mower this summer. Council asked FO to advertise for a 3rd mower to help from April to mid May until the park attendant arrives to help.

Sealed bid for Cub Cadet mower will be held in May's council meeting.

End of month camp revenue reviewed by council.

End of month bank account balances reviewed by council.

MARCH VOUCHERS:

PAID Between Meetings

29592e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	2/10/26	\$578.12	Payroll Taxes
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000044e	CAMPSPOT	3/5/26	\$84.00	Camp Reservation Fees for February
000045e	CLOVER CONNECT	3/5/26	\$69.15	ACH Card Fees for Camp Feb. 2026
29593e	MM MontOP	2/12/26	\$5,000.00	Budget Supplement ORD No. 2026-001
00001e	MM Water Fund	2/12/26	\$20,000.00	Budget Supplement ORD No. 2026-001
00010e	MM Sewer Fund	2/12/26	\$79,850.00	Budget Supplement ORD No. 2026-001

29595e	SD DOR	3/2/26	\$217.93	Monthly Garbage Tax Reporting
30957	SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	3/2/26	\$699.96	Monthly Reporting
30958	THE SECURITY STATE BANK	3/3/26	\$510.62	Comm. Applicators License; Com. Center cleaning supplies; OFC cleaning supplies; Pool house supplies; Camp supplies; PR software

PAID at Council Meeting

30959	A&B BUSINESS	3/10/26	\$228.60	Monthly IT Service; Printer Contract
30960	ADDY DISPOSAL	3/10/26	\$2,994.00	Monthly Garbage Fee
30968	BADGER METER	3/10/26	\$67.62	Monthly cellular/network fees
30961	CITY OF MONTROSE	3/10/26	\$25.00	Monthly UB Bill
30969	FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS	3/10/26	\$375.00	Annual Siren Fee
30962	GOLDEN WEST	3/10/26	\$180.55	Monthly Office Phone Bill
30970	HF GROUP	3/10/26	\$70.80	2025 Minutes book binding
30963	KINGBROOK RURAL WATER	3/10/26	\$4,570.50	Monthly Water Purchase-Usage
30964	MCCOOK CO. AUDITOR	3/10/26	\$1,783.60	Monthly Sheriff Fee
30965	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	3/10/26	\$571.60	Prior month Usage
30966	NEW CENTURY PRESS	3/10/26	\$293.51	Annual Report; Mtg Minutes; Ord No. 2026-001; Res No. 2026-003
30967	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOP	3/10/26	\$2,378.10	Monthly Electric Bill
	TOTAL PAID:		\$121,075.33	

Payroll

	Finance Officer		\$4,240.00	2 pay periods - February
	Certified Operator Temp.		\$100.00	Monthly Payment
	Maintenance Technician		\$1,638.00	2 pay periods - February
	TOTAL SALARIES:		\$5,978.00	
	GRAND TOTAL:		\$127,053.33	

Action 26-034

Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Scheff for approval of bills paid between meetings and bills paid at council meeting.

Roll Call: All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Hearing of those present: none

Action 26-035

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch to **Adjourn** at 7:26pm. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Nicole Siemonsma
Finance Officer

City Mayor or Council President

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