MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
UN-APPROVED MINUTES –August 11th, 2026

On **August 11th, 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 6:03pm. ***Roll Call***: Council members: Vogel, Binder and Scheff were present. Council Hanisch arrived at 6:10pm. Finance Officer Siemonsma present. City residents present. Quorum present. Rules of Decorum stated by Painter.

Action 26-095
Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff for approval of Agenda. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-096
Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Vogel for approval of the July 14th and August 3rd meeting minutes. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

SPECIAL TOPICS:
Jeremy Wiebersick was present to sign a corrected deed and corrected certificate of real estate value of a city land sale that took place in September of 2016. The original deed and certificate of real estate was not recorded correctly with the county, therefore ownership was never transferred. Wiebersick paid by check in 2016 for a parcel of land #19.35.270105. A new deed and certificate of real estate was created by the city attorney to correct this issue.

Action 26-097
Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Vogel, for the approval of the corrected deed and certificate of real estate to complete the city land sale to Jeremy and Jane Wiebersick, parcel #19.35.270105. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-098
Moved by council Binder, seconded by council Scheff, for approval of a replat survey for Connie Smith; Resolution No. 2026-010 Tract 1 of Rosemont Valley Farm Addition. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Jay Cleveland was present to discuss concerns regarding gravel runoff issues from a city alleyway near his property on north street. Council will ask maintenance to reshape the alley road with a blade to cut the road and/or build up the south side to stop the rock run-off into his property.

FO brought forward new state laws that are now in effect regarding building permits. A building permit is now NOT required for a single family, owner occupied residential structure: the repair or replacement of the existing doors, windows, siding, fascia, soffits or fence posts/beams. Any new house builds, still need a building permit, any changes to fences, stand alone garages, or sheds still need a building permit. This law only pertains to an existing home.
FO seeks ordinance clarification from council members and will have an ordinance ready for approval in September's council meeting.

Park attendant Ken Ripperda was present to address some concerns regarding some electrical issues at the campground. Ken asked for an electrical upgrade to 50 amp in the middle campground areas and an overhaul with the entire electrical setup due to a recent wire tracing job that has shown some out of the ordinary wiring. FO stated that an electrician told her that the electrical panel is not up to code and for safety reasons should be replaced and updated to handle the needs of the busy campground. Council asked FO to get a couple updated bids for the upgrade. Ken also asked for doors that separate the men and women's side in the campground bathhouse. Council stated they will look into that. Ken tracked 43 different states that have visited Montrose this year and named 3 other countries that have also visited the campground this season.

Matt Fockler and Joe Bartmann were present to discuss the campground booking issues that take place every year. Bartmann is asking the city not to charge Fockler for the camping sites for the festival. Bartmann says thank you to the city for the agreed upon free Thursday night camping and support the city has shown to the festival, but asks for more free camping on behalf of Fockler. Bartmann spoke of the non profit status of the festival and the new board members running the festival. The council team will discuss this further and table any decisions for the following monthly meeting regarding more free camping spots. The council asked Fockler to stop allowing tenting in the middle campground areas and to keep the music festival in the south campground moving forward.

Russ Hirschmann was not present to discuss a water bills from a former renter in the trailer park. FO discussed the water service vs bill accounting method regarding water usage responsibility procedures. Hirschmann's renter moved out of the trailer park starting August 1st and provided an updated residential address to the city. Once a renter moves out of a residence, the bills automatically default to the property owner as services cannot be charged to someone who is not using them. FO was directed to follow renter move-out protocol workflow as normal.

OLD BUSINESS:
City Punchlist reviewed by council members. FO stated that Cleary Buildings is looking for a commitment for planning purposes if we are going to move forward with the construction of a new water shed in 2027. Otherwise we may not be able to get on their schedule to get done due to how busy things get for that company. Prices also increase the longer we wait to get an agreement in place. Council members plan starting the project in 2027 through the budget supplement process. Council Hanisch is working on getting plumbing costs for the building.

Manholes seals are being replaced this week under warranty from the sewer infrastructure project.

NEW BUSINESS:
Sheriff Reports reviewed.

Council Vogel wants to budget for SMGA membership in 2027 due to the possibility of looking into agricultural road grants. FO will add that into the budget for 2027, but the payroll reimbursement for extra meeting attendance will have to be either a contingency transfer or a budget supplement in 2027 to cover those costs.

Action 26-099
Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff, for approval of the 1st Reading of Budget Appropriations Ordinance No. 2026-005. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

The council did not want to adjust the Resolution 2025-004 Rates, Fees and Fines Schedule to include any seasonal camping rate changes at this time.

Action 26-100
Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff, for approval of a one time non-refundable seasonal campsite proration fee of $107.70 a week to customer Robert Mallenger for a seasonal spot yet in 2026. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Street repairs were discussed for 2027. A list of needed streets and intersections were provided by the FO. Council members will look at city streets over the next month and come up with a list of needed street repairs by priority for 2027 planning and pricing. Street plans will be talked about again in September's meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Maintenance updates - none

FO updates include work being done with the state for lead and copper sampling, and lead line inventory updates for Montrose. Only the citizens who have lead in their pipes will possibly be asked for lead and copper sampling in the future. The state has said their will be even more sampling requirements coming in the next couple years for these homes.

Pool will be closing August 15th as lifeguards and managers prepare to shift back into school and work.

End of month camping revenue and expenditures, end of month pool revenue and expenditures and bank account balances reviewed by council.

AUGUST VOUCHERS:

PAID Between Meetings

29619e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	7/31/26	$1,837.43	Payroll Taxes
31129	BRIGHT ARROW	7/16/26	$250.00	Minutes purchase for city communication needs
00057e	CAMPSPOT	8/5/26	$451.00	Camp Reservation Fees
29620e	CLOVER CONNECT	8/4/26	$329.24	ACH Card Fees for Campground
29621e	SD DOR	8/7/26	$244.59	Monthly Garbage Tax Reporting
31136	SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	8/1/26	$966.34	Monthly Reporting
31134	THE SECURITY STATE BANK	8/1/26	$3,519.20	Pool snacks; Dump Signage; Pool canopies; rotary tiller; pool chems; pool parts; equip gas
31135	US BANK, N.A.	8/1/26	$6,259.62	Loan: DW2 / CW4

PAID at Council Meeting

31160	#1 BREAKTIME PORTABLES	8/11/26	$425.00	July services for Baseball Field
31137	A&B BUSINESS	8/11/26	$240.14	Monthly IT Service; Printer Contract
31151	ADDISON GORDON	8/11/26	$97.50	Lifeguard Reimbursement
31138	ADDY DISPOSAL	8/11/26	$3,349.00	Monthly Garbage Fee
31147	BADGER METER	8/11/26	$127.62	Monthly cellular/network fees
31149	BEN WIEBERSICK	8/11/26	$70.00	Lifeguard Reimbursement

31139	CITY OF MONTROSE	8/11/26	$781.37	Monthly UB Bill
31152	CHLOE SIEMONSMA	8/11/26	$95.28	Lifeguard Reimbursement
31156	DAKOTA PUMP	8/11/26	$679.98	Lift Station Float sensor replacement
31159	DELL RAPIDS LAW FIRM	8/11/26	$322.00	Lawyer Fees July/August
31154	EIE ELECTRIC, LLC	8/11/26	$459.17	Campground power pedestals fix x4
31148	ELLA WEBER	8/11/26	$228.78	WSI/Lifeguard Reimbursement
31140	GOLDEN WEST	8/11/26	$308.99	Monthly Office Phone Bill
31155	IRON WHEEL SALES	8/11/26	$314.35	Community Center Mens Toilet Vacuum breaker
31153	JOLYNN DETERS	8/11/26	$100.00	Lifeguard Reimbursement
31158	JOSH HANISCH	8/11/26	$230.79	Spare water heater parts for pool, campground
31141	KINGBROOK RURAL WATER	8/11/26	$6,528.00	Monthly Water Purchase-Usage
31142	MCCOOK CO. AUDITOR	8/11/26	$1,783.60	Monthly Sheriff Fee
31143	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	8/11/26	$34.52	Prior month Usage
31144	MONTROSE GAS PLUS	8/11/26	$228.82	City Equip Fuel/gas
31145	NEW CENTURY PRESS	8/11/26	$267.24	Public Notices; Resolutions; Mtg Minutes
31146	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOP	8/11/26	$5,258.63	Monthly Electric Bill
31157	THE SECURITY STATE BANK	8/11/26	$365.23	Pool snacks; OFC supplies; Camp; Gas for city equipment
31150	XANDER BEHRENS	8/11/26	$101.21	Lifeguard Reimbursement
	TOTAL PAID:		$36,254.64	

Pay-roll

	Council Members		$2,450.00	Quarterly - Paid in July
	Finance Officer		$6,360.00	3 pay periods - July
	Park Attendant		$1,097.92	3 pay periods - July
	Seasonal Mowers		$512.48	3 pay periods - July
	Seasonal Pool Staff		$14,747.15	3 pay periods - July
	Certified Operator Temp.		$100.00	Monthly Payment
	Maintenance Technician		$1,737.90	3 pay periods - July
	TOTAL SALARIES:		$27,005.45	
	GRAND TOTAL:		**$63,260.09**	

Action 26-101
Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Vogel 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: Jackie Cleveland

Action 26-102
Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff to enter into Executive Session at 7:54pm. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-103
Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Binder to Exit Executive Session at 8:08pm. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-104
Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Binder to **Adjourn** at 8:09pm. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Attest: ________________________
Nicole Siemonsma
Finance Officer

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City Mayor or Council President

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